EURASHE introduction

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MISSION & OBJECTIVES
• **EURASHE** is the European association of European Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) that offer professionally oriented programmes and are engaged in applied and profession-related research within the Bologna cycles.

• **EURASHE’s mission** is to promote the interests of professional higher education in the EHEA and to contribute to the progressive development of the Area of Higher Education and Research (EHERA).
Features of Professional Higher Education

• A strong link with the world of employment & with enterprises
• Close involvement of all stakeholders (including students)
• Regional embedding of education & research
• Practice-oriented & competence-based
• Accessible and labour-market oriented
• Flexible schemes and study programmes for new groups of learners, following new requirements of the labour market
EURASHE in the EHEA

Representation of Professional Higher Education

- Contribute towards policy formulation and development processes within EU (ET2020)

- Consultative member of the Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG) since 2001

- Member of the ‘E4-Group’ (ENQA, ESU, EUA and EURASHE)
Foundation & organisation

• Founded in 1990
• In Patras (Greece)
• Secretariat located in Brussels (Belgium)
• European not-for profit association under Belgian law
• General Assembly (operations) & governing bodies: Council (policy), Board (daily operations) & Presidium (vision)
EURASHE faces

EURASHE PRESIDUIM

President
Orphanides (CY)

Vice-President
Karpíšek (CZ)

Vice-President
Blondé (BE)

Secretary-General
Delplace (BE)

EURASHE BOARD

Board member
Vandewalle (BE)

Board member
Bražūnas (LT)

Board member
Lauwick (FR)

Treasurer
Debrulle (BE)
MEMBERSHIP
Membership

• Over 1,400 affiliated institutions in 40 countries within and outside the EHEA

• Members of EURASHE are National Associations of University Colleges, Individual HEIs, professional associations & stakeholder organisations
Membership

• full members
  – National Association of HEIs
  – Individual HEIs

• associate members
  – Sectorial HEIs Association
  – Organisation active in HE
  – National Association outside the EHEA
  – Individual HEIs outside the EHEA
Membership

Direct Member of EURASHE
Indirect Member of EURASHE
EURASHE outside the EHEA

- EURASHE believes partnership and cooperation with other regions in the world are important.

Relationships with countries outside the EHEA through associate membership, partnership agreements, and cooperations with other countries in the world such as Canada, the United States of America, China (Macau) and regions such as Central Asia and Asia.
Members’ added-value

• Have their voice heard and promoted
• Be fully engaged in the association
• Have an opportunity to cooperate transnationally
• Participate and host EURASHE events
• Enter an enriching discussion to deepen views on the EHEA
• Be partners in interesting and innovative projects
• Have a possibility to endorse policy documents and share good practice
• Receive support and information in adopting and implementing action lines prescribed by the Bologna Process (EHEA)
PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS
Partners & stakeholders

• E4-Group
  – European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA)
  – European Students’ Union (ESU)
  – European University association (EUA)

• European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL)

• Academic Cooperation Association (ACA)

• Education International (E.I.)

• European and ‘global’ institutions established in Brussels and elsewhere in Europe (Council of Europe, European Commission & Parliament, OECD, UNESCO, etc.)
ACTIONS
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- Primary focus on policy development
- Commitment to Higher Education research with emphasis on professionally-oriented segments
- Involvement in innovative & interesting projects
- Organisation of Annual Conferences, thematic seminars & tailor-made events for members
EURASHE as policy-maker

Contribute to further elaboration of professional Higher Education adopting common policy statements (press releases, communications, position papers...) on

- Professional Higher Education and Profession-oriented Research
- Development & Innovation
- National QFs (Linked to Student-centred learning)
- Mobility (linked to International Openness)
- Transparency Tools (linked to Quality Assurance)
- Employability (linked to Lifelong Learning)
EURASHE working groups

working groups engaged in the development of policies

EURASHE working groups

– systematically lead research on our priority topics,
– analyse the current situation of Higher Education,
– actively develop and formulate policy positions on their area of expertise
– represent and further promote policy on behalf of professional Higher Education
EURASHE projects

• **HAPHE** – Harmonising Approaches to Professional Higher Education in Europe [www.eurashe.eu/haphe](http://www.eurashe.eu/haphe)

• **Level 5 Missing Link** – Short cycle Higher Education in Europe [www.eurashe.eu/l5](http://www.eurashe.eu/l5)

• **MAP-ESG** – Mapping the implementation and application of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA [www.mapesg.wordpress.com](http://www.mapesg.wordpress.com)

• **FLLLLEX** – Impact of lifelong learning strategies on professional higher education [www.flllex.eu](http://www.flllex.eu)
EURASHE projects

- **CaribErasmus** – Caribbean opening to the Erasmus Mundus
  [www.cariberasmus.eu](http://www.cariberasmus.eu)

- **EquNet** – Enhancing Equitable Access to Higher Education
  [www.equnet.info](http://www.equnet.info)

- **CELAN** – Language Strategy for Competitiveness and
  Employability [www.celan-project.blogspot.com](http://www.celan-project.blogspot.com)

- **LLA** – Lean Learning Academies [www.leanlaerningacademy.eu](http://www.leanlaerningacademy.eu)
EURASHE events

- **Annual Conferences** (Split, 2013; Riga, 2012; Nice, 2011; Tallinn, 2010)
- **Annual LLL seminars** (Prague, 2012; Budapest, 2011)
- **Seminars on ‘Bologna’ topics** (Moscow, 2011)
- **Tailor-made Events for members** (Nicosia, 2012)
- **Internal working groups’ meetings** (3-4 times per year)
- **Pre-Ministerial Convention** (Budapest, 2010)
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