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Rector Volli Kalm In Memoriam

The Coimbra Group Universities, members of the Executive Board of the Coimbra Group and the Brussels Office staff wish to convey their sincere condolences to the family of Rector Volli Kalm and to his colleagues and students at the University of Tartu. Rector Volli Kalm was a valued member of the academic community and highly appreciated by all of us. We are indebted to him for his continued support to the Coimbra group, his always sober advice and warm friendship. A tribute will be paid to Rector Volli Kalm at the Coimbra Group Annual Conference in Salamanca 30 May-1st June this year.

From the University of Tartu, 29 December 2017

Professor Volli Kalm, Rector of the University of Tartu (10 February 1953 – 23 December 2017)

On Saturday, 23 December, bright Christmas lights adorning the white columns of the University of Tartu main building went out. A candle with a black ribbon tied around it was lit under the clock in the foyer of the main building. Suddenly and unexpectedly, the University has lost its dignified leader, Estonian science and higher education its bold and wise spokesman, and Estonian nation its nationally-inclined intellectual of international stature – Rector Professor Volli Kalm.

Editorial

Reflections on the role of networks of European Universities: 2017 annual review and main themes for the Coimbra Group in 2018

Dear Members of the Coimbra Group,

At the beginning of 2018, I extend my best wishes to you on behalf of the members of the Executive Board. May this New Year fulfil your hopes and aspirations in professional as well as personal activities. We ended 2017 on a very sad note with the unexpected news of the sudden passing of Prof. Volli Kalm, the Rector of the University of Tartu. Rector Kalm was a respected and valued member of the international academic community. He was very supportive of the Coimbra Group, in particular as a member of the Rectors’ Advisory Group, where he was serving a second mandate. His wise and visionary advice has brought so much to our community.
On a personal level, I keep a lasting memory of Volli’s participation at the Annual Conference in Poitiers in June 2016, when we went together on the visit of the Cognac distilleries: our discussion around a glass of Cognac dating from 1802 was a very emotional moment. Our thoughts also go to his family and colleagues at the University of Tartu, where he will be sorely missed.

Fortunately, 2017 has seen more positive events, in fact several, and the following can only be a non-exhaustive list. At European policy level, 2017 was the year of the interim evaluation of the Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ programmes, for which we mobilised our community to draft Coimbra Group contributions, both of which were submitted and have been very well received by the European Commission and the relevant Directorates-General. The publication of the so-called “Lab-Fab-App” report from the Lamy Group was another opportunity to make our views known on what should be the guiding principles in the drafting of the FP9/post-E+ programmes: again, two contributions from the Coimbra Group were produced and disseminated to different stakeholders (all policy papers can be found at: http://coimbra-group.eu/publications/policy-papers). The second half of 2017 saw another highlight for the advocacy of European research and innovation, with the strong momentum provided by the Estonian EU Presidency and the associated “Tallinn Call for Action”, to which the Coimbra Group was a contributor (on this topic, read the editorial in the December 2017 Newsletter by Mr Taivo Raud on behalf of Rector Volli Kalm, University of Tartu).

In parallel with this European thread, the many activities of the Coimbra Group in 2017 have again enriched our network, with a fabulous Annual Conference in Edinburgh: we are indebted to our Honorary President, Principal Sir Timothy O’Shea, who is now leaving his function as Principal of the University of Edinburgh at the end of January 2018. We shall welcome his successor as our new Honorary President, Prof. Mathieson who will take up his function as Principal in February 2018. We also wish to reiterate our gratitude to our previous EB Chair, Prof. Dorothy Kelly, who ended her second mandate at the Edinburgh General Assembly.

In the second part of 2017, the Coimbra Group held a very successful High-Level Policy Seminar on the “Internationalisation of the Curriculum”, hosted by Trinity College Dublin: presentations and podcasts are currently being formatted and will be posted soon on the CG web site. After such an intensive year in terms of Higher Education and Research advocacy, what are the major themes in 2018?

