



Western Balkans Platform on Education and Training
Regional Conference on Erasmus+
Friday 17th and Saturday 18th January 2014
Academy of Athens, Greece

AGENDA

Day 1: Friday, 17 January 2014

- 08:00-09:00** Registration (**Higher Education stakeholders**)
- 09:00-10:00** **Session 1: Opening remarks, Political Directions and Conference Context**
Moderator: Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture
- Welcome address**
Dimitrios Kourkoulas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece
Aris Peroulakis, Head of Sector, European Commission Representation in Greece
- Keynote Speech: Recent Development and Challenges in Higher Education and Cooperation with the Western Balkan Countries [30 min]**
Jan Truszczyński, Director-General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- 10:00-11:00** **Enlargement Strategy for Western Balkans [20 min]**
Peter Polajnar, Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy Unit, DG Enlargement
- Cooperation Opportunities in Education for the Western Balkans [20 min]**
Helene Skikos, Policy Officer, International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee break and group photo**
- 11:30-13:00** **Session 2: External Dimension of Erasmus+: Capacity Building and Cooperation in Higher Education**
Moderator: Peter Polajnar, Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission
- **Erasmus+: Jean Monnet projects [20 min]**
Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture
 - **Erasmus+: Capacity Building (part of Action 2); what makes a good project, what to avoid, how to be evaluated etc. [30 min]**

Philippe Ruffio, Head of Sector in Erasmus+ Unit for Higher Education,
International Capacity Building, EACEA

- **Impact of Tempus project: South East European Project for the Advancement of Language Studies [10 min]**

Marija Knezevic, Associate Professor, University of Montenegro

- Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16.00 Session 3: Mobility, Cooperation and Scholarships in Higher Education
Moderator: Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

- **Erasmus+: Degree Mobility and Joint Degrees: Institutional and Individual Participation in Joint Master Courses**

Anastasios Tsirakidis, Project Advisor, Erasmus+ Unit for Higher Education and Joint Master Degrees, EACEA [30 min]

- **Astromundus, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Course [10 min]**

Dragana Ilic, Professor, University of Belgrade

- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Opportunities for Joint European Doctorates and Fellowships [20 min]**

Helene Skikos, Policy Officer, International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture

- Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00 Session 4: Short-term Mobility for staff and students in Higher Education
Moderator: Helene Skikos, Policy Officer, International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

- **Erasmus+: Credit Mobility and role of institutions [20 min]**

Katerina Galanaki, Greek Erasmus Ambassador

- **Erasmus+: Credit Mobility – practicalities for participation [20 min]**

- Testimonial from 3,000,000th Greek Erasmus Student [5 min]

Sophia-Emmanouela Theodorou

- **Day's conclusions**

Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture

Day 2: Saturday, 18 January 2014

08:00-09:00 Registration (**School stakeholders**)

09:00-11:00 **Session 1: Schools and teachers**

Moderator: Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture

Welcome address

Aris Peroulakis, Head of Sector, European Commission Representation in Greece

Keynote Speech: Recent Developments and Challenges in Education and EU's Cooperation with Western Balkans

Jan Truszczyński, Director General [30 min]

Enlargement Strategy for Western Balkans [20 min]

Peter Polajnar, Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy Unit, DG Enlargement

eTwinning: Opportunities for Cooperation Among Schools and Teachers

Eugenio Riviere, Programme Manager, School Education Unit, DG Education and Culture [30 min]

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break and group photo**

11:00-13:00 **Session 2: eTwinning: Practical Information**

- **The eTwinning Platform [20 min]**
European School Net representative
- **Online Teacher Communities [20 min]**
Irina Pateraki, National Support Service, Greece
- **eTwinning Project for First Graders [10 min]**
Nataša Ljubić Klemše, Teacher, Croatia
- **eTwinning Project [10 min]**
Irina Ivanova, Teacher, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Discussion
- **Session conclusions**
Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture

13:00-14:30 **Lunch (for both school and youth stakeholders)**

14:00-15:00 Registration (**Youth stakeholders**)

15:00-16:00 Session 1; Youth policy

Moderator: Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

Welcome address

Aris Peroulakis, Head of Sector, European Commission Representation in Greece

Keynote speech: Cooperation with the Western Balkans in the Youth Field

Jan Truszczyński, Director-General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Enlargement Strategy for Western Balkans [20 min]

Peter Polajnar, Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy Unit, DG Enlargement

16:00-16:30 Coffee break and group photo

16:30-18:00 Session 2; Youth cooperation in Erasmus+

- **Presentation of Erasmus+ and Opportunities for Youth [20 min]**
Pascal Lejeune, Head of Unit for Youth, DG Education and Culture
- **From Youth in Action to Erasmus+: examples of good practice [30 min]**
Pascal Lejeune, Head of Unit for Youth, DG Education and Culture
- Discussion
- **Session conclusions**
Harald Hartung, Head of Unit for International Cooperation and Programmes, DG Education and Culture