

Report of Activities

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Seminar for Bologna and Higher Education Reform Experts: Making Mobility Happen -
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The seminar took place at Faculty of Architecture at University La Sapienza, Rome , March 30-31, 2009 .The seminar was opened on 30 March,2009 , by the Rector of the Hosting University and Faculty , Mr.Luigi Frati and the dean Mr. Benedetto Todaro who had an welcomed speech and introduction about the University and Faculty of Architecture.

The introductory speech about the seminar and its intended learning outcomes on behalf of the UNICA- Brussels Education Services Consortium have been provided by the vice rector of the University of Vienna, Mr. Arthur Mettinger. The Higher Education Reform Project was presented by Mr. Ruard Wallis De Vries & Ms. Lene Oftedal from European Commission and Ms.Katia de Sousa, representer from Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency. They had a short presentations of the current reforms in Higher Education and the Bologna process.

The first keynote speech was given by Mr.Guy Haug, European expert on university cooperation, Valencia University of Technology, with the topic “Mobility in the European Higher Education, with the pointing of the achievements and outlooks”.

The second keynote speech was given by Ms. Jannecke Wiers Janssen, NIFU STEP, Norwegian Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education with the topic “Student Mobility and Labor Market Outcomes”. During the afternoon and the next morning (in the first and second round), a total of four parallel workshops sessions were run .We had to choose two of them.

During the 1st round (30.03.2009) I attended workshop “Mobility and recognition” chaired by Mr.Luc Francois, University of Gent. With additional presentations by Ms. Maria Sticchi Damiani, LUISS Guido Carli /Languages and Mr. Ilyas Ulgur , Erasmus Coordinator, Turkish National Agency.

During the 2st round (31.03.2009) I attended workshop “ Mobility and Motivation” chaired by Ms.Maria Kelo, Academic Cooperation Association with additional presentation by Ms.Kate Chachava, European Student Union , Mr.Manfred J.Hampe, Technical University Darmstadt and Mr.Alexander Hakobyan, Higher Education Reform Expert Armenia. During them I had a chance to take an active part during discussions and to present and share Macedonian experience. The seminar “ Making Mobility Happen “ was closed with concluding discussion and remarks based on the results of the workshops, by the Bologna experts who opened the seminar. Attending at this seminar provide me useful experience and novelties regarding Bologna process, especially mobility of students and academic staff. Thanks to this experience, I gain new information, profound in depth my knowledge about the mobility and Bologna process news. It was very exciting meeting old/new colleagues experts and sharing my experience from Macedonia. Thanks to this visit, I was inspired to bring to my University new spirit of mobility. My future plans as Bologna expert will be following up the activities and performed them on best possible way for my University and the rest universities in Macedonia as well.