



PROGRAMME

An event organised by EURASHE, hosted by the Yerevan State University (YSU), the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia (NUACA), and with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia, the Rectors' Council of Armenia State Higher Educational Institutions and the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) Secretariat

Day 1 – Thursday 15 May 2014	
9.00 am – 10.00 am	Registration and coffee
10.00 am – 11.15 am	<p>Opening plenary</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Stefan Delplace, Secretary General of EURASHE (Belgium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome words by the President of EURASHE, Prof. Andreas G. Orphanides</i>, President of EURASHE, Rector of European University Cyprus (EUC) (Cyprus) • Prime Minister Hovik Abrahamyan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia (Armenia) • Dr Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (Armenia) • Prof. Hovhannes Tokmajyan, Rector of the State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA), on behalf of the Rectors' Council of Armenia State Higher Educational Institutions (Armenia) • Dr Gagik Galstyan, Rector of the National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia (NUACA) (Armenia)
11.15 am – 12.00 pm	<p>Keynote speech: Higher Education Graduates in the 21st Century: Trends and Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Allen, Senior Researcher at Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market, Maastricht University (Netherlands)
12.00 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch break
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm	<p>Track I: Diversity of European systems and qualifications and their supporting policies</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Michal Karpíšek, Vice-President of EURASHE, Executive Officer of the Czech Association of Schools of Professional Higher Education (CASPHE) (Czech Republic)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Diversity of European systems and qualifications and their supporting policies through U-Multirank - the multidimensional ranking of higher education institutions</i>, Don F. Westerheijden, Senior Research Associate at the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), University of Twente (Netherlands)
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	<p>Track I parallel workshops</p> <p>Workshop 1.1: Diversity of Professional Higher Education in Europe / HAPHE project outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raimund Hudak, Professor at Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University Mosbach (DHBW), CEO of Synesis GmbH (Germany) <p>Workshop 1.2: Quality and Transparency of education-business partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Kelly, Head of Industry and External Partnerships at Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) (Ireland) <p>Workshop 1.3: The supporting role of innovation and applied research in creating a knowledge triangle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stéphane Lauwick, Member of the Board of EURASHE, Director of Le Havre University Institute of Technology (IUT) (France) • Armando Pires, Vice-President of the Portuguese Polytechnics Coordinating Council (CCISP), President of



	<p>the Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal (IPS) (Portugal)</p> <p>Workshop 1.4: Level 5 in the EQF, at the interface of vocational education and training (VET) and higher education, facilitating access to HE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slava Pevec Grm, Senior Expert in the Qualifications and Learning Outcomes at Cedefop (Greece)
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Coffee break
4.30 pm – 4.50 pm	<p>Plenary session</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Gintautas Bražiūnas, Member of the Board of EURASHE, Rector of Vilnius Kolegija/University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Issues of Employability in the Armenia context</i>, Karine Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (Armenia)
4.50 pm – 5.20 pm	<p>Panel discussion: Diversity of European systems and qualifications and their supporting policies</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Marko Grdošić, Project Manager of EURASHE (Belgium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raimund Hudak, Professor at Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University Mosbach (DHBW), CEO of Synesis GmbH (Germany) • Barbara Kelly, Head of Industry and External Partnerships at Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) (Ireland) • Stéphane Lauwick, Member of the Board of EURASHE, Director of Le Havre University Institute of Technology (IUT) (France) • Slava Pevec Grm, Senior Expert in the Qualifications and Learning Outcomes at Cedefop (Greece)
7.30 pm	<p>Performance of the State Youth Orchestra of Armenia “Orphanides meets Arutiunian and Khachaturian” and Opening reception</p> <p><u>Venue:</u> Arno Babadjanyan Concert Hall, 2 Abovyan St, Yerevan (semi-formal dress)</p>

