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## ADVISORY GROUP ON SOCIAL DIMENSION (AG1)

2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING, BRUSSELS (BELGIUM), 28-29 March 2019

### Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

**20:00 Welcome Dinner organized by the European Students' Union**

Venue: Sir Harry's 7 Rue du Champ de Mars 1050 Ixelles

### Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Venue: European Commission Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture  
Rue Joseph II, 70 - 1000 Brussels

### Agenda

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration and welcome coffee**

**9:00 – 9:20 Welcome remarks and approval of agenda**

Welcome by the European Commission:  
*Ms. Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Unit Higher Education*

Introduction to the meeting by the Co-chairs.  
*Moderators: Robert Napier, European Student Union (ESU) and Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt, Institute for the Development of Education (IDE), Croatia*

**9:20 – 9:35 Summary of main outputs from the Zagreb meeting: how will they guide our future work?**

Vision of the future Principles and Guidelines for the Social Dimension (PAG) and the Workplan 2019-2020 that will guide our work.

*Presenter: Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt*

**9:35 – 10:05 What do policy briefs tell us and how do they influence our work?**

Short presentations (5-6min each) and the Q&A session on the briefs received and literature uploaded.

Brief summary of the social dimension in the EHEA and in the Bologna with student eyes, *Robert Napier*

Data collection for the social dimension, *Martin Unger*

Link between the social dimension and quality assurance in higher education, *Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt*

**10:05 – 11:00 How do we see the structure of the Principles and Guidelines for the Social Dimension (PAG)?**

Presentations (5-7 min each) of the ideas on how to structure the PAG sent in by members of the AG. It is crucial that members have read the uploaded documents



in the EHEA's restricted web area, and prepare questions for a discussion on how to create headlines, principles and guidelines.

Proposal from Luxembourg, *Isabelle Reinhardt*

Proposal from the National Union of Students in Denmark, *Julian Lo Curlo*

Proposal from the UK, *John Storan*

*Moderator: Robert Napier, ESU*

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 12:30 Workshop Part I: What would be the social dimension principles for the HE system level policy making?**

The aim of this workshop is to come up with the list of possible principles for the social dimension that could be implemented at the national HE system level. Ministries and national agencies have different policy levers through which they could foster the social dimension.

*Moderators: Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt, IDE and Robert Napier, ESU*

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch**

**13:30 – 14:30 Workshop Part II: What would be the social dimension principles for HE institutions?**

The aim of this workshop is to come up with the list of possible principles for the social dimension that could be implemented by universities.

*Moderators: Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt, IDE and Robert Napier, ESU*

**14:30 – 15:00 Conclusions of the workshops**

**15:00 – 15:30 Drafting Team(s) Composition**

Discussion on the members that will be composing the Drafting Team(s) for the PAGs, which according to previous discussions will already start preparing a first draft by June.

*Moderators: Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt, IDE and Robert Napier, ESU*

**15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break**

**15:45 – 16.30 Upcoming peer learning activities (PLA)**

We need to identify which topics the Group would like to work on for two PLAs that the AG is expected to hold as part of its work. Which areas should be tackled in these PLAs? Who will be working on developing concept notes and liaising with the chairs?

*Moderator: Robert Napier, ESU*

**16.30-16.45 AOB**

**16.45 – 17.00 Division of tasks for the next AG's meeting and meeting conclusions**

*Moderators: Robert Napier, ESU, and Ninoslav Scukanec Schmidt, IDE*

