



## First Coimbra Group High-Level Workshop on “Lifelong Learning and Employability”

24 January 2018 (14h-18h30)

The Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU, Brussels

In the context of preparations for the next European Programmes for higher education and for research and innovation (the post-Erasmus+ and the post-Horizon 2020 programmes), the **Coimbra Group** wishes to bring significant contributions to this modernisation agenda. A first step towards that is the organisation of this workshop in cooperation with **MEP Mrs Elisabeth Morin-Chartier** (Parliament's Bureau, Quaestor, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs).

**Coimbra Group Universities** have a long tradition of innovation and are committed to engage in intensive dialogue with European institutions in support of ambitious Higher Education and Research policies. This High-Level Workshop aims at bringing Rectors from the Coimbra Group Universities together with European Higher Education Experts and Policymakers to discuss how comprehensive, research-intensive universities can contribute constructively to the Higher Education modernisation agenda on Lifelong Learning and Employability.

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### PROGRAMME

#### 14h: *Opening addresses*

- **Elisabeth Morin-Chartier**, Member of European Parliament, Parliament's Bureau, Quaestor, Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
- **Ludovic Thilly**, Professor, University of Poitiers, Chair of the Coimbra Group Executive Board

#### 14h30: *Assessment and future development of strategies for Lifelong Learning and Employability in Europe*

- **Joachim James Calleja**, Director of CEDEFOP, European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- **Cesare Onestini**, Director of ETF, European Training Foundation

#### **Discussion**

- **Vanessa Debiais-Sainton**, Acting Head of Unit for Higher Education, European Commission, Directorate-General Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
- **Dana-Carmen Bachmann**, Head of Unit for VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

#### **Discussion**

#### 16h: *Coffee break*



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### **16h30: Case studies at Coimbra Group Universities and their potential generalization**

- **Eika Berit**, Pro-Rector, Aarhus University
- **Nathalie Martin-Papineau**, Vice-Rector, University of Poitiers
- **Ilaria Poggiolini**, Vice-Rector, University of Pavia
- **Wijnand Alderink**, Director, Career Services and Corporate Relations, University of Groningen

### **Discussion**

### **17h45: Discussion panel: Learnings, strategies and future actions**

With **speakers from the first session** and representatives from Coimbra Group Working Groups:

- **Francesca Helm**, Vice-Chair of Coimbra Group Working Group on Education Innovation, University of Padova
- **Maria Cristina Pita**, Chair of Coimbra Group Working Group on Employability, University of Salamanca
- **Jette Hammer**, Vice-Chair of Coimbra Group Working Group on Employability, Aarhus University

### **18h25: Closing remarks**

- **Ludovic Thilly**, Professor, University of Poitiers, Chair of the Coimbra Group Executive Board

**19h30: Networking cocktail at the European Parliament** (Rue Wiertz no. 60, 1047 Bruxelles)