

PORTUGAL 2007

Modernising Universities in Europe

Lisbon, 6 NOVEMBER 2007

A High Level Meeting organized by the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union

The Portuguese Presidency of the European Union is organising a high-level meeting on "Modernising Universities in Europe" in Lisbon, on the 6th of November 2007. The aim of the meeting is to contribute to accelerate reforms in higher education and the modernisation agenda of universities in Europe.

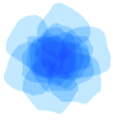
The European Council in Lisbon, in 2000, defined ambitious goals to make Europe the world's most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy. Universities are critical strategic resources in the process of promoting and ensuring the knowledge-based economy and society.

The European Heads of State and Government, at the Hampton Court Informal European Summit in October 2005, highlighted the importance of higher education, research and innovation for the competitiveness of the European Union. They invited the Commission to identify concrete actions, which would build on the Commission's Communications "The role of universities in the Europe of knowledge" and "Mobilising the brainpower of Europe: enabling universities to make their full contribution to the Lisbon Strategy".

The Commission's Communication "Delivering on the Modernisation Agenda for Universities: Education, Research, Innovation" of May 2006, pointed to areas where action would assist universities to modernise. The European Council in June 2006 called for a follow up to the Commission's Communication and encouraged Member States to promote excellence and foster modernisation, restructuring and innovation in the higher education sector to unlock its potential and to underpin Europe's drive for more growth and jobs. We wish to respond to that challenge.

In the aftermath of the London Meeting of the Ministers of Higher Education on the Bologna Process (May, 2007), and the discussion at the High Level Conference held in Lisbon on "The Future of Science and Technology in Europe", in October of this year, the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union would like to call universities, policy makers and policy researchers to this debate.

This High-Level Meeting will address the main trends for reform. It aims to clarify the diversity of challenges and opportunities facing European universities in coming years, in particular how to attract and sustain new talents in Europe and how universities can meet the global challenges of research and international competition for highly qualified human resources. The Presidency intends to contribute with Council recommendations to the European Council in December.



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue: Reitoria - Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Lisboa

Monday, November 5, 2007

19:00h: **Registration**

20:00h: **Welcome Dinner**

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

08:30 h: **Registration**

09:30 h: **Plenary 1 – A vision for the modernisation of universities in Europe**

Welcome Remarks:

António Rendas, Rector, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal

Chair:

José Mariano Gago, Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education

Janez Potocnik, EU Commissioner for Science and Research

Ján Figel, European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

Horst Hippler, Rector, University of Karlsruhe, Germany

Ralph Eichler, President, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich), Switzerland

Ewan McKendrick, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Axel Horstmann, Volkswagen Stiftung, Germany

Diogo Lucena, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Portugal

11:15 h: Coffee Break

11:45 h: **Plenary 2 – Funding and Steering**

How to modernise funding mechanisms and ensure a better balance between institutional and competitive funding for universities to meet the global challenges of research and international competition?

Chairs:

Manuel Heitor, Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal

Fernando Seabra Santos, President, Portuguese Council of Rectors (CRUP), Portugal

Invited Speaker:

Paul David, University of Oxford, UK, and University of Stanford, United States of America

Discussion:

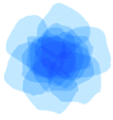
Ian Leslie, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Rolf Rossaint, Deputy Rector and Chairperson of the Presidency Committee of the Board for Finances, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Cyrille Van Effenterre, President, Paris Tech, France

Gunnar Landgren, Vice-President, Royal Institute of Technology, (KTH), Sweden

Debate



13:00 h: Lunch

14:30 h: **Parallel Session 3A – Autonomy and Accountability**

Promoting dynamic and responsive universities: How best to widen the scope of institutional autonomy while ensuring effective accountability?

Chairs:

Jose Encarnação, Technical University of Darmstadt & INI Graphics net Foundation, Germany

Alberto Amaral, Director - Centre for Research in Higher Education Policies (CIPES), and University of Porto, Portugal

Invited Speakers:

Paulo Santiago, OECD Education Department

António Camara, CEO- Y-DREAMS, and Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal

Discussion:

Karin Markides, President, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

Thierry Coulhon, President, University Cergy-Pontoise, Paris, France

Hannemor Keidel, Vice President, Technical University of Munich, Germany

Winfried Heinzl, Director for International & External Affairs, Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany

Jean François Ricci, Advisor to the President, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

Debate

14:30 h: **Parallel Session 3B – Research and Internationalisation**

Fostering the internationalisation of universities: How to promote European university networks able to foster attractive and competitive research and learning environments and to attract and train highly qualified human resources?

Chairs:

Jean-Pierre Contzen, Chairman, Von Karman Institute, Belgium

João Sentieiro, President, Science and Technology Foundation, Portugal

Invited Speakers:

Dagmar Meyer, Irish Universities Association (former President, Marie Curie Fellowship Association)

Francisco Veloso, Carnegie Mellon University, United States of America

Discussion:

Mary Ritter, Pro-Rector, Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Martin Vetterli, Vice-President for International Relations, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

Giancarlo Spinelli, Rector's Delegate for International Relations, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Hans Beunderman, Director, Strategic & Management Support, Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

Inge Knudsen, Director, Coimbra Group Office

Debate

16:00 h: Coffee Break

16:30 h: **Plenary 4 – Closing Session**

António Morão Dias, Director General for Higher Education, Portugal

Koen Geven, President, European Student's Union (ESU)

Georg Winckler, President, European University Association (EUA)

Ian Halliday, President, European Science Foundation (ESF)

Conference Overview:

Abrar Hasan (UNESCO)

Closing Remarks:

Manuel Heitor, Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal