

European Higher Education Study Tour for Australian Senior Executives

Sunday, 10 – Saturday, 16 April 2011

Brussels (Belgium), Valencia (Spain), Glasgow (United Kingdom)

Preliminary Programme

This one-week programme has European policies and their implementation at the institutional level at its core. During the week, sessions focus on:

- Key issues in education (the implications of the Bologna Process, joint degree programmes, quality standards, as well as equity and access),
- Research and innovation (knowledge transfer, responsiveness to industry and society),
- Trends in European higher education, and how they impact on higher education institutions

Particular aspects of university governance and institutional management (strategic profiling, financial sustainability and reaching out to society) are addressed throughout the programme with a broad range of examples from universities around Europe.

Each theme is introduced by the speaker, followed by a discussion with participants to allow for fruitful interaction.

BRUSSELS**Sunday, 10 April 2011, Brussels (16:00 – 17:30)**

- 16:00-16:15 Welcome, Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, and Mrs. Nadine Burquel, ESMU Secretary General
- 16:15-16:30 Introduction to the Study Tour, Mrs. Lieve Bracke, ESMU Senior Expert
- 16:30-17:30 **European Higher education and research policies in a global context**, Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente
- 19:00 Presentation, Australian Embassy and Mission to the European Union
- 19:30 *Dinner*

Monday, 11 April 2011, Brussels (9:30 – 17:00)**Theme: European policies in higher education and research**

Chair: Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente

- 09:30-10:30 **The European Higher Education Area in a global context**, Sir Peter Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University London
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:00 **The European Higher Education Area**, DG Education and Culture, European Commission, name of speaker to be confirmed (Nadine heard that B. Nolan is leaving the Commission so we need to contact her successor)
- 12:00-13:00 **The Lisbon Agenda and the European Research Area**, Mr. Stefaan Hermans, DG Research, European Commission
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:00 **Modernising European Higher Education Institutions**, Prof. Peter Gaehtgens, former President of Free University of Berlin and former president of the German Rectors' Conference
- 15:00-16:00 *Visit of the European Parliament*
- 16:00-17:00 **Panel – Institutional strategies**
- **The Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim**, Prof. Torbjørn Digernes, Rector
 - **University of Gent (Belgium)**, name of speaker to be confirmed
- 19:30 *Dinner (optional)*

Tuesday, 12 April 2011, Brussels (09:00 – 12:30)

Theme: The Bologna Process

Chair: Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President, advisor to President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso and former Rector of the University of Twente

09:00-10:00 **Transparency of diversity: Classification and ranking and the use of performance indicators**, Prof. Frans van Vught

10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30-11:30 **Ensuring quality in the Bologna Process: Principles and tools for quality assurance & the AHELO (Assessment of Higher Education Learning Outcomes) project**, Prof. Dirk van Damme, Director, OECD-CERI, Centre for Educational Research and Innovation

11:30-12:30 **Panel – Implementing the Bologna Process**

- **The Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim**, Prof. Torbjørn Digernes, Rector
- **University of Gent (Belgium)**, name of speaker to be confirmed

12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

Transfer to Valencia & Dinner

VALENCIA

Wednesday, 13 April 2011, Valencia (9:30 – 16:30)

Theme: Responding to the needs of the labour market

Chair: Prof. José Gines Mora, Visiting Professor, Institute of Education, University of London and former Director of the Centre for the Study of Higher Education Management, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

09:30-09:45 **Welcome & Introduction: Strategic developments of the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia in the European context**, Prof. Francisco José Mora Mas, Vice-Rector for Planning and Innovation

09:45-10:45 **Bologna after a decade: Achievements and challenges**, Mr. Don Westerheijden, Senior Research Associate, CHEPS (Centre Higher Education Policy Studies), University of Twente

10:45-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-12:15 **Panel – Institutional responses**

- **Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)**, Dr. Liviu Matei, Senior Vice-President
- **Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (Spain)**, name of speaker to be confirmed

12:15-13:45 Thematic campus visit: Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

13:45-15:00 *Lunch*

15:00-16:30 Thematic campus visit: Universidad de Valencia

20:00-21:00 *Evening guided tour Valencia by bus*

21:00 *Dinner (optional)*

Thursday, 14 April 2011, Valencia (9:30 – 13:00)

Theme: Responding to the needs of the labour market

Chair: Prof. José Gines Mora, Visiting Professor, Institute of Education, University of London and former Director of the Centre for the Study of Higher Education Management, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

09:30-10:30 **Responding to the needs of the labour market – The Lifelong Learning Agenda and the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)**, Prof. José Gines Mora

10:30-11:30 **Tuning Educational Structures – Comparing the European and Australian experiences**, Mr. Robert Wagenaar, Co-ordinator, EU project "Tuning Educational Structures in Europe", University of Groningen

11:30-12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00-13:00 **Panel – Institutional responses**

- **Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)**, Dr. Liviu Matei, Senior Vice-President
- **Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (Spain)**, name of speaker to be confirmed

13:00-14:30 *Lunch*

Transfer to Glasgow

GLASGOW**Friday, 15 April 2011, Glasgow (9:00 – 18:00)****Theme: Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange**

Chair: Dr. Peter West, Secretary to the University of Strathclyde, former President OECD-IMHE programme (Institutional Management in Higher Education) and Executive Board member, European Consortium of Innovative Universities

09:00-09:15 **Welcome & Introduction: Strategic developments of the University of Strathclyde in the European context**, Dr. Peter West

09:15-10:15 **The challenges of the European Research Agenda for European universities**, Colin Lucas, former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University

10:15-10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-11:45 **Research, Innovation & Knowledge Transfer**, Prof. John Goddard, Emeritus Professor of Regional Development Studies and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, former leader of OECD-IMHE (Institutional Management in Higher Education) project "Supporting the contribution of HEIs to regional development"

11:45-12:45 **Panel – Research, Innovation & Knowledge Transfer**

- **University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (United Kingdom)**, Prof. Allister Ferguson, Deputy Principal for Research and Knowledge Exchange
- **The Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim**, Prof. Johan Einar Hustad, Pro-Rector for Innovation and External Relations

12:45-13:45 *Lunch*

13:45-14:45 **Equity and access: Increasing participation**, Prof. Pamela Gillies, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow Caledonian University

14:45-17:00 Thematic visit: Equity & Access or Knowledge Transfer

17:00-18:00 **Closing panel session: The attractiveness of European Higher Education & Lessons learnt: Comparing Australian and European experiences**

19:30 *Civic reception & closing dinner*

Saturday, 16 April 2011, Glasgow

Tour of Glasgow (optional)

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