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 Aalderink, 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)