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# Bologna Hub Peer Support II: Final Conference

7/8 October 2024  
Athens, Greece

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## Venue: **Royal Olympic Hotel**

28-34 Athanasiou Diakou Str.  
Athens 117 43  
Greece

## Information on the Project

Building on the achievements of the project “Bologna Hub Peer Support” (2020-2022), the main objective of the project “Bologna Hub Peer Support II” (2022-2024) is to continue to foster the implementation of the Bologna key commitments and the application of the Bologna tools at higher education institutions (HEIs) throughout the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

## Target Group and Objectives

The event aims to present the project results and foster future cooperation through networking opportunities. In addition to the experts and higher education institutions that participated in the Erasmus+ project “Bologna Hub Peer Support II” (BHPS II), stakeholders from across the entire EHEA are the intended audience for this event.



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## Monday, 7 October

- 08.00-09.00 Lobby  
**Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 09.00-09.30 Panorama Room  
**Welcome Address**
- *tbc*  
*Greek Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports*
  - *David Akrami Flores, Head of Section Erasmus+ Key Action 3: Policy Support, DAAD*
- 09.30-09.50 Panorama Room  
**Keynote: The Importance of the Bologna Process**  
*Anthony Vickers,*  
*Emeritus Professor, University of Essex, United Kingdom*
- 09.50-10.10 Panorama Room  
**Milestones and Impact: Results from Bologna Hub Peer Support II**  
*Kathrin Herres,*  
*Senior Desk Officer Erasmus+ Key Action 3: Policy Support, DAAD*
- 10.10-11.40 Panorama Room  
**Impressions from Counselling Missions**
- The Expert Perspective:  
*Raimonda Markeviciene, Head of International Office, Vilnius University, Lithuania*
  - The HEI Perspective:  
*Kateryna Skyba, Vice Rector for Scientific and Pedagogical Work, Khmelnytskyi National University, Ukraine*
  - The Student Organisation Perspective:  
*Louis Brau, Project Officer, European Students' Union*
- 11.40-12.00 Panorama Room  
**Reflections on the Bologna Hub Peer Support Projects: Future Directions and Policy Enhancements**  
*Robert Wagenaar,*  
*Director International Tuning Academy / Professor for History and Politics of Higher Education, University of Groningen, Netherlands*

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12.00-13.15 ROOM  
**Networking Lunch**

13.15-14.45 Workshop Rooms  
**Parallel Workshops**

- 1) Quality Assurance: Enhancing Standards and Processes in Higher Education
  - *Olaf Bartz, Managing Director, German Accreditation Council, Germany*
  - *Colin Tück, independent Higher Education policy expert*
- 2) Internationalisation: Strengthening Transnational Collaboration in Higher Education
  - *Gabriele Abermann, Professor emerita, Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, Austria*
  - *Melita Kovacevic, Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia*
- 3) Change Management in Higher Education
  - *Sonja Mikeska, Higher Education Management Consultant & Senior Quality Manager, FH Münster University of Applied Sciences, Germany*
  - *Gohar Hovhannisyanyan, Project and Policy Officer for Higher Education Policy, EUA & Elizabeth Colucci, Adviser for Higher Education Policy, EUA*

14.45-15.00 Lobby  
**Workshop Summaries**

16.00-17.00 **Cultural Programme**  
Visit of the **Acropolis Museum**  
Dionysiou Areopagitou 15  
Athens 117 42

19.00 **Networking Dinner**  
Restaurant **Cave of Acropolis**  
Thrasyllou 24, plaka  
Athens 105 58

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## Tuesday, 8 October

- 09.00-09.10 Panorama Room  
**Welcome and Introduction**  
*Yiannis Katsanevakis,  
Senior Administrative officer at Department E - Liaison with the  
European Higher Education Policy, Greek Ministry of Education,  
Religious Affairs and Sports*
- 09.10-10.10 Workshop Rooms  
**Parallel Workshops**
- 4) Future Proof Curriculum Design: 21st Century Skills and Efficiency
    - *Lore Demedts, Responsible Educational Development, Artevelde University of Applied Sciences, Belgium*
    - *Oliver Vettori, Dean Accreditations & Quality Management / Director Programme Management & Teaching and Learning, WU Vienna - Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria*
  - 5) European University Alliances: Enhancing Joint Programmes and Seamless Mobility
    - *Frederik De Decker, Head International Relations Office, Ghent University, Belgium*
    - *Fernando Galán, Secretary General, Arqus European University Alliance, University of Granada, Spain*
  - 6) Building Bridges: Maximising Synergies in EHEA Initiatives
    - *Gohar Hovhannisyan, Project and Policy Officer for Higher Education Policy, EUA & Elizabeth Colucci, Adviser for Higher Education Policy, EUA*
    - *Beate Tremel, Project Coordinator Erasmus+ EHEA Policy Support Project, OeAD Austrian Agency for Education and Internationalisation*
- 10.10-10.30 Panorama Room  
**Workshop Summaries**
- 10.30-11.00 ROOM  
**Networking Break**

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- 11.00-12.00 Panorama Room
- Panel Discussion: Future Trends in Higher Education Policy**
- *Michael Gaebel, Director Higher Education Policy, European University Association*
  - *Lusine Fljyan, Vice-Rector for Education, Research and Internationalisation, Northern University, Armenia*
  - *Tatjana Volkova, Professor, BA School of Business and Finance, Latvia*
  - *Iris Kimizoglu, President of the European Students' Union*

