

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative

Round Table on Education and Inter-University Co-operation

« Building the European Higher Education Area
- a further step forward »

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Developments towards the European Higher Education Area



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Introduction

- Building Europe : Euro and economics cannot be the only means
- Higher Education Institutions have a major role to play
 - ◆ Universities and social cohesion
 - ◆ Universities and their importance for regional development
 - ◆ Universities and their role in the dialogue with the younger generation



The story of the EHEA

- 1987 : Erasmus launched by the Commission : Mobility inside Europe
- 1998-1999 : A new impulse : the intergovernmental Sorbonne- Bologna process : Convergence and the shaping of a European Area



Next steps

- It's time for the universities to take their responsibilities
- EUA, a new Association created in Salamanca, March 2001
- 2nd Convention of European Higher Education Institutions, Graz, 29-31 May 2003
- Trends III survey



Working towards Graz: key themes

- A European Area and a global space
- Higher education and research : making the link
- Promoting quality culture
- Meeting the objectives of Bologna and Prague
- Improving institutional governance and management



Working towards Graz: action lines from Bologna and Prague

1. Recognition of degrees
2. Degree structures and curricula
3. Credit systems
4. Promotion of mobility
5. Quality assurance and accreditation
6. “European dimension”
7. Lifelong learning
8. Role of HEIs and Students
9. Attractiveness of the EHEA



Working towards Graz: some key tools for implementation

Governance and management
Quality culture in Europe's universities
ECTS for transfer and accumulation
Joint degrees / programmes
Student and staff mobility
Diploma Supplement

Trends III



Working towards Graz: implications for the Adriatic-Ionian region?

Stability Pact - Enhanced Graz Process
Higher Education Working Group

5 key areas for regional co-operation

- Legislation
- University structures
- Quality Assurance
- ECTS
- Transparency

Objective: full inclusion in EHEA



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Quality culture:
EUA project with EC support

- Develop internal quality culture in institutions
- Promote best practices in six thematic areas
- Enhance the self-regulatory capacity
- Work towards convergence within the Bologna Process
- Contribute to the Graz Convention and the Berlin Meeting



Working towards Graz: implications for the Adriatic-Ionian region?

Quality culture: outputs

- Institutional action plans
- Network reports focused on thematic areas
- An overall project report
- Participants include: Udine, Thessaloniki, Ljubljana, Padova, Rijeka, Novi Sad, Tor Vergata,

Conclusion: from Graz to Berlin

EUA's goals:

- create collective message from the Graz Convention
- present this shared message to the Ministers in Berlin
- continue towards 2010



More information:

<http://www.unige.ch/eua>

<http://www.see-educoop.net>