- 2018 has been labelled the European Year of Cultural Heritage, a theme where Coimbra Group Universities have a significant role to play.
- The Bulgarian EU Presidency started on 1st January with priorities including Youth Education and Lifelong Learning (https://eu2018bg.bg/en/programme).
- The European Commission has officially started the consultation on the general features of FP9 (https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-eu-funds-area-investment-research-innovation-smes-and-single-market_en) that should be followed, around spring/summer 2018, by the unveiling of future guidelines and structures of FP9.
- In the field of higher education, the EHEA2018 conference on the implementation of the Bologna Process will be held in May 2018 in Paris: the Coimbra Group will be an official associate stakeholder at this event.

Directly reflecting these major European steps, a series of Coimbra Group events have already been scheduled: this month, on 24 January, we organised the first High-Level Workshop on Lifelong Learning and Employability (in cooperation with MEP E. Morin-Chartier and representatives from DG EAC, DG EMPL, CEDEFOP, ETF and CG universities). Around 60 Rectors, Vice-Rectors, stakeholders and experts from the field gathered and reflected on the need to engage universities in changing the perspectives and practices of institutions/teachers/learners. The case studies presented by some Coimbra Group members demonstrated the feasibility of this change, building on tools developed by the European Commission, but also on our own creativity. This cultural revolution is crucial and justifies the organisation of future events on the subject by the CG.
The workshop was directly followed (on 25 January) by Coimbra Group participation at the first European Education Summit, organised by Commissioner Navracsics: I had the honour to be a panellist in the session devoted to “teaching entrepreneurship”, where I presented some of the many relevant innovative strategies developed at CG universities.

Another highlight of the year will be the Annual Conference in Salamanca, in conjunction with the 800th anniversary of the University of Salamanca. The now traditional High-Level Seminar on Research Policy will be held on 6-7 December 2018 at San Servolo, Venice, on “Inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral definitions and metrics of the impact of research and innovation”, a crucial topic for the future FP9 programme. Of course, all these events are complemented by the intense
activities of our Working Groups, all year long. Last but not least, the new CG web site will be unveiled before the Annual Conference.

In conclusion, let me express the pleasure and honour I have in serving our community as Chair of the Executive Board and I do not hesitate to adopt the Bulgarian EU Presidency motto: “UNITED WE STAND STRONG”.

Prof. Ludovic Thilly
Executive Board Chair
31 January 2018

Preparations for the Annual Conference in Salamanca are under way. The dedicated web site with practical information and registration form should be ready at the beginning of March. The conference topic is "Looking to the future, learning from the past".

During the event, which will take place at the University of Salamanca, the Working Groups will have the opportunity to hold joint meetings or have longer WG meetings. The Chairs of the Working Groups should send the updated work plans to be included in the printed documentation for the General Assembly by 27 April, at the latest.

Workshop LLL and Employability

The first Coimbra Group High-Level Workshop on Lifelong Learning and Employability was held with great success last week (24 January) at the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic in Brussels.

The Workshop programme was developed in collaboration with Member of the European Parliament Elisabeth Morin-Chartier (Parliament's Bureau, Quaestor, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs) and provided the framework for discussion amongst participants of exceptionally high quality, thereby offering a unique platform for exchanges, the very purpose of the Workshop.

The event has received the EHEA2018 label, given its relevance to the next ministerial conference EHEA2018 in Paris (23-25/5/18) on the Bologna Process. The event has also been listed in the EHEA2018 website.

The Workshop was the first of its kind in the tradition of the Coimbra Group and is a feature to be pursued in the future to continue bringing Rectors from the Coimbra Group Universities together with European Higher Education Experts and Policymakers to discuss how comprehensive, research-intensive universities can contribute constructively to the Higher Education modernisation agenda on Lifelong Learning and Employability.

The Executive Board would like to express its gratitude to the keynote speakers: Joachim James Calleja (Director of CEDEFOP, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training); Cesare Onestini (Director of ETF, European Training Foundation); Vanessa Debiais-Sainton (Acting Head of Unit for Higher Education, European Commission, Directorate-General Education, Youth,
Sport and Culture); and Dana-Carmen Bachmann (Head of Unit for VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion).

