



Ministry of Education and Science of
the Republic of Armenia

**EHEA Ministerial Conference and
Fourth Bologna Policy Forum
Programme
14-15 May, 2015
Yerevan, Republic of Armenia**

<u>13 May, 2015</u>	
16:00 - 18:30	Bilateral Meetings (optional) <i>(Venue: Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, Ground floor, Rooms "Trdat the Second", "Ashot Yerkat" and "Levon of Cilicia")</i>
16:00 - 18:30	Visit to the Universities (optional)
19:00 - 19:30	Transfer from the Hotels to the Welcome Cocktail Venue
19:30 - 21:30	Welcome Cocktail <i>(Venue: Tumo Center For Creative Technologies)</i>
<u>14 May, 2015</u>	
Venue: Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex	
08:00 - 09:30	Transfer from the Hotels to the Sports and Concerts Complex
08:30 - 10:45	Registration of the Participants
09:00 - 10:45	Bilateral Meetings (optional) <i>(Venue: Sports and Concerts Complex, Rooms for Bilateral Meetings)</i>
09:00 - 10:45	BFUG Meeting <i>(Hall: Argishti)</i>
10:00 - 10:45	Coffee Break
<u>EHEA Ministerial Conference and Fourth Bologna Policy Forum</u>	
<u>11:00 - 13:20</u>	
11:00 - 11:40	<u>Official Opening of the EHEA Ministerial Conference (MC) and Fourth Bologna Policy Forum (BPF)</u> <u>Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 1</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i> <i>Chair: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia</i>
11:00 - 11:10	<i>Welcome Speech:</i> Serzh Sargsyan, President of the Republic of Armenia

	<i>Speeches:</i>
11:10 - 11:15	Māriete Seile, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia
11:15 - 11:20	Illugi Gunnarsson, Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Iceland
11:20 - 11:25	Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia
11:25 - 11:35	Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
11:35 - 11:40	EHEA Accession: Official Announcement on the Membership of the Republic of Belarus in the EHEA
<u>11:40 - 12:10</u>	<p align="center"><u>Bologna Process Implementation Report: Main Conclusions and Challenges Ahead</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 2</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i></p> <p><i>Keynote Speakers: Andrejs Rauhvargers (Secretary General, Rectors' Council, Republic of Latvia, Co-Chair of the Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process Working Group) and David Crosier (Education System Analyst, Eurydice, Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process Working Group)</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Māriete Seile, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia</i></p>
<u>12:10 - 13:20</u>	<p align="center"><u>Interactive Panel on the Bologna Process Implementation: Main Conclusions and Recommendations</u></p> <p><i>Panel represented by: European Commission (EC), Council of Europe (CoE), European University Association (EUA), European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE), European Students' Union (ESU), European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR), Education International (EI), BusinessEurope</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> EC - Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General, DG for Education and Culture CoE - Sjur Bergan, Head, Higher Education Department EUA - Lesley Wilson, Secretary General EURASHE - Andreas G. Orphanides, President ESU - Elisabeth Gehrke, Chairperson ENQA - Maria Kelo, Director EQAR - Eric Froment, Chair, EQAR Register Committee EI - Jens Vraa-Jensen, Chair, EI Pan-European Higher Education and Research Standing Committee BusinessEurope - Gerhard F. Braun, Vice President of the Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Fr. Friedrich Bechina, Undersecretary, Holy See-Congregation for Catholic Education</i></p>
<u>13:20 - 14:30</u>	Lunch

14:30 - 16:00	<p align="center"><u>Discussing the "Future of Higher Education and the Bologna Process"</u></p> <p align="center"><u>Group Discussions in Parallel Sessions</u></p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p><u>1st Parallel Session - Heads of Delegations</u> (Hall: Ararat)</p> <p>The Fundamental Values of the EHEA: a Guide to the Future <i>Keynote Speaker: Sjur Bergan, Head of the Higher Education Department, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Topic for Discussion: -Fundamental values of higher education in the context of the current political, socio-economic and demographic challenges: economic crisis, regional conflicts, technological developments, migration streams and changes in the labour market.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia</i></p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p><u>2nd Parallel Session</u> (Hall: Ani)</p> <p>Bologna with Student Eyes 2015 - a Reality Check: Time to Meet the Expectations from 1999 <i>Keynote Speaker: Karolina Pietkiewicz, Member of the Executive Committee, ESU</i></p> <p>Topics for Discussion: -What are the most important challenges for the EHEA that should be addressed in the period 2015 - 2018 and beyond? -How can the countries face societal challenges through higher education?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Kevin Guillaume, Attaché, Head of Unit, Ministry of Federation Wallonia-Brussels, Kingdom of Belgium</i></p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p><u>3rd Parallel Session</u> (Hall: Argishti)</p> <p>Labor Market Challenges – and How Higher Education Systems Can Respond <i>Keynote Speaker: Claudia Costin, Senior Director of the Education Global Practice, World Bank</i></p> <p>Topics for Discussion: -What are the most important challenges for the EHEA that should be addressed in the period 2015 - 2018 and beyond? -How can higher education help the countries overcome labour market crisis?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Peter Greisler, Director, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Federal Republic of Germany</i></p>
14:30 - 16:00	<u>4th Parallel Session</u>

