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**Programme for Yerevan Ministerial Conference and of the**

**4th Bologna Policy Forum**

**May 14-15, 2015**

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| **13 May 2015** | | | | |
| **16:00-18:30** | **Bilateral Meetings** *(optional)*  *(Venue :…)* | | | |
| **16:00-18:30** | **Visit to the Universities** *(optional)* | | | |
| **19:00-19:30** | **Transfer from the Hotels to the Welcome Cocktail Venue** | | | |
| **19:30** | **Welcome Cocktail**  *(Venue: …)* | | | |
| **14 May 2015**  **Venue: Tumo Center For Creative Technologies** | | | | |
| **08:30-10:00** | **Transfer from the Hotels to the Tumo Center For Creative Technologies** | | | |
| **09:00-10:45** | **Bilateral Meetings** *(optional)*  *(Venue: Tumo Center For Creative Technologies)* | | | |
| **9:00-10:45** | **Registration of the Participants** | | | |
| **09:00-10:45** | **BFUG Meeting** | | | |
| **EHEA Ministerial Conference and 4th Bologna Policy Forum**  **11:00 - 16:30** | | | | |
| **11:00-11:45** | | **Official Opening of the Ministerial Conference (MC) and 4th Bologna Policy Forum (BPF)**  ***Joint MC and 4th BPF Plenary Session 1***  *( Hall:….)*    *Chair: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of Armenia* | | |
| **11:00-11:10** | | *Welcome Speech:*  **Serzh Sargsyan, President of the Republic of Armenia** | | |
|  | | *Speeches:* | | |
| **11:10-11:15** | | **Mārīte Seile, Minister of Education and Science of Latvia** | | |
| **11:15-11:20** | | **Illugi Gunnarsson, Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Iceland** | | |
| **11:20-11:25** | | **Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of Armenia** | | |
| **11:25-11:35** | | **Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport** | | |
| **11:35-11:45** | | **EHEA Accession: Official Announcement on the New Membership(s)** | | |
| **11:45 - 12:15** | | **Bologna Process Implementation Report: Main Conclusions and Challenges Ahead**  ***Joint MC and 4th BPF Plenary Session 2***  *(Hall :….)*  *Speakers:* **Andrejs Rauhvargers (Latvia) and David Crosier (Eurydice), Working Group on Reporting on the Bologna Process Implementation**  *Chair: Mārīte Seile, Minister of Education and Science of Latvia(TBC)* | | |
| **12:15 - 13:15** | | **Interactive Panel on the Bologna Process Implementation: Main Conclusions and Recommendations**  *Panel Represented by:*  **EC, CoE, EUA, EURASHE, ESU, ENQA, EI, BusinessEurope**  *Moderator: Mārīte Seile, Minister of Education and Science of Latvia(TBC)* | | |
| **13:15 - 14:30** | | **Lunch**  ***(****Place: …)* | | |
| **14:30 - 16:00** | | **Discussing the “Future of the Higher Education including the Bologna Process”**  **Group Discussions in Parallel Sessions** | | |
|  | | ***1st Parallel Session - Heads of Delegations***  *(Hall:….)*  ***Topic for Discussion:***  *- Fundamental values of the HE in the context of the current political, socio-economic and demographic challenges: economic crisis, regional conflicts, technological developments, migration streams and changes in the labour market.*  *Keynote Speaker: Sjur Bergan*  *Moderator:* | | |
|  | | ***2nd Parallel Session***  *(Hall: …)*  ***Topics for Discussion:***  *-What are the most important challenges for the EHEA that should be addressed in the period 2015 – 2018 and beyond?*  *-How can the countries face the societal challenges through HE?*  *Keynote Speaker:*  *Moderator:* | | |
|  | | ***3rd Parallel Session:***  *(Hall: …)*  ***Topics for discussion:***  *-What are the most important challenges for the EHEA that should be addressed in the period 2015 – 2018 and beyond?*  *- How can HE help the countries overcome the labour market crisis?*    *Keynote Speaker: OECD*  *Moderator:…* | | |
|  | | ***4th Parallel Session:***  *(Hall: …)*  ***Topics for discussion:***  *-What are the most important challenges for the EHEA that should be addressed in the period 2015 – 2018 and beyond?*  *- How can HE make the best use of the technological developments?*    *Keynote Speaker: China, Japan ?*  *Moderator:…* | | |
| **16:00 - 16:30** | | **Coffee Break**  *(Place: …)* | | |
| **16:15 - 16:30** | | **Family Photo, Heads of Delegations**  *(Place:…)* | | |
