TPG-LRC CoRE – IN-GLOBAL Final Conference

"The future of higher education: priorities and opportunities within the EHEA and at a global level"

19th February 2025, 9:00 – 17:00 CET

Centro Congressi Roma Eventi, Via Alibert 5a – 00187, Rome and online

Preparatory note

This event is aimed at sharing TPG-LRC CoRE and IN-GLOBAL projects' results to support the implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention within EHEA and to promote dialogue between the Bologna Process and the other macro-regions of the world. The TPG-LRC CoRE and IN-GLOBAL projects are aimed at supporting the institutional activities of Thematic Peer Group B on the Lisbon Recognition Convention and the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue, respectively. By sharing project results, the conference will also serve to build on the work done during the previous mandate, providing a foundation for the activities of both Groups until 2027.

Moreover, the final conference will be also aimed at facilitating reflections on the future of higher education, both from the regional and the global perspective, highlighting main common opportunities and priorities to work on.

The event will see the contribution of high-level speakers and will be open to the members of relevant BFUG working structures, projects' partners, higher education institutions representatives and other relevant stakeholders. The event will be held in hybrid modality, with participants attending both in presence and online.

About TPG-LRC CoRE and IN-GLOBAL projects

The event is organized in the framework of the projects TPG-LRC Constructing Recognition in the EHEA (TPG-LRC CoRE) and Enhancing knowledge of the EHEA and Global Dialogue (IN-GLOBAL), co-funded by Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and coordinated by CIMEA.

Agenda

8:30	*Arrivals and registration*
9:00	**Welcome address** *Luca Lantero* – CIMEA, Italy
9:15	**From Rome to Tirana Communiqué. State of art and future perspectives.** *Chiara Finocchietti* – CIMEA, Italy
9:30	**Keynote speech – The future of higher education in a global perspective** *Hilligje van't Land* – International Association of Universities (IAU)
10:00	**How projects support the implementation of the Bologna Process** *Stefania Frassanito* – European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), European Commission
10:10	**The experience of the TPG-LRC CoRE and IN-GLOBAL projects: results and way forward** *Elisa Petrucci* – CIMEA, Italy
10:30	**Intergovernmental Cooperation areas in Higher Education: lesson learnt, space for synergies and future perspectives** ■ European Higher Education Area *Luca Lantero* – CIMEA, Italy ■ Central Asia Higher Education Area *Rauza Mendaliyeva* – Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan ■ Common Space in Southeast Asian Higher Education *Supansa Kajavong* – SEAMEO RIHED, Thailand ■ Espacio Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Educación Superior *Elizabeth Bernal Gamboa* – Asociación Colombiana de Universidades, Colombia [video] **Session chaired by** *Noah Sobe* – UNESCO
11:00	**Cooperation through projects – PART I: Experiences from the IN-GLOBAL project** ■ *Mădălina Matei* – Ministry of Education and Research, Romania [online] ■ *Alin Matei* – National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Romania [online]
11:15	*Coffee break*

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11:45	**Implementing fair recognition as a key commitment in international cooperation: dialogue among regional recognition conventions.**
	■ Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee
	   Luca Lantero, President
	■ Addis Convention Committee and Network of Implementation Structures
	   Lamine Guèye, President [online]
	■ Tokyo Convention Committee and Asia-Pacific Network of National Information Centres (APNNIC)
	   Dolly Seow-Ganesan, President [video]
	■ Buenos Aires Convention Committee and Network of National Information Centres in Latin America and the Caribbean (CINALC)
	   Gonzalo Baroni Boces, President [online]
	Session chaired by: *Chiara Finocchietti* – CIMEA, Italy

12:15	**Cooperation through projects – PART II: Experiences from the TPG-LRC CoRE project** ■ *Bas Wegewijs* – Nuffic, Netherlands ■ *Andrina Wafer* – Quality and Qualifications Ireland, Ireland
12:30	**Q&A session**
13:00	*Lunch break*

14:30	**Thematic workshops "For a future-proof higher education system from the EHEA and global perspectives"**
	
	ROUND I (14:30 – 15:30)
	1. **Quality assurance**
	  ■ **The experience of QA-fit project**
	    Anna Gover – European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
	  ■ **TPG-LRC CoRE publication "Ensuring and enhancing the quality of recognition processes. Key considerations and recommendations"**
	    Helene Peterbauer – European University Association (EUA)
	  ■ **Quality Assurance in the East African Common Higher Education Area**
	    Michael Mawa – Inter-University Council for East-Africa (IUCEA)

2. **Micro-credentials**
   - **TPG-LRC CoRE publication "Micro-credentials for higher education institutions. Approaches developed in the EHEA using peer support"**
     Elisa Petrucci – CIMEA, Italy
   - **Experience from the Thematic Peer Group A on Qualifications Framework**
     Gunta Kinta – Academic Information Centre, Latvia
   - **Micro-credentials in South-East Asia region. The experience of MICROCASA project "White Paper: Action Plan for Micro-credentials adoption in HE of SEA"**
     Radziah Adam – Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia [online]

ROUND II (15:30 – 16:30)
3. **Digitalisation**
   - **Digitalisation and AI in education: the Council of Europe's perspective**
     Alessandra Ricci-Ascoli – Council of Europe
   - **TPG-LRC CoRE publication on digitalisation**
     Aleksandra Zhivkovikj – European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)
   - **The South African national experience**
     Makhapa Makhafola – South African Qualifications Authority, South Africa
4. **Evolving tools and practices**
   - **State of art of European degree at policy level**
     Yann-Maël Bideau – European Commission [online]
   - **TPG-LRC CoRE publication on European Degree**
     Emanuela Gitto – CIMEA, Italy

16:30	**Q&A**
16:45	**Main takeaways from the thematic workshops from participants**
17:00	**Conclusions**