*Chaired by Yiannis Katsanevakis,  
Senior Administrative officer at Department E - Liaison with the  
European Higher Education Policy, Greek Ministry of Education,  
Religious Affairs and Sports*

- 12.00-12.15 Panorama Room
- Closing Remarks**
- *Yiannis Katsanevakis,  
Senior Administrative officer at Department E - Liaison with  
the European Higher Education Policy, Greek Ministry of  
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  - *David Akrami Flores,  
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- 12.15-13.30 ROOM
- Farewell Lunch**

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## Workshop Descriptions

### 1. Quality Assurance: Enhancing Standards and Processes in Higher Education

Facilitators:

- *Olaf Bartz, Managing Director, German Accreditation Council, Germany*
- *Colin Tück, independent Higher Education policy expert*

This workshop will explore advanced strategies for enhancing quality assurance in higher education, focusing on integrating European Quality Assurance and Recognition Systems, digital credentials, and quality data on micro-credentials. Trends, challenges, and good practices in accreditation and quality assurance will be discussed. Participants will examine how these systems can standardise and improve quality across institutions. The session will highlight initiatives like **Quality Data on Micro-Credentials** to ensure transparency and trust in digital qualifications. Additionally, attendees will explore the **European Higher Education Interoperability Framework**, discussing how standards can streamline quality assurance and support seamless data exchange.

### 2. Internationalisation: Strengthening Transnational Collaboration in Higher Education

Facilitators:

- *Gabriele Abermann, Professor emerita, Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, Austria*
- *Melita Kovacevic, Professor, University of Zagreb, Croatia*

This workshop will focus on strategies to enhance transnational collaboration in higher education. Participants will explore effective methods for fostering partnerships across borders, facilitating student and staff mobility, and integrating diverse international perspectives into curricula. Discussions will highlight good practices and innovative approaches to strengthen collaborative efforts and promote mutual understanding among institutions. Practical case studies and interactive sessions will provide insights into developing comprehensive internationalisation strategies tailored to institutional needs.

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### 3. Change Management in Higher Education

Facilitators:

- *Sonja Mikeska, Higher Education Management Consultant & Senior Quality Manager, FH Münster University of Applied Sciences, Germany*
- *Gohar Hovhannisyanyan, Project and Policy Officer for Higher Education Policy, EUA & Elizabeth Colucci, Adviser for Higher Education Policy, EUA*

This workshop will cover the principles and practices of effective change management in higher education, including insights from the second BHPS II online seminar on change management. Participants will explore critical aspects such as leadership and vision in change management, effective communication strategies for navigating change, strategies for overcoming challenges, and methods for assessing impact and ensuring sustainability of initiatives. Interactive exercises and good practice examples will provide practical insights into managing change within institutions.

### 4. Future Proof Curriculum Design: 21st Century Skills and Efficiency

Facilitators:

- *Lore Demedts, Responsible Educational Development, Artevelde University of Applied Sciences, Belgium*
- *Oliver Vettori, Dean Accreditations & Quality Management / Director Programme Management & Teaching and Learning, WU Vienna - Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria*

This workshop will explore innovative approaches to curriculum design that integrate 21st century skills, artificial intelligence, and efficiency. Discussions will focus on creating curricula that prepare students for the future workforce, incorporating digital literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. The role of artificial intelligence in enhancing learning experiences and operational efficiency will also be covered. Participants will engage in collaborative activities to design future-proof curricula and share good practices from their institutions.

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## 5. European University Alliances: Enhancing Joint Programmes and Seamless Mobility

Facilitators:

- *Frederik De Decker, Head International Relations Office, Ghent University, Belgium*
- *Fernando Galán, Secretary General, Arqus European University Alliance, University of Granada, Spain*

This session will explore how European University Alliances can enhance joint programmes and promote seamless mobility, with a particular focus on the recognition and implementation of the European Degree (Label). Participants will discuss strategies for harmonising curricula, facilitating credit transfer, and supporting student mobility within alliances. The session will highlight good practices and challenges in achieving recognition for joint programmes and ensuring the quality and equivalence of degrees across different institutions. Attendees will engage in interactive discussions to explore ways to enhance collaboration and mobility within European University Alliances.

## 6. Building Bridges: Maximising Synergies in EHEA Initiatives

Facilitators:

- *Gohar Hovhannisyanyan, Project and Policy Officer for Higher Education Policy, EUA & Elizabeth Colucci, Adviser for Higher Education Policy, EUA*
- *Beate Tremel, Project Coordinator Erasmus+ EHEA Policy Support Project, OeAD Austrian Agency for Education and Internationalisation*

This workshop focuses on maximising synergies among various European Higher Education Area initiatives. Participants will explore how projects like the SPHERE initiative, known for its effective technical assistance methodology, and the Erasmus+ EHEA Policy Support Project “INterconnection/INnovation/INclusion (3-IN-AT-PLUS)” can complement each other to achieve common goals. Topics covered include aligning objectives, sharing resources, and developing integrated strategies within the EHEA. Through collaborative activities, participants will identify opportunities and create action plans aimed at enhancing the impact of their initiatives through strategic partnerships.

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