

SwissCore Higher Education Seminar 2009

Friday 20 March 2009, Brussels

Thursday 19 March 2009

19:00 Dinner (optional)

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08:15 – 08:30 Arrival and coffee

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome

Activities of SwissCore and the Mission of Switzerland to the EU in the field of education

Future association of Switzerland in the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) and Youth in Action

Maryline Maillard, SwissCore

Balz Abplanalp, Mission of Switzerland to the EU

09:00 – 10:15 Education and Training 2010 Agenda: achievements, updates and perspectives for the next decade

Pernille Skou Andersen

DG Education and Culture, European Commission

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee

10:30 – 11:30 LLP: current developments and concrete working for higher education institutions if Switzerland is associated

Johannes Gehringer

DG Education and Culture, European Commission

11:30 – 12:30 Erasmus Mundus II: programme overview and novelties

Vito Borrelli

DG Education and Culture, European Commission

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30 University-Business relation: an important priority of the European Commission for the next years

Peter Baur

DG Education and Culture, European Commission

14:30 – 15:30 Bologna 2020: future developments of the European Higher Education Area

Marie-Anne Persoons

Benelux Bologna Secretariat

15:30 Closing drink

Context

Switzerland is currently negotiating with the European Commission its association to the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) and Youth in Action activities. In this context, SwissCore organises, for the second time, an education event in Brussels to provide Swiss higher education actors with contextual and practical information on European initiatives in the education field.

In December 2008, the European Commission published its new vision on the cooperation between Member States concerning the reform of their education and training systems, thus updating the Education and Training Agenda 2010 set in the context of the Lisbon strategy. New short and long terms goals are now identified, such as the relation between university and business. The presentations will focus on the current priorities of the European Commission and of the Bologna Process to be addressed during the next years and on practical information concerning the two European education programmes LLP and Erasmus Mundus II.

The SwissCore Higher Education Seminar will allow participants to get first-hand information on the latest European higher education policy developments and programmes, while discussing and addressing questions directly to the experts from Brussels.

Speakers

Balz Abplanalp, Science and Technology Counsellor, Mission of Switzerland to the EU

Pernille Skou Andersen, Policy Co-ordinator – Implementation of the Education & Training 2010 work programme, Unit A1 “Lifelong Learning: contribution to the Lisbon process”, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Peter Baur, Deputy Head of Unit – CEDEFOP and University/Enterprise cooperation, Unit A3 “Jean Monnet: University/Business partnerships; relations with the agencies”, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Vito Borrelli, Programme Manager – Coordinator of Erasmus Mundus, Unit A5 “International cooperation and programmes”, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Johannes Gehringer, Programme Manager – Erasmus and Lisbon Country Desk Officer, Unit B3, “Higher Education; Erasmus”, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Maryline Maillard, Head of Office, SwissCore – Contact Office for European Research, Innovation and Education

Marie-Anne Persoons, General coordinator of Benelux Bologna Secretariat, Flemish Community of Belgium

Venue

The seminar will take place in Helmholtz association’s meeting room
Rue du Trône 98, 6th floor
1050 Brussels