| **16:30 - 18:30** | | ***Regional Cooperation in Higher Education***  ***Joint MC and 4th BPF Plenary Session 3***  *(Hall :….)*  *Moderator: …* | | |
| **16:30 - 17:15** | | ***Keynote Speakers:***  *(each presentation 15 minutes)*  *1. Presentation on the ASEM(ASEM Secretariat)*  *2. Presentation on the Latin America countries’ cooperation*  *Marcial Rubio Correra, Rector of the Pontificia Universidad Católicadel Perú, Former Minister of Education*  *César Picón Espinoza, International Consultant, Former Vice Minister of Education*  *3. Presentation on the Mediterranean countries’ cooperation* | | |
| **17:15 - 18:30** | | **Interactive Panel (With participation of EHEA representatives)**  *(Hall: …)*  *Panel Represented by:*  **HEI/EUA representatives, UNESCO , Central Asia, MedRegion, China, Israel, Japan**    ***Topics for the Panel discussion:***   * *How to make the dialogue and cooperation in the region permanent and ongoing?* * *How can higher education respond to demographic developments?* | | |
| **18:30 - 19:00** | | **Transfer to the Hotels from the Tumo Center For Creative Technologies** | | |
| **19:30 – 20:00** | | **Transfer from the Hotels to the Official Dinner Venue**  *(Venue: “Ojax” Restaurant)* | | |
| **20:00 – 23:00** | | **Cultural Event Followed by Official Dinner Hosted by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia** | | |
| **23:00** | | **Transfer from the Official Dinner Venue to the Hotels** | | |
| **15 May 2015**  **Venue: Tumo Center For Creative Technologies** | | | | |
| **08:30 - 09:00** | | | **Transfer from the Hotels to the Tumo Center For Creative Technologies** | |
| **EHEA Ministerial Conference**  **09:00 – 10:30** | | | | **Bologna Policy Forum**  **09:00 – 10:30** |
| **MC Plenary Session 1**  **Discussion on the Yerevan Communiqué**  *(Hall :…)*  *Chair: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of Armenia* | | | | **BPF Plenary Session 1**  **Common trends in HE: structural reforms and mobility**  **09:00 – 09:30**  *(Hall:...)*  ***Keynote Speakers:*** *(each presentation 15 minutes)*   1. *Presentation on Mobility and Internationalization*   *European Commission (Erasmus-TBC)*   1. *Presentation on Structural Reforms*   *Structural Reforms WG (TBC)* |
| **Interactive Panel**  **(With participation of EHEA representatives)**  **9:30-10:30**  *(Hall:...)*  *Panel Discussion Represented by: QA, LRC, country representatives*  ***Topics for Discussions:***   * *Solutions to overcome barriers to mobility and recognition* * *QA in the HEIs: standards, external QA and independent QA bodies*   *Moderator: Minister of a non-EHEA country* |
| **10:30 - 11:00** | | **Coffee Break**  *(Place: …)* | | |
| **11:00 – 11:40** | | **Presentation of the Conclusions from Parallel Sessions on the “Future of the Higher Education including the Bologna Process”**  ***Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 3***  *(Hall:….)*    *Chair: Illugi Gunnarsson, Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Iceland (TBC)* | | |
| **11:40 – 13:00** | | **Discussion of the Bologna Policy Forum Statement**  **Joint MC and 4th BPF Plenary Session 4**  *(Hall: …)*  *Chair: Minister, France (TBC)* | | |
| **13:00 - 14:30** | | **Lunch**  *(Place: …)* | | |
| **14:30 -15:15** | | **Joint MC and 4th BPF Plenary Session 4**  *(Hall: …)* | | |
| **14:30 - 14:40** | | **Adoption of the Yerevan Ministerial Communiqué by the EHEA Member Countries** | | |
| **14:40 – 14:50** | | **Adoption of the Bologna Policy Forum Statement** | | |
| **14:50 – 15:00** | | **Presentation of the 2018 Ministerial Conference by the Next Host Country**  *Presentation by* **Minister of the Next Host Country** | | |
| **15:00 – 15:15** | | **Official Closing of the Ministerial Conference and 4th Bologna Policy Forum**  *Closing remarks by: Armen Ashotyan , Minister of Education and Science of Armenia and Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports* | | |
| **15:15 - 16:15** | | **Press Conference** | | |
| **15:15 – 16:30** | | **Transfer to the Hotels from the Tumo Center For Creative Technologies** | | |
| **15:15** | | **Optional Cultural Programme** | | |
|  | | **Departure of the Participants** | | |