

Realising the European Higher Education Area

Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Higher Education Berlin, 18 - 19 September 2003

Thursday, 18 September

- 11:00 am – 01:00 pm** **Plenary session**
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am Opening addresses (Minister Bulmahn, State Minister Wolff, Minister Moratti)
- 11:45 am Decision on the accession of new countries
- 11:50 am – 01:00 pm Presentation of the report of the General Rapporteur, presentation of the Trends III report, messages of EUA, EURASHE, Council of Europe and ESIB
- 02:30 pm – 05:30 pm** **Ministers' Meeting**
- 02:30 pm – 03:30 pm Discussion of the reports and messages starting with the message of the European Commission
- 03:30 pm – 05:30 pm Discussion of Draft Communiqué "Realising the European Higher Education Area"
- 02:30 pm – 05:30 pm** **Discussion groups parallel to the Ministers' meeting**
- [Quality Assurance and Accreditation](#) (Chair: Prof. Erichsen, Council for Accreditation, Germany)
 - [Doctoral Studies and Mobility](#) (Chair: Prof. Jacques Pertek, University of Lyon, France)
 - Bachelors and the European Labour Market (Chair: Heikki Soumalainen, UNICE)
 - Joint Degrees: A Hallmark of the European Higher Education Area (Chair: Prof. Roderick Floud, London Metropolitan University, EUA)

Friday, 19 September

- 09:30 am – 12:00 am** **Plenary session**
- 09:30 am – 10:00 am Welcome by the Minister of State Kerstin Müller, reports from the discussion groups
- 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Finalisation and Adoption of the Berlin Communiqué

Closing statements (Minister Bulmahn, State Minister
Wolff, Minister Moratti)

Declaration by the next host country

12:00 noon – 12:30 pm

Photo call for the Ministers

12:30 pm – 01:30 pm

Press Conference

Minister Bulmahn, State Minister Wolff, Minister Moratti,
next host country, European Commission, Council of
Europe, EUA, ESIB