

CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve, 28-29 April 2009

Monday 27 April 2009: arrival and welcome in Leuven		
All day	Welcome of the delegations and transportation to Leuven	Brussels National Airport and Leuven Station
14.00-16.00	BFUG meeting in Leuven	University Library (Universiteitsbibliotheek)
16.00-21.00	Conference registration	University Hall (Universiteitshal)
18.00	Aperitif hosted by the Mayor of the City of Leuven / guided tours of Town Hall and Saint-Peter's Church	Town Hall Leuven (Stadhuis)
20.00	Welcome dinner hosted by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	University Hall (Universiteitshal)
Tuesday 28 April 2009: conference day 1 (Leuven)		
From 08.00	Welcome with coffee	University Library
	Registration (continued)	
09.00-11.00	Plenary session I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome speeches by Rector of K.U. Leuven, Benelux hosts and Czech Presidency ➤ Keynote speech by the European Commissioner ➤ Address by the Council of Europe ➤ Presentations on progress of implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009 Bologna Stocktaking • Report on Social dimension and mobility in the Bologna Process (Eurostat/Eurostudent) • Eurydice report • ESU – Bologna with Students Eyes • EUA – preliminary results from Trends 2010 ➤ Reflections by EURASHE, EI, ENQA, BUSINESSEUROPE 	University Library Live transmission to press room and through internet
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break and family picture	University Library
11.30-13.00	Plenary session II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion on communiqué 	University Library
13.00 -15.00	Walk from University Library to University Hall Lunch Walk from University Hall to University Library	University Hall
15.00-16.00	5 parallel sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussions by Heads of delegations on issues remaining 	University Library 5 separate rooms
16.00-16.45	Coffee Break	University Library

16.45-18.00	Plenary session III ➤ Feedback from parallel sessions ➤ Towards finalising communiqué	Live transmission to press room and through internet
18.00	Transportation or walk to hotels	
19.00	Transportation from hotels to Abbaye de La Ramée (Jodoigne)	
20.00	Formal reception and official conference dinner hosted by the Benelux Ministers	Abbaye de La Ramée
From 22.30	Transportation back to the hotels in Leuven	
Wednesday 29 April: conference day 2 (Louvain-la-Neuve)		
07.45	Transportation from hotels to Louvain-la-Neuve	
09.00-10.00	Plenary session IV ➤ Welcome address by the rector of the <i>Université catholique de Louvain</i> ➤ Finalisation and adoption of the Communiqué ➤ Information on the next ministerial conferences ➤ Closing statements by Presidency, hosts and European Commission	Aula Magna Live transmission to press room and through internet
10.00-10.30	Coffee break and family picture	Aula Magna
10.30-13.00	Bologna Policy Forum ➤ Welcome by host and Presidency ➤ Addresses by European Commission and UNESCO ➤ Exchange between the Ministers of the 46 Bologna countries and colleagues from different parts of the world on questions such as: - What could be the interest and relevance of the Bologna Process for other countries? - How could the dialogue with the higher education policy makers across the world enrich the work in the framework of the Bologna Process? - How could the mutual dialogue, involving higher education institutions, students, staff and other stakeholders, be organised in the future? - What actions could be taken to ensure the global sharing of knowledge in order to stimulate collaboration and innovation across the world?	Aula Magna Live transmission to press room and through internet
13.00	Press conference	Foyer Royal Live transmission via internet
	Closing lunch hosted by the Université catholique de Louvain	Cercle du Lac (Ministers) Foyer du Lac and mezzanine (delegations)
	Transportation of delegates by bus to the airport, Bruxelles Midi railway station and Leuven	