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- Workshop Data on Social Dimension -

Collection and interpretation of data on the social dimension in higher education *

5-6 November 2007, UNESCO-CEPES, Bucharest, Romania

EUROSTUDENT and UNESCO-CEPES in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth of Romania

Attendees

This is the penultimate meeting in this third round of the current survey (EUROSTUDENT III). We encourage participation from the following two groups:

- All researchers and/or main contacts for the EUROSTUDENT III survey.
- Users of the data: General directors of higher education in Bologna Countries, Eurostat, European Commission, Council of Europe, OECD.

The workshop will run for **two full days**.

- The first day will focus on general issues of data collection and interpretation and what EUROSTUDENT can contribute to this.
- The second day will focus on issues directly related to producing the EIII reports: National Profiles and Synopsis of Indicators
- A maximum of **40 persons** will be able to attend the conference.
- Accommodation at preferential rates will be organised by the CEPES team.

Overall objectives

- to sharpen our general understanding of the context of developments concerning the social dimension of higher education
- to assist EUROSTUDENT participants in focusing their reports and publications on relevant issues relating to the social dimension of higher education

* event suggested for adoption within the Bologna Process Work Programme 2007-2009

Provisional agenda (18.9. 2007)

Sunday 4 November

- Optional guided tour of Romania (subject to interest)
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Day 1, Mon. 5 November: The demands of the social dimension of higher education in Europe and EUROSTUDENT

9.00 Registration

9.30 Opening of the conference

Block A: 10.00-11.00: Regional views

Chairperson: Dr. Dominic Orr

- Romania's view of the social dimension of higher education (Ministry, Romania)
- Relevant developments within middle-eastern European higher education (UNESCO-Cepes)

Coffee

Block B: 11.30-12.30: Panel discussion on European higher education and rationales for the social dimension

Chairperson: Dr. Dominic Orr

- What is the value of European higher education from the standpoint of the Council of Europe?
- Responses from representatives of the Council of Europe, the OECD and the European Students' Unions (*requested*)
- A discussion of differences and similarities initiated by the Chair and open to the Floor

Lunch

Block C: 14.00-17.00: EUROSTUDENT - Comparative data for interpretation

Chairperson: Dr. Jan Sadlak

14.00-15.00 The Bologna Process and the Bologna Follow-Up Group

- Introduction to the expectations of the Bologna Follow-Up Group and the importance of educational monitoring for the Bologna Process (member of BFUG)
- The contribution of EUROSTUDENT (HIS/Orr)

Coffee

15.30-17.00 EUROSTUDENT comparative data

- Insight into Swiss higher education through comparison with other EUROSTUDENT countries [Federal Office for Statistics, Switzerland]
- Introduction to the EUROSTUDENT reports (including National Profiles) (HIS/Middendorff)

17.30 Evening reception at Crețulescu Palace

Day 2, Tues. 6 November: EUROSTUDENT Workshop discussions

The focus of the second day is on context factors, which are necessary for an interpretation of the EUROSTUDENT data. Such context factors include: structures and procedures of national higher education systems, recent changes and national policy debates. Each country representative will receive an information sheet, which provides them with guidance on what they should prepare for this discussion.

Topic area 1: 9.30-11.00 Access to higher education

Chairperson: from EUROSTUDENT network

Coffee

Topic area 2: 11.30-13.00 Study conditions (incl. funding)

Chairperson: from EUROSTUDENT network

Lunch

Topic area 3: 14.30-16.00 Mobility and language competency

Chairperson: from EUROSTUDENT network

Concluding session: 16.15-17.00

Organisation

Deadline for registrations: 12th October 2007

For updates and to register for the event, please go to the website below using “workshop” as both the username and password and follow the instructions.

<http://ice.his.de/eurostuwiki/index.php?title=Registration>

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