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UPDATE FROM EURASHE

Highlights from EURASHE since the latest meeting of the BFUG in Amsterdam on 7-8 March 2016

EURASHE is the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education that offer professionally orientated programmes and are engaged in applied research within the Bologna cycles. EURASHE represents universities of applied sciences and university colleges; other members of EURASHE are national and sectorial associations of higher education institutions, and other individual institutions, such as universities. EURASHE is highly committed to the Bologna Process and takes part in the advisory groups on 'dealing with non-implementation' and the 'revision of Diploma Supplement', as well as in the working groups on 'implementation' and on 'new goals'. www.eurashe.eu

Professional Higher Education 4.0: A Change for Universities of Applied Sciences – EURASHE 27th Annual Conference, Le Havre (France), 30-31 March 2017

Expected blurring [of] the lines between the physical, digital, and biological spheres' as expected to be brought by the 4th industrial revolution, or so-called Industry 4.0, is likely to change the requirements and the way higher education operates. European universities of applied sciences, with their deep integration with the world of work, have to be ready to respond to such change. The EURASHE's 27th annual conference's keynote will lay out the frame of 2 days' worth of breakout sessions and debates of PHE leaders, practitioners, the world of work representatives and policy-makers addressing the overarching theme of a changing higher education responding to a changing society.

For the first time in recent years, a call for contributions has been launched. EURASHE is looking for: breakout sessions; posters; good practices from within higher education and workshops regarding the new challenges. The call for contributions is open until Thursday 15 December 2016.

See also: www.eurashe.eu/lehavre

New Initiative for Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) Launched: UAS4EUROPE

UAS4EUROPE aims to strengthen the role of universities of applied sciences at European level. It was officially launched on 31 May 2016 at a high-level event in Brussels, with Director-General for Research and Innovation Robert-Jan Smits among the attendees. UAS4EUROPE is a cooperative platform of the main representative groups of universities of applied sciences in Europe. It is essentially centred around matters of research, development and innovation. It is made up of EURASHE, UASnet, swissuniversities, Hochschule Bayern e.V. (supported by Bavarian Research Alliance) and the Austrian FHK.

See also: www.eurashe.eu/uas4europe

Seminar "Applied RDI – Making Innovation Happen

Following the attention paid to market-based applied research and engagement of students the seminar for about 80 participants took place in Seville with a keynote address on JRC, its views on the agenda and contributions from various European UASs and collaborating enterprises.

More at <http://www.eurashe.eu/events/seminars/rdi-seville-2016/>

EQUIP – Training material on the ESG 2015 available

The EQUIP project aims at Enhancing Quality through Innovative Policy & Practice in European higher education by supporting and promoting a consistent, efficient and innovative embedding of the ESG 2015 at grass-root level. The project (by EURASHE, ENQA, EUA, ESU, EI, EQAR, UiO, CCISP) has already published a *Comparative Analysis of the ESG 2015 and ESG 2005* but has also been organising training opportunities throughout Europe in early 2016. A wide range of training material on the ESG 2015 is now available on the project's website. Next to the ESG 2015, the comparative analysis, all contributions to the workshops and webinars are available: presentations and recordings.

See also: www.equip-project.eu

New Board of EURASHE

At the meetings of its General Assembly, on 20 April and on 27 September 2016, EURASHE elected a new Board. It is now made up of: Stéphane Lauwick (France), President; two Vice-Presidents, Armando Pires (Portugal), Ulf-Daniel Ehlers (Germany); Regis Debrulle (Belgium), Treasurer; and six other Board members, Paul Hannigan (Ireland), Juan Carlos Hernandez Buades (Spain), Alicia-Leonor Sauli-Miklavčič (Slovenia), Branko Savić (Serbia), Alan Sherry (United Kingdom), Marc Vandewalle (Belgium). Michal Karpíšek, formerly the Vice-President, has been appointed Secretary-General starting 1 June 2016.

See also: www.eurashe.eu/about/organisation

Review of EURASHE's strategy and priority areas

The Board and General Assembly of EURASHE decided to launch the process to review EURASHE's 2017-2020 strategy in order to formulate better the priorities and release the potential of the sector to contribute to societal and economic developments in Europe. Following the survey to gather the views of members and close partners a strategic workshop was organised on 10 November 2016 in Brussels (Belgium) to reflect on current priorities and themes, external challenges and opportunities as well as members' engagement. The final strategy proposal developed in a consultation with members and partners will be debated in the General Assembly meeting in March 2017 in Le Havre (France).

Projects

EURASHE is also engaged in projects related to HE policy development in Central and South-Eastern Europe (PROCSEE), a self-reflection tool for professional HEIs (BuildPHE), models of strategic alliances with world of work (BEEHiVES), teaching excellence (TEACHEX), integrating entrepreneurship and work experience (IEWEXHE), supporting apprenticeships in higher education (SAPS), and cooperation for innovative capacity in South-East Asia (TACTIC).

See also: www.eurashe.eu/projects

Upcoming events

In the coming months EURASHE will continue to provide support to its members in areas linked to the priorities of the EHEA. This will take the form of, amongst others, the following events:

- Seminar on higher education as a driver of regional development, Bratislava, 6-7 December 2016
- Seminar on quality assurance, Brussels, 6-7 February 2017

See also: www.eurashe.eu/seminars