



**EURASHE Seminar  
Prague (CZ), 16-17 October 2008**

**“Life-long learning at Institutes of Professional  
Higher education”**

**Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic  
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## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 16 October 2008**

### ***LLL policy and developments: diversity of views***

Chair: Michal Karpíšek, CASPHE, EURASHE

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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Registration for Seminar attendants and contributors   |
| 14.00 – 14.20 | Welcome address by the hosting country and hosting institution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lars Lyng Nielsen, President of EURASHE</li><li>• Václav Vinš, director of HE department, Czech Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports</li></ul>  |
| 14.20 – 14.50 | Priorities and strategy of the French presidency to EU as regards LLL in HE (French government representative)   |
| 14.50 – 15.20 | Life-long Learning within the Bologna process, trends & developments. Specific features of Life-long learning at Institutions of PHE. EURASHE policy principles. (Stefan Delplace, Secretary General of EURASHE)   |
| 15.20 – 15.40 | <i>Coffee/tea break</i>  |
| 15.40 - 16.10 | Qualification Requirements of European Labour Market and Higher Education Graduates. (Jan Koucký, director of the Education Policy Centre, Charles University)   |
| 16.10 – 16.40 | Quality Assurance in Life-long Learning, (Kauko Hämäläinen, Professor at the University of Helsinki)   |
| 16.40 – 17.40 | Group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Life-long learning policy and strategy at European and national levels – developments, trends, expectations, respecting diversity of missions &amp; roles. Draft of the European Universities' Charter on Life-long Learning</li></ul> |
| 17.40         | Summary from the group discussions   |
| 19.30         | Reception (buffet) at the Mirror Hall of the Ministry of Education   |

**Friday, 17 October 2008**

***Responding to diversity of needs: the visions of stakeholders***

Chair: Milena Kolářová, College of Logistics Přerov, CASPHE

- 09.30 – 10.20 Czech strategy of Life-long Learning + additional focus on short cycle higher education in the Czech Republic (Zdeněk Somr, vice-president of the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic; Michal Karpíšek, CASPHE, EURASHE vice-president)
- 10.20 – 10.50 New approaches in co-operation between employers and HEIs in the U.K. (Derek Longhurst, director of the Foundation Degree Forward)
- 10.50 – 11.20 Students' testimonial from a student representative (Ján Říha, ESU/Student Chamber of the Council of HEIs, Czech Republic)
- 11.20 – 11.50 *Coffee/tea break*

***Flexible learning paths: Interaction with labour market, recognition of prior learning, new ways and methods...***

- 11.50 – 12.10 Example of a national approach to LLL at PHE sector: Irish Institutes of Technology's experience and intentions (Richard Thorn, Institutes of Technology Ireland)
- 12.10 – 12.30 New dimensions in Higher Education regarding flexible learning paths (Liesbeth Hens, Flemish Ministry of Education)
- 12.30 – 12.50 Dutch examples of pilots with Associate degree & Recognition of prior learning (Hans Daale, DASHE/EURASHE)
- 12.50 – 13.00 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch

***Institutional experience with LLL & Recognition of Prior Learning***

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- 14.00 – 15.00 Group discussions
- Experience with LLL at individual institutions throughout Europe.
  - Recognition of prior learning. Approaching new clientele. Transfers between the different levels.
- (country cases: France, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, etc.)
- 15.00 – 15.20 Summary from group discussions  
Discussion/forum
- 15.20 – 15.30 Seminar conclusions