

European Universities Initiative and Universities of Applied Sciences: reflections for future success

Workshop

**08.30 a.m. – 13.00 p.m. | Friday, 11 October 2019, Brussels | Permanent
Representation of Lithuania to the EU | Rue Belliard 41-43, 1040 Brussels, BELGIUM**

Background and objectives

EURASHE considers that the European Universities initiative will change radically the higher education system in Europe by boosting the establishment of a genuine European Education Area. The European Universities alliances will increase the mobility of students and staff, foster the quality, inclusiveness and competitiveness of our Higher Education institutions, including their research and innovation capacities. This initiative is also essential to strengthen the European identity, based on a strong commitment with the European values and principles. The importance that we attach to the European Universities makes us particularly concerned about the low representation of Professional Higher Education (PHE) institutions within the first call - European Universities 2019-EAC/A03/2018.

The objective of this workshop is, therefore, to analyse the experience of this call with the aim of identifying obstacles and weaknesses in the preparation of the proposals and possible solutions that we can provide, considering the five award criteria: 1) relevance of the proposal; 2) geographical balance; 3) quality of the proposal and implementation; 4) quality of the alliance cooperation arrangements; and 5) sustainability and dissemination.

The workshop will also be the occasion to meet with potential partners for new alliances in view of the second call that the European Commission is going to launch soon.

Programme

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8:30 – 9:00 Registration and coffee

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and General context setting

- Michal Karpíšek, EURASHE Secretary General
- TBC, Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU

9:30 – 10:15 Experience from the first European Universities Initiative (EUI) call

- TBC, European Commission

Questions and answers

10:15 – 11:00 Applicants' view: experience and challenges

- Lessons learned from the first EUI application: possible mistakes, practical tips and tricks, Kathleen Van Heule, Senior Staff Member International Office at Hogeschool Gent
- *Questions and answers*

11:00 – 11:45 Identification of main challenges and barriers for UAS/PHE institutions

- Participants' discussion

11:45– 12:00 EURASHE view and potential role

- Michal Karpíšek, EURASHE Secretary General

12:00 – 13:00 Space for individual match-making and consultations

Target group:

Ca 60 representatives from UAS and other PHE institutions in Europe

Fees, registrations and practicalities:

- EURASHE members: **free of charge**
- Non-members: 80 EUROS
- Participants are responsible for their own transport and accommodation.
- Registration [here](#) by **7 October, 2019**
- For further details, please, contact EURASHE Secretariat at eurashe@eurashe.eu
- **Do not forget to bring your valid ID/passport.**

Speakers:

- Michal Karpíšek, EURASHE Secretary General
- TBC, European Commission
- Kathleen Van Heule, Senior Staff Member International Office at Hogeschool Gent