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# Programme

## Wednesday, 5 April

Venue: Narxoz University

8:45 Speaker and chair briefing session (invite only)

9:00 Registration and Networking Coffee

### 9:45 Opening Session

- **Welcome:**

- Krzysztof Rybinski, Rector, Narxoz University
- José Gutiérrez, Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture of the European Commission (EACEA)
- Shaizada Tasbulatova, Director, National Erasmus+ Office, Kazakhstan
- Introduction to seminar programme – Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team
- Interactive ice-breaker (short survey on enhancing student participation and discussion)

### 10:45 Plenary 1: Students in university governance

- The European landscape: Trends, advances, challenges – Fernando Galan, European Students' Union (ESU)
  - Presentation will include concrete examples regarding how student involvement in governance benefits HEIs and HE systems
- Students in governance - Sean O'Reilly, Irish Survey of Student Engagement Project
- Q&A
- Panel: Trends in HERE countries – Nicolai Loghin (Moldova), Mary Hayrapetyan (Armenia), Olga Andreeva (Russia) (40 min)
- Chair: Nicolas Patrici, SPHERE Team

12:00 Coffee and official photo

### 12:15 Break-outs: Enabling students in university governance

Three groups, each discussing:

- Legal frameworks for students in governance
- Representative bodies (structure, functionality)
- What should be changed (at the university level/at the national level) and why (structurally, legislatively, socio-culturally...)
- What are the obstacles
- What are the good practices/examples

Chairs: Elizabeth Colucci, Nicolas Patrici, Fernando Galan

13:30 Lunch

14:30 Reports from break-outs (nominated HERE rapporteurs)

### 14:45 Plenary 2: Students in Quality Assurance

- Chair and short presentation of questions raised in HERE seminar on QA in Lviv, Ukraine – Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team
- Presentation of the ESG 2015, the student role and practices/case studies from European countries
  - Jyri Lahdesmaa, Board Member, National Union of University Students in Finland
- Presentation of student involvement in QA in Kazakhstan
  - Timur Y. Kanapyanov, Manager of International Projects and Public Relations, Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR)

- Reactions from HERE countries - Chafic Mokbel (Lebanon), Zarrina Kadyrova (Tajikistan)
  - Current regulatory climate for students in QA
  - Examples of systemic student inclusion in internal and external QA
  - Existing reservations and challenges in HERE countries

16:00 Coffee

#### 16:15 Break out groups: Students in QA

Three groups, divided by sub-topic (HERE are pre-assigned to groups)

- Group 1: Student participation in review panels (selection, training, ...)
  - Chair: Sean O'Reilly
- Group 2: Systematising and utilizing student feedback
  - Chair: Jyri Lahdesmaa
- Group 3: Generating a culture of student involvement in QA
  - Chair: Eve Lewis

17:30 Close

17:30 - 18:15 Campus tour

18:30 Pick up service from the Narxoz University to the restaurant

19:30 Official dinner

### Thursday, 6 April

9:15 Reports from break-out groups

#### 9:30 Plenary 3: Students in national reform processes

- Students in national reform: Optimising stakeholder dialogue
  - Eve Lewis, Director of SPARQS (Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland)
- Presentation of STUDIK (Students Self-Governance & Democratic Involvement in Kazakhstan)
  - Meruert Narenova, STUDIK project
- Case study – Israeli national student association: Good practices, success factors, challenges – Union
  - Mayaan Hagage, Israeli Students' Union

*Followed by discussion*

11:15 Coffee

#### 11:45 Break-out groups 3: Students in national reform processes

*Three break out groups, by HERE region.*

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Reports from break-outs

14:15 Presentation of Virtual Community (new features) – SPHERE Team

#### 14:30 Plenary 4: Closing session - The role of student HERE

*Summary presentation – SPHERE Team*

*Moderated discussion on how HERE students can be enabled, utilized and given a more active role.*

*Discussion of main take-aways*

*Closing words: EACEA*

15:45 Close and final networking coffee