	<p><i>(Hall: Tatev)</i></p> <p>Prospects for e-Learning in European Higher Education <i>Keynote Speaker: Michael Gaebel, Director, Higher Education Policy Unit, European University Association</i></p> <p>Topics for Discussion: <i>-What are the most important challenges for the EHEA that should be addressed in the period 2015 – 2018 and beyond?</i> <i>-How can higher education make the best use of the technological developments?</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Adam Tyson, Acting Director, Dir B - Modernisation of Education II: Education Policy and Programme, Innovation, EIT and MSCA, DG for Education and Culture, European Commission</i></p>	
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:15 - 16:30	Family Photo, Heads of Delegations	
	<p><u>EHEA Ministerial Conference</u> <u>16:30 - 18:30</u></p>	<p><u>Bologna Policy Forum</u> <u>16:30 - 18:30</u></p>
	<p><u>Discussion of the Yerevan Communiqué</u></p> <p><u>MC Session 1</u></p> <p><u>16:30 - 18:30</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Minister for Higher Education and Research of Sweden</i></p>	<p><u>Regional Initiatives of Cooperation Similar to the Bologna Model</u></p> <p><u>BPF Session 1</u> <i>(With participation of the EHEA countries' representatives)</i></p> <p><u>16:30 - 17:15</u> <i>(Hall: Argishti)</i></p> <p><i>(15 minute presentations)</i></p> <p>1. Outlook in ASEAN Cooperation: Steps, Challenges and Implementation. <i>Keynote Speaker: Leenawaty Limantra, Rector, Ma Chung University, Indonesia</i></p> <p>2. Latin America Countries' Cooperation <i>Keynote Speaker: Rafael van Grieken, ANECA Director General, Spain</i></p> <p>3. Regional Cooperation in MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Region <i>Keynote Speaker: Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank</i></p>
		<p><u>Interactive Panel on Regional Initiatives of Cooperation Similar to the Bologna Model</u></p> <p><i>(With participation of the EHEA countries' representatives)</i></p>

		<u>17:15 - 18:30</u> <i>(Hall: Argishti)</i>	
		<p><i>Panel Represented by: <u>EUA, Association of Arab Universities (AAU), ASEAN, World Bank, Kyrgyz Republic</u></i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <i>EUA - Michael Gaebel, Director, Higher Education Policy Unit</i> <i>AAU - Sultan Abu Orabi, Secretary, Jordan</i> <i>ASEAN - Leenawaty Limantra, Rector, Ma Chung University, Indonesia</i> <i>World Bank - Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist Kyrgyz Republic</i></p> <p>Topics for the Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>How to make the dialogue and cooperation in the region permanent and ongoing?</i> - <i>How can higher education respond to demographic developments?</i> 	
18:30 - 19:00		Transfer to the Hotels from the Sports and Concerts Complex	
19:30 - 20:00		Transfer from the Hotels to the Official Dinner Venue <i>(Venue: "Ojakh" Restaurant)</i>	
20:00 - 22:30		Cultural Event Followed by the Official Dinner Hosted by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia	
22:30		Transfer from the Official Dinner Venue to the Hotels	
<u>15 May 2015</u>			
Venue: Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex			
08:00 - 09:00		Transfer from the Hotels to the Sports and Concerts Complex	
<u>EHEA Ministerial Conference</u> <u>09:00 – 10:30</u>		<u>Fourth Bologna Policy Forum</u> <u>09:00 – 10:30</u>	
<p><u>Finalising the Discussions on the Yerevan Communiqué</u></p> <p><u>MC Session 2</u></p> <p><u>09:00 – 10:30</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i></p>		<p><u>Common Trends in Higher Education: Structural Reforms and Mobility</u></p> <p><u>BPF Session 2</u> <i>(With participation of the EHEA countries' representatives)</i></p> <p><u>09:00 – 09:45</u> <i>(Hall: Argishti)</i></p> <p><i>(15 minute presentations)</i></p> <p>1. Erasmus+ (2014-2020): The International Dimension–Support to Modernisation and Internationalisation</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker: Klaus Haupt, Head of Unit, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive</i></p>	

