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**Subject: Application for Accession of the Republic of Kosovo to the European Higher Education Area**

Dear ministers, Dear colleagues,

Following your letter dated May 3, 2013 in which you inform us that you are preparing to submit an application for Accession of the Republic of Kosovo to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), as co-chairs of the Bologna Follow-up Group, we would like to express our support for the initiative taken in this important matter.

We have had the opportunity to closely cooperate with the Republic of Kosovo bilaterally and within the regional cooperation initiatives such as Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) where we witnessed Kosovo's commitment to implementing European standards in their higher education system. Concretely the results of these efforts can be seen in the new higher education legislation, the establishment of the Kosovo Accreditation Agency and the ENIC/NARIC Office in Kosovo as well as the development of Kosovo Qualifications Framework.

We believe that becoming a member of the EHEA and declaring your willingness to pursue and implement the objectives of the Bologna Process will contribute to the further modernization of your higher education system. By becoming a member of the EHEA your students will be able to choose from a wide and transparent range of high quality courses and benefit from smooth recognition procedures. This process will not only have positive influences on the quality but also on the openness and internationalization of your higher education system making it more compatible and comparable, more competitive and more attractive thus having an indirect influence on your labour market and the society as a whole.

Dear ministers, let us once again express the Republic of Croatia's full support for the application for Accession of the Republic of Kosovo to the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

Sincerely Yours,

  
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