The Case Study presenters from the Coimbra Group provided also a perfect insight on some of the successful activities being carried out at our member institutions: Eika Berit (Pro-Rector, Aarhus University); Nathalie Martin-Papineau (Vice-Rector, University of Poitiers); Ilaria Poggiolini (Vice-Rector, University of Pavia); and Wijnand Aalderink (Director, Career Services and Corporate Relations, University of Groningen).

The Coimbra Group respondents Francesca Helm (Vice-Chair of the Coimbra Group Working Group on Education Innovation, University of Padova) and Jette Hammer (Vice-Chair of the Coimbra Group Working Group on Employability, Aarhus University) were also valuable interlocutors for a lively discussion that contributed to making our first High-Level Workshop a success.

You will find the workshop proceedings, full programme and photos of the event available in our website. Should you wish to review the highlights of the Workshop, please look for the twitter tag: #CGLLLEMP2018.

For further information please contact Catarina Moleiro at the Coimbra Group Office (moleiro@coimbra-group.eu).

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**European Education Summit**

Hosted by Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, the First European Education Summit took place on 25 January 2018, in Brussels.

EU education ministers, education practitioners, stakeholders and business leaders gathered in the event aiming at laying the foundations of the European Education Area: “for an innovative, inclusive and values-based education”. The inequality in education systems, the future European Education Area, the competences needed in the decades to come and how to transmit common values were some of the topics addressed.

The input from the Coimbra Group High-Level Workshop also provided input to the Education Summit. The Executive Board Chair Ludovic Thilly was invited as a speaker to the panel “to teach or not to teach entrepreneurship”, under the third block “what skills for the decades to come?”. For the complete programme and information on the summit please visit the website.
The Coimbra Group Executive Board met last week with the representatives of the 11 Working Groups. This meeting is held twice a year (in January and at the Annual Conference) to fine-tune strategies and discuss initiatives to take place within the Working Groups and in the Coimbra group. The Executive Board has also held their regular monthly meeting, and another meeting was held with Prof. Yildiz, Vice-Rector for International Affairs, University of Salamanca, in order to prepare for the 2018 Coimbra Group Annual Conference, cf. above.

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REALISE develops surveys and comparative analyses, with national seminars as one of the tools to obtain information from a wide variety of higher education institutions. The project plans to have training modules and a handbook ready at the end of the project. The participants at the Paris seminar were mainly from international offices and their reports on the challenges with which they are confronted was informative. The tendency in France seems to be one familiar to most universities, a low take-up rate among academics and an increasing use of the mobility opportunities for administrative staff. Matilde Bégrand from the French national agency and Unni Kvernhusvik Sagberg from the Norwegian national agency, SIU, reported on experiences seen from national perspectives, while Franck le Cars from the Rectorat de Montpellier provided insight into institutional planning and strategy. Vice-Rector for international relations at Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier, Prof. Anne-Marie Motard chaired the sessions at this informative seminar: http://www.realise-erasmusplus.fr/?q=national-seminar-france.

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Consultation on values & mobility

The scope of this public consultation covers programmes and actions aiming at protecting and promoting European values as well as supporting mobility, education and training, cultural diversity, fundamental rights, an EU area of justice, digital competence, creativity and European historical memory and remembrance. Such programmes and actions empower citizens, develop their skills and competences and contribute to open, democratic, more equal, inclusive and creative societies.
This public consultation seeks to identify strengths and weaknesses of existing programmes and actions, as well as possible ways forward and highlight any possible synergies among them. You can access the consultation here. Consultation period: 10 January-8 March

**EU support to partner countries**

The CG Office attended a seminar on the evaluation of the European Union support to higher education in partner countries during the period 2007-2014. The report and executive summary are available here.

