

# Strengthening Higher Education and Research in South East Europe: Priorities for Regional and European Cooperation

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## PROGRAMME

### Wednesday 1 March

Arrival of participants

Welcome dinner at **Esterhazykeller at 19h30** (Haarhof 1, A-1010 Wien;  
Nähe Naglergasse; <http://www.esterhazykeller.at>)

### Thursday 2 March

08:00 – 09:20 Registration (*in front of Kleiner Festsaal*)

**Plenary Session 1** ***Responding to the challenges of European higher education and research: an agenda for change***

09:30 Chair: Georg Winckler, Rector of the University of Vienna, EUA President

Opening Speeches

**Marijana Grandits**, Director Working Table 1 Stability Pact for South East Europe: democratisation and human rights

**Barbara Weitgruber**, Austrian Presidency of European Union

**Raffaele Liberali**, Director Human Factor, Mobility and Marie Curie activities, DG Research, European Commission

**Sjur Bergan**, Head of the Department of Higher Education and History Teaching, Council of Europe

**Lazar Vlasceanu**, Deputy Director, UNESCO-CEPES

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

**Plenary Session 2** ***The role of universities in the development of the SEE region***

11:15 – 12:30 Chair: **Lesley Wilson**, EUA Secretary General

**Keynote Speaker**

**Michaël Daxner**, Professor of sociology & President emeritus of the University of Oldenburg

*Key issues for SEE in developing Higher Education and Research*

Responses from university representatives  
Questions and Discussion

- 12.30 – 14h00** Lunch (*Unibräu*)
- 14h00 -17h00 **Parallel Working Group Session** (*Kleiner Festsaal, Elise Richter Saal, UB Besprechungszimmer*)
- WG1 **Research and Innovation: infrastructure development and human resources**  
Chair: **Karsten Heinz**, International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Research, Germany  
Input: **Peter Mayr**, Co-ordinator of SEE-ERA.NET;  
**Anneliese Stoklaska**, Ministry for Education, Science and Culture, Austria  
Rapporteur: **Sandra Bitusikova**, EUA
- WG2 **Bologna process: priorities for implementation – structural reform and quality enhancement**  
Chair: **Fuada Stankovic**, University of Novi Sad  
Input: **Lamija Tanovic**, Professor, University of Sarajevo, BiH Representative of the Bologna Follow-Up Group  
**ESIB** (speaker tbc)  
Rapporteur: **David Crosier**, EUA
- WG3 **Institutional Reform and Development: issues of governance and autonomy**  
Chair: **Lazar Vlasceanu**, UNESCO-CEPES  
Input: **Ladislav Novak**, University of Novi Sad +  
**Josef Marko**, University of Graz  
Rapporteur: **Sarah Keating**, Council of Europe
- 20h00 Dinner Reception hosted by the Austrian Minister of Education, Science and Culture (*Minoritenplatz 5, 1010 Wien; Audienzsaal, 1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

**Friday 3 March** (*Kleiner Festsaal, Senatssaal, UB Besprechungszimmer*)

- 09:30 – 11h00 **Parallel Working Group Session 2: Input to Trends V**  
These sessions will be organised as “focus group” discussions aiming to get views from participants from South East Europe on key issues for the EUA Trends V project, which aims to assess progress towards a European Higher Education Area.
- 11h00- 11h30 Coffee Break
- 11h30 **Final Plenary Session** (*Kleiner Festsaal*):  
**Panel discussion:** the future for higher education and research in South East Europe: next steps and longer term perspectives  
Chair: **Georg Winckler**, Rector of the University of Vienna, EUA President  
**Helena Jasna Mencer**, Rector, University of Zagreb  
**Janja Komljenovic**, ESIB  
*Other panellists to be confirmed*
- 12h30 – 13h00 Lunch (*in front of Kleiner Festsaal*)
- 13h00 – 14h00 University Tour (*please gather at Registration Desk*)