

Draft agenda

The Future of Higher Education: Sharing knowledge and supporting implementation for a stronger Bologna Process

Bucharest, Romania

Hotel Sheraton ([Calea Dorobanți 5-7](#))

Day 1 – Wednesday, 16th of September 2026

- 08:30 – 09:30 Registration of participants. Welcome coffee
- 09:30 **Start of the event**
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome address from the hosts and the ministers of higher education of Romania and the Republic of Moldova**
- Mr. Mihai Dimian, Minister of Education and Research of Romania
 - Mr. Dan Perciun, Minister of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Growing momentum: moving towards the Iași - Chișinău EHEA Ministerial Conference (2027)**
- Mr. Horia Onița & Ms. Lilia Parhomenco – EHEA Secretariat
- 10:20 – 10:45 **The impact of the Bologna Process – key commitments, evolving needs and trends**
- Presentation of the background study by Mr. Ligia Deca, lead author
- 10:45 – 12:15 **Supporting the implementation of the Bologna Process at national and institutional levels: system-level approaches, peer learning and examples of good practice**
- Speakers:
- Mr. David Flores (DAAD, Germany)
 - Ms. Maryna Mruga (Ministry representative, Ukraine)
 - Ms. Helga Posset (Ministry representative, Austria)
 - Ms. Sara Thornton (Ministry representative, France)
 - Mr. Robert Wagenaar (International Tuning Academy, Netherlands)
- Moderated by Mr. Michael Gaebel (EUA)
- 12:15 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 Clearing bottlenecks in implementing Bologna reforms: rationales, solutions, paradigms and communication efforts

Speakers:

- Ms. Elena Cîrlan (ENQA)
- Mr. John Edwards (EURASHE)
- Ms. Maria Kelo (EUA)
- Ms. Daciana Pop (ESU)
- Mr. Aleksandar Susnjar (EQAR)

Moderated by Mr. Romiță Iucu (University of Bucharest)

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:30 Supporting implementation: the role of national action plans and thematic peer groups

Speakers:

- Ms. Michaela Bohme (Ministry representative, Germany)
- Mr. Kyriacos Charalambous (Ministry representative, Cyprus)
- Ms. Maija Innola (Ministry representative, Finland)
- Ms. Ivana Radonova (Ministry representative, Bulgaria)

Moderated by Ms. Melanie Rosenbaum (Holy See)

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30 Presenting the new Bologna tools: looking forward to 2027

Speakers:

- Mr. Arthur Belle & Mr. David Flores (Dutch and German Co-chairs of the WG on Internationalisation and Mobility) – Action Plan on Internationalisation and Mobility
- Ms. Cristina Ghițulică (ENQA) - Standards and Guidelines for the Quality Assurance in the EHEA
- Ms. Camille Odent (European Commission) - ECTS User's Guide

Moderated by Mr. Horia Onița (EHEA Secretariat)

10:45 – 16:30 *Parallel Bologna Process Researchers' Conference panels presenting and discussing the research papers*

18:30 Dinner

Day 2 – Thursday, 17th of September 2026

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome coffee

09:00 – 14:30 *EduGlobal section within the Bologna Process Researchers' Conference
(participants at the Conference are invited to attend this slot of the BPRC)*

09:00 – 09:45 *Vision on the future of higher education - High level intervention from a global perspective*

09:45 – 11:15 *Feeding research into Bologna Policy – missing gaps in European research and policy on the Bologna Process;*

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:30 *Anticipatory Science: Future -proofing Higher Education*

12:30 – 13:30 *Common challenges across the globe for the future of higher education. Tailored solutions that work*

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 **Fundamental values - Synergies between EHEA – EEA – ERA**

Speakers:

- Mr. Cezar Hâj (Romanian Co-chair of the Working Group on Fundamental Values)
- Mr. Andreas Keller (ETUCE)
- Ms. Franziska Knogler (ESU)
- Mr. Liviu Matei (Magna Charta Observatory)
- Ms. Camille Odent (European Commission)

Moderated by Mr. Robin Moberg (Ministry representative, Sweden)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 **Fulfilling the 2024 Tirana Communiqué mandate: Future-proofing the Bologna key commitments**

Presentation from Ms. Liesbeth Hens (Flemish Co-Chair of the TF on the Future of Bologna), followed by panel discussion with:

- Ms. Chiara Finnochietti (CIMEA, Italy)
- Ms. Cristina Ghițulică (ENQA)
- Ms. Leila Loupis (UNESCO)
- Ms. Daciana Pop (ESU)
- Ms. Baiba Ramina (AIC, Latvia)

17:30 – 18:15 **Final session: Preparing for the 2027 EHEA Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum and beyond**

Speakers:

- Ms. Luminița Matei (BFUG Vice-chair, Romania)
- Ms. Siobhan Sleeman (BFUG Co-chair, Ireland)
- Ms. Neda Zutautaitė (incoming BFUG Co-chair, Lithuania)
- Ms. Adriana Cazacu (Ministry representative, Republic of Moldova)

Moderated by Mr. Adrian Curaj (UEFISCDI)

18:15 Dinner

Friday, 18th of September 2026

09:00 – 13:00 Meeting of the Task Force on the Future of Bologna (by invitation only)
UEFISCDI headquarters (30 Frumoasă Street)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

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