



**EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF  
INSTITUTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**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

## 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 PRESIDIUUM



President  
Orphanides (CY)



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## EURASHE BOARD





# 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

## Actions

- 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)
- **FLLEX** – Impact of lifelong learning strategies on professional higher education [www.fllex.eu](http://www.fllex.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)

## More Information on the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education

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