

Highlights from EURASHE March-June 2020

PAST EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

EURASHE campaign 'PHE response to COVID-19', online



COVID-19 outbreak has dramatically shaken the global professional higher education sector creating a lot of challenges for teachers, students and institutions' leadership. The existing health crisis keeps on revolutionizing online learning, assessment and applications processes on a daily basis and has questioned how the applied research may be conducted in the times of uncertainty.

EURASHE in response to the situation launched a campaign '**#PHEresponse to COVID-19**' where we have been sharing the [best practices from institutions](#), [interviews with our members'](#) leaders and opportunities to participate in our online events and activities.

PHE@Home Info Days is a part of the #PHEresponse to COVID-19 campaign, which consisted of the series of webinars on the following topics:

- Masterclass "Future Skills and Future Universities"
- Discussion "PHE in the time of Coronavirus: threats and opportunities"
- Workshop "Smart E-quality @ Work-based learning"
- Workshop "Microcredentials in Higher Education: Enabling Future Flexible Learning Pathways"

The event served as a platform for a community discussion on the relevant issues, also provided an opportunity to discuss how the existing health crisis might affect the sector and what coordinated actions could be implemented in order to prevent any possible future harm. The webinars took place in the same time framework as the postponed 30th Annual Conference but did not replace the event.

You can find video recordings of the webinars [here](#).

PHE@Home Club, online – June/July 2020



In early April 2020, EURASHE launched the campaign ‘#PHEresponse to COVID-19’ where we have been sharing the best practices from higher education institutions, interviews with our members’ leaders and series of webinars under the title ‘PHE@Home Info Days’. Based on the campaign results and received feedback from the members, we see an emerging need for EURASHE to create a platform and provide member institutions and associations with a weekly opportunity to exchange experience and challenges in a more informal way.

PHE@Home Club is open once a week to all EURASHE members who want to share, learn, discuss and update themselves on how to respond in a systematic, structured and effective way to such challenges in the future thus keeping the quality standards high.

The themes of the weekly webinars correspond to the biggest challenges experienced by professional higher education institutions and their institutional activities during the Coronavirus crisis, e.g. mobility, online/digital learning, teaching, exams and assessment, work-based learning, research activities, digital transformation and capacity development... Through communication and cooperation, our members and experts will feed the discussions from challenges to major opportunities in the post-Covid for PHE institutions to progress, transform and make a considerable positive impact as the inevitable recession will provide huge demands for PHE courses.

This is members-only events’ format. If you would like to contribute webinars as an expert, please contact us [here](#).

Other agenda

EURASHE activities haven’t been interrupted by the extraordinary measures, a number of online meetings and exchanges regarded higher education and research policy within various European structures including various Bologna process bodies, internal consultation with members, projects on flexible and work-based learning, research capacity and regional engagement of professional higher education institutions.

FUTURE EVENTS

Webinar ‘Internationalisation of Research and Innovation: where European and global experiences meet’ 23 June 2020, online

Professional higher education – hereafter PHE – institutions, whose applied research activities play an important role in enhancing European competitiveness and innovation capacity, should be ready to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the exchanges with their strategic partners from outside Europe in the R&I field. This is particularly crucial in relation to the next EU framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon Europe, which will reiterate its commitment to international cooperation, extending the opportunities for the participation of third countries and offering intensified targeted actions for the creation of global research partnerships.

Against this background, the webinar will outline the existing opportunities and schemes for networking and access to EU funds, in particular under the forthcoming Horizon Europe, for international cooperation between PHE institutions and potential strategic partners from Latin American countries. It will bring together eminent speakers from EC and EU delegations, universities of applied sciences and business.

The webinar is organized together with EURASHE member CEU Andalucía and will take place on 23 June 2020 from 14:00 to 15:30 (CEST) on Zoom. Please register [here](#).

STATUTORY UPDATES

EURASHE General Assembly extends the mandates of the Board members and Secretary General

On the 28th of May, taking into account COVID19 crisis and seeking to ensure a smooth operation of the organisation, EURASHE General assembly decided to extend the mandates of the following Board members and Secretary General of EURASHE by one year, until 30 May 2021:

- Armando Pires, PT, Vice-President
- Paul Hannigan, IE, Board member
- Juan Carlos Hernández Buades, ES, Board member
- Alicia-Leonor Sauli-Miklavčič, SI, Board member
- Ewa Stachura, PL, Board member
- Eric Vermeylen, BE-FI, Board member
- Nijole Zinkeviciene, LT, Board member
- Regis Debrulle, BE-FI, Treasurer
- Michal Karpíšek, CZ, Secretary General

The mandate of other two office holders, Stéphane Lauwick, FR, the President and Ulf-Daniel Ehlers, DE, Vice-President haven't been affected by this decision since their duration until 30 May 2021 originally.

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