




22nd Annual Conference

Radisson Blu Latvija Hotel, Riga
10 – 11 May 2012



Responding to Challenges in European Higher Education: Lifelong Learning and the Welfare Society

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PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 10 May 2012

Venue: **Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija**

EURASHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE Day 1

- 08.30 - 09.30 Registration of Conference participants
- 09.30 – 10.15 Opening of the conference
- Welcome by **Andris Sarnovics**, Rector, BA School of Business and Finance, (LV) host of the Conference
 - **Andreas G. Orphanides** (EURASHE President) 10 min.
 - **Lauma Sika**, Deputy State Secretary of Ministry of Education (LV)

Keynote speakers' session

- 10.15 – 11.00 Overarching theme: Lifelong Learning and the Welfare Society, **Joeri van den Steenhoven**, Young Foundation (UK), member Lisbon Think Tank
- 11.00 – 11.30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11.30 – 12.45 **Keynote speech on Welfare Society**
- *The inherent dilemmas of the welfare state*
Jørn Henrik Petersen, Centre for Welfare State Research, University of Southern Denmark, (DK)
 - *Couch discussion with both keynote speakers*
Interviewer: **Michal Karpíšek**
- 12.45 - 14.15 LUNCH
- 14.15 - 18.00 **4 sessions on 2 tracks:**
- 14.15 - 15.45 **Session 1a: Lifelong Learning and National and EU policy**
- *FLLLEX: Introduction and results of the project*
Klaas Vansteenhuyse, Head of the International Office at KHLeuven, Project coordinator FLLLEX (2010-2012), (BE)

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- *Presentation of policy proposals*
Richard Thorn, Director, Flexible Learning and Research at Institutes of Technology, (IE)
- *View on policy proposals from a country perspective,*
Lauma Sika, Deputy State Secretary of Ministry of Education (LV)
- Discussion with participants and panel

14.15 – 15.45 **Session 1b: Healthy ageing**

- **Joost Degenaar**, programme Director Healthy Ageing, Hanze UAS, Groningen (NL)

15.45 – 16.15 COFFEE BREAK

16.15 – 17.30 **Session 2a: A self-evaluation tool for Lifelong Learning**

- *The self-assessment tool: purpose and content*
Josep Grifoll, Technical Director for Quality Assurance at the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency, (ES)
- *How to use the FLLLEX tool in your institution*
Margriet de Jong, Project coordinator FLLLEX, KHLeuven, (BE)
- *Lifelong learning implementation guide for universities: the USBM project*
George Ubachs (EADTU)

16.15 – 17.30 **Session 2b: Welfare technology – use of technology in developing and defending welfare society in Europe (PROVISIONAL)**

- **Anthony Lewis Brooks** (Aalborg University), Leading researcher/innovator on Welfare Technology (DK).

20.00 - 21.30 **Welcome reception (for guest and conference participants)**

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EURASHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE Day 2

- 09.00 - 09.30 Registration of Conference participants
- 09.30 - 11.15 **Session 3a:** Results from the Lifelong Learning projects
- *Elements towards a strategy of lifelong learning*
Sigrid Nindl, 3S Research Laboratory, Vienna (AT)
 - *Using research results in developing a HEI's LLL strategy*
Gökay Özerim, Project Coordinator, Yasar University, Izmir, (TR)
 - *The Self-assessment: Results and experiences in 8 HEI's;*
Rob Mark, Head of Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (UK)
 - *Institutional Experience using the Self-Assessment Tool;*
Oran Doherty, Work Based Learning Facilitator
Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Letterkenny (Irl)
 - *Access to the HE by lifelong learners*
Anthony F. Camilleri, EQUNet project
- 09.30 - 11.15 **Session 3b:** Welfare society: contributions from higher education
- A Forum and exchange of expertise for project coordinators in the fields of the Welfare Society and of Lifelong Learning**
- **Maxine Saborowski** and **Ingrid Kollak**, Universal Design and Ambient Assisted Living - Displacements created by information technologies aiming at supporting every-day life, MAAL - Development of a Masters course on Ambient Assisted Living, Alice Salomon Hochschule für Sozialarbeit und Sozialpädagogik – AUS Berlin.
 - **Tessa Avermaete**, KHLeuven – Educating chronic patients towards self-management: a challenge for the 21st century
- 11.15 - 11.45 COFFEE BREAK
- 11.45 – 12.05 *View of the Commission on Lifelong Learning policies linked to the Welfare Society*
Representative of the European Commission (DG EAC)
- 12.05- 12.45 **Panel Discussion**

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Interviewer: **Lars Lyng Nielsen**, former President of EURASHE, Head of Internationalisation at University College Lillebaelt, (DK)

Panellists:

- **institutional manager**
- **welfare society manager**
- **Jens Vraa- Jensen**, E.I. teachers union
- **Madara Mūre**, Latvian LLL student
- **Gina Ebner**, Secretary General of EAEA, EUCIS-LLL

13.15 - 13.30 Announcement of the 2013 EURASHE Conference in Croatia
Closing of the conference - **Andreas Orphanides** (EURASHE President)

13.30 – 15.00 LUNCH

15.30 – 17.00 **2012 EURASHE General Assembly**
Including **cross-cutting Workshop session on Policy**