This evaluation is a thematic one, which means that its aim was to provide overall judgements, and not an evaluation of individual programmes. It assesses the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, sustainability and the EU added value of EU support to partner countries. It outlines overall conclusions, which are divided into three clusters: 1) Policy and Strategy Focus; 2) Achieving Results, and 3) Coordination and Synergies. It uses the same format for its recommendations.

According to the evaluation study, EU support to Higher Education in partner countries lacked a clear overall strategic approach outlining the pathways to expected development impacts. The evaluation found that the design of programmes and of bilateral assistance was based only on implicit assumptions. A more explicit link between the benefits of investing in Higher Education and broader development goals could have had the potential to increase the relevance and eventually the impact of the EU support to Higher Education even further. When it comes to the achieved results, the evaluation finds that while EU support generated employability effects, it managed to make only a limited contribution to increasing inclusiveness. As regards coordination and synergies, the evaluation finds that EU support to Higher Education did produce some linkages with the EU’s assistance to research and innovation, but synergies could have been higher. Moreover, while formal coordination of the EU and Member States support to Higher Education exists at a high political level, this is largely absent at partner country and regional levels.

**Further Simplification report**

The final report of the Stakeholders' Workshop on Further Simplification held on 20 October 2017 was published this month.

The Coimbra Group was represented by Doris Alexander, Trinity College Dublin and Angela Noble, Leiden University, at this event on the further simplification of the Research and Innovation Framework Programmes.

Please find here the link to the news published on the Participant Portal where the report is available on-line, and the direct link to the report.

From the report from our representatives at the workshop, published in the November Newsletter: “The EC are to be commended for engaging with participant organisations including Coimbra Group around simplification and to be open to input from those present. It is very apparent that they are truly invested in continuing to make the Framework Programme a world class programme to attract world class researchers. As a grouping Coimbra Group must continue to engage with the EC using all the channels at its disposal to ensure that this goal remains a reality.”
We have received

From the Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Call for Early Stage Researchers

The Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland is seeking to appoint three high-calibre Early Stage Researchers (ESR) to join the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network on ‘Delayed Transformational Fatigue in Central and Eastern Europe: Responding to the Rise of Illiberalism/Populism’ (FATIGUE). The selected researchers will have the opportunity of working towards their doctorate while being part of an exciting consortium of universities, led by University College London: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ssees/research/funded-research-projects/fatigue

For more details on the three job offers at Jagiellonian University, see: http://www.ces.uj.edu.pl/about-ces/news-events/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_0qS2/1910281/138411346

From KU Leuven

Internationalisation of Universities and the National Language

4 May 2018
University Hall, Naamsestraat 22 - Leuven

The student protests of May ’68 have become part of our collective memory. In Leuven, where French was still an official language at the university, events already heated up before during an eventful winter, better known as the ‘Leuven Vlaams’-protests. A university that was open to both students and society had to be run in their own language. The aftermath of the student protests radically altered the structure and policy of the university.

Now, exactly fifty years have passed since the installment of an entirely Dutch-speaking university in Leuven. Together with the explosion of new means of communication, the internationalisation of higher education has increased exponentially. KU Leuven is more global than ever. This leads to exciting new opportunities and possibilities, but possibly also to a new identity crisis. How do we perceive a Flemish university in these international times, fifty years after struggling to obtain one?

Internationalisation

Other universities struggle with comparable challenges: do they profile themselves as national, international, or both? Which role will the national language(s) play in the education of the future? Can we develop a policy that incorporates both the urge for internationalisation and the protection of our own language?

Those questions and many more will be comprehensively investigated during the international symposium organised by KU Leuven in the framework of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Flemish university. We cordially invite you to think with us about these issues on 4 May 2018 at the university hall in Leuven.

For more information and registration: www.50jaarleuvenvlaams-internationaal.be
Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the European Commission has awarded the contract for the Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange (EVE) initiative to a consortium of partners, with whom I will be collaborating quite closely this year. Several of the consortium partners are also involved in the EVOLVE project which the Coimbra Group is also involved with. Both EVE and EVOLVE are about 'internationalization of the curriculum' in many ways and address many of the soft skills that were discussed at the High-Level Education Policy seminar at Trinity College Dublin in November.