Day 2 – Friday 16 May 2014

9.30 am – 10.30 am	<p>Track II: Cooperation between Education and Business for supporting employability</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Danutė Rasimavičienė, President of the SPACE Network for Business Studies and Languages, Dean at Vilniaus Kolegija/University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Employability and cooperation between education and business sectors - the Employers’ view</i>, Anita Līce, Adviser on Education and Employment Affairs, BUSINESSEUROPE – Employers’ Confederation of Latvia (Latvia) • <i>Armenian National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education and its implementation issues</i>, Armen Budaghyan and Kristina Tsaturyan, Higher Education NQF Working Group of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (Armenia)
10.30 am – 12.00 pm	<p>Track II parallel workshops</p> <p>Workshop 2.1: Models for Embedding Employability and Placements into Programmes and Courses in Higher Education</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Grey, EC Futures Team Leader, Faculty of Engineering and Computing, Coventry University (United Kingdom) <p>Workshop 2.2: Indicators of employment and employability from various data sources, Eurydice, European Commission's evidence-based viewpoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jari Riiheläinen, Education policy and system analyst at the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), European Commission (Belgium) <p>Workshop 2.3: Stakeholders involvement for increasing employability of young graduates</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Ruben Topchyan, Director of National Centre for Professional Education Quality Assurance (ANQA) (Armenia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jens Vraa-Jensen, Chair of HERSC, The Higher Education and Research Standing Committee of Education International in Europe (ETUCE) (Belgium) • Rok Primožič, Chairperson of the European Students' Union (ESU) (Belgium) <p>Workshop 2.4: Promoting apprenticeship schemes and initiatives across Europe: The European Alliance for Apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia-Leonor Sauli-Miklavčič, Secretary General of the Association of Slovene Higher Vocational Colleges (ASHVC) (Slovenia) • Michal Karpíšek, Vice-President of EURASHE, Executive Officer of the Czech Association of Schools of Professional Higher Education (CASPHE) (Czech Republic)
<p>12.00 pm – 1.30 pm</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>1.30 pm – 2.30 pm</p>	<p>Plenary session</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Patrick Blondé, Vice-President of EURASHE, Rector of Antwerp Maritime Academy (AMA) (Belgium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Employability from the Bologna perspective</i>, Gayane Harutyunyan, Head of the Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) Secretariat (Armenia) • <i>National Qualification Frameworks, the Problems of Quality Assurance in RA, and Employment Issues in the Labour Market</i>, Arthur Aghababyan, Rector of Yerevan University after Movses Khorenatsy (Armenia) • <i>Employment and remuneration problems for the higher education specialists in the Republic of Armenia</i>, Ashot Markosyan, Professor at National University of Architecture and Construction of Armenia (NUACA) (Armenia)
<p>2.30 pm – 3.00 pm</p>	<p>Coffee break and space for promotion, networking and exchange</p>
<p>3.00 pm – 3.45 pm</p>	<p>Closing panel: Qualifications for the Labour Market</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Stefan Delplace, Secretary General of EURASHE (Belgium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Andreas G. Orphanides, President of EURASHE, Rector of European University Cyprus (EUC) (Cyprus) • Dr Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (Armenia) • Jens Vraa-Jensen, Chair of HERSC, The Higher Education and Research Standing Committee of Education International in Europe (ETUCE) (Belgium) • Rok Primožič, Chairperson of the European Students' Union (ESU) (Belgium) • Hovik Musayelyan, Director of Synopsys Armenia (Armenia)



3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	<p>Closing of the Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Andreas G. Orphanides, President of EURASHE, Rector of European University Cyprus (EUC) (Cyprus) • Announcement of the 25th EURASHE Annual Conference
7.00 pm	<p>Gala dinner</p> <p><u>Venue:</u> Ojakh Restaurant, Kotayk Marz, Balahovit village (Abovyan region)</p> <p>Transportation will be provided</p>

Day 3 – Saturday 17 May 2014

9.00 am	<p>Optional social programme: A guided tour in and around Yerevan with lunch provided (additional fee)</p> <p>In the morning a visit of Matenadaran and the Genocide Memorial, followed by lunch outside of Yerevan. Then onto the Temple of Garni, and Geghard Monastery – with an approximate return in Yerevan around 5.00 pm.</p>
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