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## **BOLOGNA FOLLOW-UP SEMINAR**

### **“EXPLORING THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA”**

Athens, Greece  
19-20 February 2003  
Divani Caravel Hotel

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

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**Preliminary Programme**

**Wednesday 19 February 2003**

- 08.30-09.00      **Registration**
- 09.00-09.30      **Welcome address – Introductory remarks**  
*Dionyssis Kladis, Secretary for Higher Education, Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs, Greece*
- 09.30-11.15      **First panel presentations:**  
**“Exploring the social dimensions of European Higher Education Area and clarifying the content of considering higher education a public good”**  
*Panel:*  
  1. *Eric Froment, EUA (European University Association), President*
  2. *(To be confirmed in due time), EURASHE (European Association of Institutions in Higher Education)*
  3. *Stefan Bienefeld, ESIB (The National Unions of Students in Europe), Chairperson 2003*
  4. *Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe, Higher Education and Research Division, Head*
  5. *(To be confirmed in due time), Greek Rectors' Conference*
- 11.15-11.45      **Break**
- 11.45-13.00      **Working groups: Reaction to the first panel presentations**  
*Chairs / Rapporteurs:*  
  1. *Lesley Wilson, EUA, Secretary General*
  2. *Roland Vermeesch, EURASHE, President*
  3. *(To be confirmed in due time), ESIB*
  4. *Christos Nikolaou, University of Crete, Greece, Rector*
  5. *Evangelos Livieratos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Professor*
- 13.00-15.00      **Lunch buffet**
- 15.00-16.45      **Second panel presentations:**  
**“Higher education in the GATS negotiations. The European approach”**  
*Panel:*  
  1. *Andrée Sursock, EUA, Deputy Secretary General*
  2. *James Cemmell, ESIB, Committee on Commodification of Education*
  3. *Per Nyborg, Council of Europe, Committee for Higher Education and Research, Chairman*
- 16.45-17.15      **Break**
- 17.15-18.30      **Working groups: Reaction to the second panel presentations**  
*Same Chairs / Rapporteurs*
- 18.30              **End of first day**

**Thursday 20 February 2003**

- 09.00-10.00      **Reports on the outcomes of the first day working groups by the chairs / rapporteurs of each working group**
- 10.00-11.30      **Third panel presentations:**  
"a) The specific role of students in strengthening and securing the social dimensions of the European Higher Education Area. b) Removing the obstacles to the free movement of students and personnel, as far as the social dimension is concerned"  
*Panel:*  
1. Bastian Bauman, ESIB, Bologna Process Committee  
2. (To be confirmed in due time)  
3. (To be confirmed in due time)  
4. (To be confirmed in due time)
- 11.30-11.45      **Break**
- 11.45-12.45      **Conclusions of the Seminar**  
- **Introduction by the general rapporteur of the Seminar**  
Stephan Neetens, ESIB, Bologna Process Committee  
- **Discussion**  
- **Adoption of the Conclusions**
- 12.45-13.00      **Concluding remarks**  
Dionyssis Kladis, Secretary for Higher Education, Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
- 13.00              **End of Seminar**