<p><i>Chair: Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Minister for National Education, Higher Education and Research of the French Republic</i></p>	<p>Agency (EACEA), European Commission</p> <p>2. Internationalisation in Quality Assurance: Challenges and Priorities for the Future</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker: Padriag Walsh, President of the ENQA</i></p> <p>3. Recognising External Quality Assurance Across Borders - Results from the RIQAA Project</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker: Colin Tück, Director of EQAR</i></p>
	<p><u>Interactive Panel on Common Trends in Higher Education: Mobility, Recognition and Quality Assurance Issues</u> <i>(With participation of the EHEA countries' representatives)</i></p> <p>9:45-10:30 <i>(Hall: Argishti)</i></p> <p><i>Panel Represented by: EC, ENQA, EQAR, Egypt, Libya</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> <i>EC - Klaus Haupt, Head of Unit, EACEA</i> <i>ENQA - Helka Kekalainen, Vice-President</i> <i>EQAR - Colin Tück, Director</i> <i>Egypt - Ashraf Mansour, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, German University in Cairo</i> <i>Libya - Taeib El Bahloul, Tripoli University</i></p> <p><i>Topics for the Panel Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solutions to overcome barriers to mobility and recognition - QA in the HEIs: standards, external QA and independent QA bodies <p><i>Moderator: Karine Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia</i></p>
<p><u>10:30 - 11:00</u></p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p><u>11:00 - 11:45</u></p>	<p><u>Presentation of the Conclusions from the Parallel Sessions on the "Future of Higher Education and the Bologna Process"</u> <u>Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 3</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i></p> <p>1. Presentations from the Parallel Sessions by the Moderators (8-10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Parallel Session - Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Parallel Session - Kevin Guillaume, Attaché, Head of Unit, Ministry of Federation Wallonia-Brussels, Kingdom of Belgium <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Parallel Session - Peter Greisler, Head of Directorate Universities, German

	<p><i>Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Federal Republic of Germany</i></p> <p>□ <i>4th Parallel Session - Adam Tyson, Acting Director, Dir B - Modernisation of Education II: Education Policy and Programme, Innovation, EIT and MSCA, DG for Education and Culture, European Commission</i></p> <p>2. Presentation on the Outcomes of the “Future of Higher Education-Bologna Process Researchers Conference” (FOHE BPRC 2014) <i>Presentation by: Liviu Matei, Pro-Rector/Provost, Central European University</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Illugi Gunnarsson, Minister of Education, Science and Culture of Iceland</i></p>
<u>11:45 – 13:00</u>	<p><u>Discussion of the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum Statement</u> <u>Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 4</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i></p> <p>Introduction of the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum Statement by <i>Gayane Harutyunyan, Head of the BFUG Secretariat, Republic of Armenia</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Jet Bussemaker, Minister of Education, Science and Culture of the Netherlands</i></p>
<u>13:00 - 14:30</u>	Lunch
<u>14:30 - 15:15</u>	<p><u>Closing Session</u> <u>Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 5</u> <i>(Hall: Ararat)</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia</i></p>
14:30 - 14:40	Adoption of the Yerevan Ministerial Communiqué by the EHEA Member Countries
14:40 - 14:50	Adoption of the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum Statement
14:50 - 15:00	<p>Presentation of the 2018 Ministerial Conference by the French Republic</p> <p><i>Presentation by:</i> <i>Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Minister for National Education, Higher Education and Research of the French Republic</i></p>
15:00 - 15:15	<p>Official Closing of the Ministerial Conference and the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum</p> <p><i>Closing remarks by:</i> <i>Hovik Abrahamyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia</i> <i>Xavier Prats Monné, Director-General, DG for Education and Culture, European Commission</i></p>
15:15 - 16:15	Press Conference <i>(The press conference is an invitation only event)</i>



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15:15 - 16:30	Transfer to the Hotels from the Sports and Concerts Complex
15:15	Cultural Programme (<i>Optional</i>)
	Departure of the Participants