Promoting Intercultural Dialogue in the European Higher Education Area

SEMINAR ON ‘INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS’
4- 5 March 2008

Draft Programme

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08 30 - 09 00  Registration

09 00  Opening of the meeting
Gabriele Mazza, Director of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education
Prof Radu Damian, Chair of the CDESR

First session

09 30 – 10 30  Intercultural Dialogue and Democracy: New Values for Higher Education?
Keynote address and discussion
Dr Fatou Sarr, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar

10 30 – 11 00  coffee break

Second session

11 00 – 12 30  Defining the Sources of Intercultural Conflict and their Effects
Prof Ian Law, University of Leeds
Prof Enric Olivé-Serret, Euromed Permanent University Forum

12 30 – 14 00  lunch break
Third session

14 00 – 15 00  Presentation of the background study on ‘Intercultural Dialogue in higher education institutions in Europe’
Professor Edo Poglia, University of Lugano

Parallel working groups

15 00 – 17 30

Group 1: Dealing with Cultural Diversity in the classroom: A Teachers’ and Students’ Perspective
- Learning and teaching approaches and attitudes in a multicultural environment
- Internationalised curricula

Group 2: Generic intercultural competencies for students – myth or reality?
- Is it possible to define a set of intercultural competences students should have acquired by the end of their studies?
- Is there a need to reassert (or even redefine) the core principles and values of Intercultural Dialogue in academia?

5 March 2008

9 00 – 9 30  Feedback from parallel working groups

9 30 – 11 30  Realising Intercultural Dialogue on Campus: What are the means of furthering access and integration of international staff and students to campus life?

Case studies
Russia  Rector Filippov, Peoples’ Friendship University, Moscow
Germany  Dr Gundula Gwenn Hiller, Europa Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)
“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”  Representative of the University of Tetovo

11 30 – 12 30  Conclusions and recommendations by the General Rapporteur
Bernd Wächter, President of the ACA