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Student Advancement of Graduates' Employability Training, Budapest, 24th and 25th of April, 2013

DAY 0 – 23rd of April 2013

14:00 – 22:00 Registration (Hotel Benczúr)

20:00 – 23:00 Opening ceremony (ELTE University, Aula Magna)

Vice Prime Minister – Dr. Tibor Navracsics

ESU – Executive Committee

HÖÖK - Dávid Nagy

Cultural program

DAY I – 24th of April 2013

9:00 – 9:30 Opening Words

Ministry of Education and Culture - Dr. Maruzsa Zoltán

ESU – Karina Ufert

HÖÖK - Dávid Nagy

9:30 – 10:30 Session 1: Students' view on employability

Instrumentalisation of higher education – Is employability the road to ruin and can we reclaim it?

- Different perspectives on society, are jobs and the economy the main goal?
- What implications do the current discussions on employability bring to education?
- Does knowledge have a value in and of itself or are skills for the job market the value of education?
- Experiences from the project

Moderating and presenting SAGE: Nevena Vuksanović

Speakers: SAGE Consortium: Veli-Matti Taskila (SAMOK), Michael Tolentino Frederiksen (DSF), Inés Sánchez (CREUP), Éva Lénárt (HÖÖK), Eline Leen (ILI), National Qualifications Agency from Romania (NQA)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 "Cinderella goes to medical school - segregation of vocation and the power of language"

- How does higher education reform influence the segregation of vocations?
- How does the language we use affect higher education and employability?

Moderator/Speakers: Elisabeth Gehrke, Aengus O'Moalain

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 What is shaping the policy discourse on the European level?

Stakeholders in higher education from the European level will discuss and debate the current growth-driven processes shaping the world of higher education in a talkshow style panel.

- What initiatives are taking place on the European level and how do the stakeholders perceive this?
- Looking into the future - skills demand forecasting
- Rethinking Education – the extent of knowledge and data on which the policies and recommendations are based on the European level? What is the leverage?

Speakers: EI, EURASHE, European Commission

Response: Anna Rutz, Student Advocate for Disabled Students

Moderator: Taina Moisander

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 Session 3: Learning outcomes - just knowledge, or also attitudes, skills and competencies?

The topic will be explored from both sides of the coin; by presenting the reasons for why learning outcomes are an asset to creating a harmonized EHEA and on the other hand what the barriers are in the way of implementing them. Participants will engage in group discussions reflecting on the national cases.

- Role of transferable skills and generic competencies within learning outcomes
- Assessment of learning outcomes, knowledge, skills and competencies.
- What are the barriers in the way of the implementation of LO's?
- National Unions of Students present national status quo of learning outcomes and brainstorm on solutions for the improvement of the structural implementation of Bologna process from the perspective of learning outcomes

Speakers: EURASHE, Hungarian Rectors' Conference

Moderator: Nevena Vuksanović

17:30 Candidates' Debate

19.00 Dinner

20:15 Departure to the Labyrinth tour

DAY II - 25th of April, 2013

9:00 – 10:30 Session 5: Loans schemes and mobility - what is the long-term impact?

- Mobility as a tool for enhancing employability – potential and risks
- Perceived Insecurity of the labour market on the study choices etc.
- Can loan schemes be used as a tool for mobility and what are the effects of loans on labour mobility?

Moderator: Rok Primožič

Speakers: Representative of the Hungarian Student Loan Center

Maria Kristin Gylfadottir, European Commission

Andrea Kiraly, ETUCE

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:00 Session 4: EHEA State of Play/BFUG Affaires

Aim of the session is to discuss the latest developments within the Bologna Follow Up Group, update the board on the agendas of the different working groups and discuss the way forward of the Bologna Student Experts Group.

- Future of the Bologna Process/European Higher Education Area
- Updates from the working groups, plans of work for 2013-2015
- ESU Student Bologna Experts Group

Moderation and facilitation: Karina Ufert, Nevena Vuksanović

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Session 6: Debate Club: Employability Myth Busters

The session aims to raise awareness on the different reasoning used for justifying the reforms and changes taking place in higher education as well as examine current trends that occur upon entering the labour market.

- Why higher education reform: presentation of the current arguments used for justifying the reforms and changes in higher education

- How to prove that higher education still serves multiple purposes such as social mobility, active citizenship, development of crucial competencies, creation and maintenance of a broad, advanced knowledge base and the stimulation of research and innovation?
- Raise awareness on differences between employability and employment

Moderator: Robert Santa

Debaters: National Unions of Students

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:45 World Café – Thematic Policy Sessions

The sessions will allow for discussion on the current policy developments and debates and for the amendments submitted so far by the focus groups.

- **Quality of Higher Education**, with a focus on Recognition of Prior Learning and competencies gained outside of formal education, Qualifications Frameworks and Three Cycles, studies and work, Recognition, Quality Assurance, ECTS Users Guide Revision.
- **Commodification, Governance and Financing of Higher Education**, with a focus on public responsibility and the generation gap, intergenerational solidarity, the modern congeniality and the financing of higher education
- **Internationalisation of Higher Education**, with a focus on Massive Open Online Courses and Open Educational Resources as tools to enhance employability, international students' rights upon entry, residency and obtaining a work permit
- **Purpose of Higher Education**, with the focus on what is higher education, whom and what for does higher education exist for and what the communication with the community should look like

Facilitators: ESU Executive Committee (Policy Clusters)

16:45 – 17:15 Wrap up of the training seminar, lessons learned and steps forward

ESU - Nevena Vuksanović, Taina Moisander, Elisabeth Gehrke

HÖOK – Marcell Gáspár

17.30 BM Session on finances

19.00 Dinner

21.15 Departure to the Széchenyi Spa