



Slovensko predsedstvo EU 2008
Slovenian Presidency of the EU 2008
La Présidence slovène de l'UE 2008

Presidency conference »Universities and Lifelong Learning«

Brdo Congress Centre, 10 – 11 March 2008

Preliminary programme

Sunday, 9 March 2008

Arrival of participants and transfer to hotels in Bled

Monday, 10 March 2008

8.00 Transport from hotels to the Brdo Congress Centre

Conference Chair: *Dušan Lesjak, State Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Slovenia*

9.30 – 11.00 **Welcoming speeches**

- *Mojca Kucler Dolinar, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Slovenia*
- *Odile Quintin, Director General, Directorate General Education and Culture, European Commission*
- *Michel Feutrie, President, EUCEN*
- *Rado Bohinc, President of Slovenian Rectors Conference*

Keynote address

Manja Klemenčič, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University

Demographic challenges and reform of universities (provisional title)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.30 **Introduction to the conference themes**

Pat Davies, EUCEN

Life at the crossroads: University Lifelong Learning (ULLL) or Lifelong Learning Universities (LLLU)?



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*Kauko Hämäläinen, Palmenia Centre for Continuing Education,
University of Helsinki, Finland*
Organisation and Provision of Lifelong Learning in Higher Education

Bernard Hugonnier, OECD
Lifelong learning and the role of qualifications systems in its promotion

Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 17.00 **Parallel workshops**

Working group I
Lifelong learning agenda at the centre of institutional strategies?

Chair *Michel Feutrie, EUCEN*

Hanne Smidt, EUA
Lifelong Learning – from periphery to center? Findings from TRENDS V

András Forgács, Ministry of Education, The Republic of Hungary
The Hungarian lifelong learning strategy: Progress and challenges of the implementation

Rapporteur *Noel Vercruysse, Ministry of the Flemish Community Education Department,
Belgium*

Working group II
Lifelong learning practices at HEIs

Chair *Alan Smith, European Commission*

Mary Stuart, University of Kingston, UK
The challenges in creating lifelong learning, policy and practice in England

Rapporteur *Caroline Carlot, ESU*

Working group III
Qualifications frameworks and lifelong learning

Chair *Petri Lempinen, ETUC*



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Sam Allwinkle, Napier University, UK
Presentation of SCQF (provisional title)

Rapporteur *Polona Miklavc Valenčič, University of Ljubljana*

17.00 Return to hotels

19.30 – 22.00 Dinner and social programme

Tuesday, 11 March 2008

8.00 Transport to the venue

9.30 – 11.00 **Plenary session**

Universities and enterprises implementing lifelong learning strategies in their regions

Chair and introduction *Barbara Nolan, European Commission*

Presentation *representative BusinessEurope*

Presentation *Michal Pokorný, University of Žilina, The Slovak Republic*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 **Reports from workshops and conference conclusions**

Chair *Ivan Svetlik, Vice-rector, University of Ljubljana*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – Departures