

## FORUM

# "Cross-border Cooperation between the Baltic and Central Asian Countries for the Development of Higher Education"

13-14 December 2018, Hotel Monica, Riga, Latvia

### Draft Agenda (as of 11 December 2018)

#### Thursday, 13 December

Arrival of participants

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| 12:40       | Departure from Hotel Monica to Riga Stradiņš University  |
| 13:00-14:30 | Visit to Riga Stradiņš University  |
| 14:40       | Departure from Hotel Monica to University of Latvia  |
| 15:00-16:30 | Visit to University of Latvia  |
| 18:30-20:30 | Welcome Reception hosted by Riga Stradiņš University and University of Latvia<br><i>Hotel Monica</i> |

#### Friday, 14 December

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| 09.30-10.00 | Registration  |
| 10.00-10.20 | <b>Opening Speeches</b><br>Ms Līga Lejiņa, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia<br>Mr Ilgvars Kļava, Ambassador, Head of Bilateral Relations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia   |
| 10.20-10.40 | <b>Keynote on cooperation with Central Asia and the latest policy developments in the field of higher education</b><br>Mr Graham Wilkie, Deputy Head of International Cooperation Unit, European Commission   |
| 10.40-11.00 | <b>Higher education trends and developments in Latvia, and cooperation with Baltic and Central Asia Countries</b><br>Mr Dmitrijs Stepanovs, Acting Deputy Secretary – Director of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia |
| 11:00-11:15 | <b>Policy Dialogue in Higher Education - Lessons learned from cooperation between Central Asia and the European Union. The Case of the Central Asia Education Platform (CAEP) project</b><br>Mr Christian Wagner, CAEP <sup>1</sup> Team Leader   |
| 11.15-11.20 | Group photo   |
| 11.20-11.45 | Coffee and tea break  |
| 11.45-13.00 | <b>Panel Discussion "How can cross-regional cooperation improve higher education to meet economic and social needs?"</b>  |

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<sup>1</sup> Central Asia Education Platform

Mr Abbas Khodjaev, Head of Curriculum Control and Teaching Literature Department, Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan (tbc)

Mrs Banu Narbekova, Deputy Director of the Department of Higher and Postgraduate Education, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Mr Nurlan Omurov, Rector, Kyrgyz-German Institute of Applied Informatics

Ms Baiba Ramaņa, Director of the Academic Information Centre (Latvia)

Mr Aizzoda Ubaidullo, Head of the Teaching Department, Tajik National University (tbc)

Mr Vekil Vekilov, Deputy Dean of the International Relations and Law Department, Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan

*Questions for discussion:*

*In which ways can cross-regional cooperation improve higher education? What are your experiences?*

*In which areas you particularly see benefits of cooperation between both regions?*

*What obstacles are you facing to take full advantage of cooperation potential?*

*What specific interests do you have for cooperation with Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia?*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 **Parallel Workshops**

I Internal Quality Systems in Higher Education Institutions

*Chaired by Ms Heli Mattisen, Director of Estonian Quality Agency for Higher and Vocational Education*

II Study Programmes for Teacher Education

*Chaired by Ms Lina Kaminskienė, Director of Institute of Education, Vytautas Magnus University*

III Interregional cooperation projects and mobility

*Chaired by Ms Dārta Darbiņa, Head of Higher Education Mobility Unit, and Ms Antra Meņģele, Head of Programmes Management Unit, EU Education Programmes Department, State Education Development Agency, Latvia*

15.30-16.00 Coffee and tea break

16.00-16.40 Conclusions

18:30-20:30 Reception Dinner

*Hotel Roma, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Restaurant, 28 Kalku Street*

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