The official kick off meeting for EVE took place in Brussels last week with 16 members of the Commission in audience for the consortium’s presentation. We had people from External Action, DC Education, DG Near, Youth & Culture, the Commissioner’s Deputy and DG IT. It was made clear that they are already seeing Virtual Exchange as being a sector in which to invest as part of the Erasmus+ 2020 plan. They view this year very much as a pilot which they will then hope to renew and grow.

A hub for this project will be created on the European Youth Portal, but this will not be online until March. However, opportunities for participation in this initiative are already available - some with very tight deadlines. For example:

**Develop your own Transnational EVE Project (TEP)**

TEPs are essentially telecollaboration projects, that is curriculum-based virtual exchanges jointly developed by two or more educators and/or youth workers located in different countries, allowing students to interact with peers in Europe and southern Mediterranean countries. Through TEPs students develop their language (English, French or Arabic) and communication skills, as well as intercultural awareness, digital literacies, team-working and problem-solving skills in addition to enriching their understanding of course content. In order to prepare partners to design their own TEP, UNICollaboration offers Basic and Advanced Training for educators and youth workers and their support teams.

More information: [https://www.unicollaboration.org/index.php/eve/](https://www.unicollaboration.org/index.php/eve/)

**How to apply:**

Basic training begins in March 2018. To register for the Basic Training, show interest in the program or ask questions, click [here](https://www.unicollaboration.org/index.php/eve/).

Deadline to express interest: **16 February 2018**

Francesca Helm
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From the Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Joint Erasmus Staff Training Week 2018

The Jagiellonian University in Krakow is organizing a Joint Erasmus Staff Training Week 2018 concerning international marketing and promotion of HEIs.

We have announced the event on the IMotion web page, however we keep some places for CG members.

Deadline for applying: **Friday, 23 February 2018**

Link to the event:
[http://staffmobility.eu/staffweek/joint-erasmus-staff-training-week](http://staffmobility.eu/staffweek/joint-erasmus-staff-training-week)
PhD funding for Interdisciplinary Understanding for a Changing Arctic

Durham University has received a grant from the Leverhulme Trust to fund 15 doctoral students, to be enrolled in three cohorts beginning in Autumn 2018, whose research will focus on Interdisciplinary Understanding for a Changing Arctic. Students may pursue their degree in any discipline, but the proposed project should have an interdisciplinary component as well. Note that the application deadline for the Autumn 2018 cohort is 2 February 2018. For more information, see http://durhamarctic.wordpress.com

From the University of Bologna

2018 SUMMER SCHOOL IN GLOBAL STUDIES AND CRITICAL THEORY

THE HUMAN IN QUESTION
Bologna, June 25 – July 6, 2018

‘The world found nothing sacred in the abstract nakedness of being human,’ so wrote Hannah Arendt in The Origins of Totalitarianism (1976). Arendt’s questioning of the adequacy of the category ‘human’ in rights discourse in the wake of the Nazi-era terror and the plight of the stateless, resonates in the twenty-first century in ways unimaginable in her time. Not only are we witnessing a staggering increase in stateless and displaced people around the globe – 65 million by some current estimates – and the sheer inadequacy of the language of human rights in addressing this crisis. We also stand on the threshold of a transformation in the very meaning of the term ‘human,’ as it comes under increasing pressure from anthropogenic climate change and the accelerated biotechnological transformation of life worlds. Conceiving the human as a geological agent that has irrevocably transformed our planet, or as an intelligent being co-extensive with advanced computational machines, is to question the modern foundations of our critical thought and practice. The human is entangled with the natural and the technological in ways inconceivable even half a century ago. And yet, migrants and radical movements such as Black Lives Matter or Ni una menos still advocate their claims as ‘humans’.

