Bologna Secretariat meeting with EUROCADRES

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The Secretariat, Ann McVie and Yvonne Clarke met Jean-Paul Boucher Vice-President of EUROCADRES at his request in London.

Background

EUROCADRES is recognised as a partner member of the Bologna Process because of its commitment to the recognition of qualifications and the establishment of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

M Boucher had proposed the meeting to discuss areas where EUROCADRES could contribute added value to elements of the Bologna Process and to clarify EUROCADRES' place in the Process.

Discussion

The Secretariat (Ann McVie) presented the role of the Secretariat and how it worked with BFUG and the Working Groups. M Boucher explained EUROCADRES and its activities in the area of professional and managerial employment. He highlighted the fact that EUROCADRES only had a very small secretariat. The areas of particular interest in relation to the Bologna Process were accreditation and mutual recognition of qualifications and diplomas, particularly to promote the mobility of engineers.

It was suggested that it would be beneficial for EUROCADRES to be put in contact with UNICE and EUA, which the Secretariat would be happy to facilitate. M Boucher had met David Crosier from EUA and would be very pleased to develop a closer working relationship.

Other areas identified were participation in Bologna seminars, submission of written comments on relevant BFUG papers; bi-lateral meetings with key BFUG members and consultative members with mutual and complementary interests.

The Bologna seminar on employability which would take place in Wales in July was proposed as a forthcoming opportunity for EUROCADRES to attend and possibly make a presentation or network with Bologna members.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to ensure EUROCADRES was involved as appropriate in Bologna matters.

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