FULL PROGRAM
The 2018 edition of the Academy will explore theories of race, violence, new materialism, technology and the environment as they bear on the question of what it means to be human in our time.
Up to 40 participants will be selected and required to attend all plenary lectures, the two morning courses, and at least one afternoon class per week.
For the second time this year will be active the Bologna Social Practice Lab directed by Pedro Lasch in collaboration with Rossella Mazzaglia. Up to 20 participants at the Summer School will be selected to contribute, along with students at University of Bologna, artists, performers, and activists, to a social art project called Polit(t)ico: Interventions for Bologna (2017-2018). If you are interested, do not forget to check the box in the application form and attach your material in the pdf among your application documents.
The Academy and other sponsors offer several grants covering fees, accommodation and/or travel. Applications must be submitted by April 9, 2018 at 3.00 pm (GMT+1). For more information: info@aghct.org
From Saint Petersburg State University

SPbU Staff Training Week 2018

Saint Petersburg University would like to invite you to the SPbU Staff Training Week 2018, that will take place between 28 May 2018 and 1 June 2018. The topic of the Staff Training Week is Best Mobility Practices.

You can find more information and the preliminary programme on the website https://events.spbu.ru/events/anons/staff-training-week/?lang=Eng.

The registration is already available and open until 31 March 2018. The number of places is limited. Participants are to pay a registration fee of around 210 euro that covers the programme, lunches for 4 days and dinners for 3 days. Payment options and details will be available later. The participants are to cover their travel and accommodation themselves. At the moment the organisers are discussing some booking possibilities and will give the registered participants some hotel options in January.

The SPbU encourages their Erasmus partners to use Erasmus funds. If you have any questions please contact spbustafftraining@gmail.com or e.petryanina@spbu.ru

From the University of Salamanca

1st International Conference

“Translation and Cultural Sustainability: Groundwork, Foundations and Applications”

http://traduccionysostenibilidad.fundacionusal.es/

1st Call for Papers

The 1st International Conference “Translation and Cultural Sustainability: Groundwork, Foundations and Applications” will take place in Salamanca on November 28, 29, 30, 2018. The joint celebrations of the 8th centenary of the University of Salamanca and of the 25th anniversary of the implementation of Translation and Interpreting studies at this university provide the perfect background for a venue where Translation and Interpreting experts can meet to discuss the future of our discipline.

For further information
- http://traduccionysostenibilidad.fundacionusal.es/
- E-mail: congresotraduccion@usal.es
SCENARIOS FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: BRIDGING THE GAP

Engage in a dialogue on the future of Europe!
The EUENGAGE Final Event celebrates the conclusion of the EUENGAGE project.

EUENGAGE is a three-year project that investigated the current tensions between the EU supranational governance and popular mobilization at the national level.

EUENGAGE partners are from universities and research institutes across Europe: University of Siena (project’s coordinator - Italy), Vrije Universitat Amsterdam (Netherlands), University of Mannheim (Germany), London School of Economics (United Kingdom), Median Research Centre (Romania), Kantar Public (Belgium), Unitehma Sapienza (Italy).

The EUENGAGE project has received funding from the EU H2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 649281: EUENGAGE - H2020-EURO-2014-2015/H2020-EURO-SOCIETY-2014. If you want to see more on this project, please visit the website: www.euengage.eu; you can also follow us on Twitter: @EuengageProject and on Facebook: @euengageH2020.
UNIMED has launched its **Petition for a Mediterranean Erasmus Generation.** Your support, both as individuals and as institutions, is of crucial importance.

The Petition, which you can read and endorse [here](#), is aimed at increasing **mobility** of students and university staff in the Euro-Mediterranean region by strengthening the International Credit Mobility dimension of the Erasmus+ Programme, supporting **South-South mobility**, reinforcing **Capacity Building** and supporting the integration of **refugee students** and academics.

UNIMED would like to **invite you to sign the Petition, both as individuals and, when possible, as institution** and, if you are interested, to disseminate it among your contacts.

The **European Commission** is in the process to prepare the new programme Erasmus for the period 2021-2027. The result of the petition could be very important to invite the policy makers to pay more attention to the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and instruments.

UNIMED’s objective is to present the signed petition during the "**UNIMED WEEK in Brussels**", which will be held from the 10 to the 12 of April 2018.

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**DAAD**

*From the German Academic Exchange Service*

The Academic Cooperation Association (ACA)
The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU)
The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

have the honour of inviting you to the event

**Internationalisation matters!**

**Enhancing the quality and relevance of European higher education**

Wednesday, 28 February 2018
12:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
(followed by a reception)

at the

Fondation Universitaire
Rue d’Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

Internationalisation plays a crucial role for supporting quality enhancement within and the relevance of higher education (HE) in Europe.
The European Union has a long history of supporting international cooperation and the building of a European identity through its (higher) education programs and initiatives. Internationalisation is also the bread and butter of ACA member organisations!
This event aims to take stock of the European Union’s policies and objectives in international HE and to showcase innovative work of internationalisation agencies at member state level (e.g. ACA member organisation), which bear the potential to inspire future policy-making and program design at European level.
The event will be followed by a reception, marking the 25th anniversary of the Academic Cooperation Association – a pan-European network with members in 13 European countries.

Further information about the event and the program can be found [here](#).
Please [register here](#) until 16 February 2018.
EARMA Leadership Event: Insights from Brussels
(18-20 April 2018 following conference)

EARMA is organising the Leadership Event right after the Conference based on the experience from the previous years but fully costumised to take advantage of the opportunities Brussels has to offer. We have been working with a number of key players in Brussels to deliver a unique event and especially with the leadership of DG Research and Innovation.

Workshop objectives:
• To gain insights into the status and policy context of the 9th Framework Program for Research and Innovation, the successor to Horizon 2020.
• To engage and network with peers and key actors from the European Commission, the European Parliament and other players setting the scene for the future European Research Area.

For further information click [here](#). To register please click [here](#).

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Recruitment policy analyst

The OECD is recruiting a policy analyst to lead or contribute to work on higher education, particularly resourcing higher education.

If you have experience in analysis of higher education policies and performance at a system level, preferably acquired in a national or regional administration, research institute or an international organisation, and are eager to have a direct impact on OECD countries’ higher education policies, we are interested in hearing from you!

[Review the full job description here](#), and apply online before 5 February 2018, and feel free to share this opportunity with your network!

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The transformation of doctoral education: why it matters for Europe

The European University Association and its Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE) are delighted to invite you to the event “The transformation of doctoral education: why it matters for Europe”. The event will take place at 17h on 28 March 2018 at the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences and Arts in Brussels, Belgium. It will be followed by a networking reception.

We invite you to join us for a keynote speech by Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General of the DG for Research and Innovation, and a panel discussion on the transformation of doctoral education into a central hub where Europe’s ambitions for higher education and research come together and are put into practice. This includes a focus on policy fields such as ethics and research integrity, Open Science, internationalisation and skills development. It will also be an opportunity to see the first results of an extensive EUA study on doctoral education in Europe. The networking reception will welcome policy makers, leaders of higher education institutions and Brussels-based stakeholders.

[Please find the registration form on our event webpage](#). The deadline to register is Wednesday, 21 March 2018. Please do not hesitate to contact us with further questions on [info@eua-cde.org](mailto:info@eua-cde.org). EUA-CDE is an integral part of the European University Association and gathers a network of academic leaders and doctoral education professionals from more than 230 universities in over 30 countries. More information on its activities can be found on [http://eua-cde.org](http://eua-cde.org).
Language learning and refugees


Deadline for submission of articles: 31 May 2018.

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- An AXA Chair is normally funded at a level of up to €120,000 per year
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Eligibility and application procedure
- Please consult https://www.axa-research.org/en/page/chairs for further information on the scheme, the eligibility criteria and the application procedure

Deadlines
- There are two application deadlines per year:
  » June 13, 2018
  » November 22, 2018

Contact
- Queries should be addressed by email to chairs@axa.com