

## 29<sup>th</sup> EURASHE Annual Conference

### **‘Future Students. Future Universities. Future Jobs. Professional Higher Education in the changing world.’**

*Budapest (Hungary), 16-17 May 2019*

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### **Call for contributions - Deadline 31 January 2019**

#### **Introduction**

EURASHE is the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education that offer professionally orientated programmes and are engaged in applied research within the Bologna cycles. EURASHE represents universities of applied sciences and university colleges, national and sectorial associations of higher education institutions, and other individual institutions, such as universities.

Digitalisation, the race for innovation and the wider use of artificial intelligence are creating uncertainty and challenging our societies as never before. It is expected this will impact on all aspects of the organisation of society - both large communities and individuals, in urban and rural areas - as the buzzword is smart specialisation of territories.

The challenge for the European leaders of Professional Higher Education is to gain an insight into how citizens will live and work tomorrow. Education plays a key role in addressing global challenges and responding to sustainable development goals. Generation X, Y, Z, millennials as well as older generations: what learning experience do they expect from Higher Education Institutions? What kind of skills will they need to lead successful lives and professional careers? How will Professional Higher Education help provide those skills? Are we definitely moving away from knowledge-oriented curricula and coherent qualifications into an age of transferable skills? How do we re-invent learning and teaching to remain relevant in a world of uncertainty?

**While we don't have all the answers, EURASHE's 2019 Annual Conference will delve into these questions and attempt to provide insights into how future developments are changing the triangle of knowledge: higher education institutions, the world of work and the new students.**

*You can find the full conference rationale [here](#).*

The conference key tracks are envisaged as guiding lines for potential contributions on innovative and inspiring approaches throughout the conference:

- **Future Students**
- **Future Universities**
- **Future World of Work**

## Participants

EURASHE expects the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to attract expert participants from both European professional higher education institutions, but also from relevant European stakeholders, European businesses and the world of work.

## Call for contributions

We invite contributions from practitioners from higher education institutions and relevant stakeholders from the field, including companies, students, national authorities, quality assurance agencies, etc.

EURASHE's annual conference is an excellent opportunity to present current practice or research and test new ideas, elicit feedback from colleagues and stakeholders, and engage with all participants. All contributions are expected to seek to stimulate a discussion with the participants, thus enhancing peer-learning.

### EURASHE welcomes two types of contributions:

1. **Breakout sessions:** Each interactive parallel breakout session would be attended by about 30 participants. The breakout sessions should be organised in an interactive way as workshops to encourage discussions between the participants. The structure can e.g. include an overview, followed by group discussions. The organising committee expects to accept about 8 proposals for this year's conference. **The length of the proposal: 90 minutes.**
2. **Good practice examples:** 2-3 brief examples of good practice will be presented together within blocks parallel to breakout sessions. The Programme committee expects to accept about 12 proposals. **The length of the proposal: 30 minutes.**

Participants will be free to select which session they decide to attend based on the title and abstract of the submissions. **Contributors are encouraged to pay specific attention to the title and abstract of their submission which must be concise, informative and accurate.** Titles and abstracts (and biographies) may be edited by the organisers as required.

## How to submit?

Contributions have to be submitted exclusively **online** on EURASHE website. The deadline for submission is **Thursday 31 January, 2019 at 12.00 pm (noon) CET Brussels-time.**

## Evaluation criteria

Each submission will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The submission corresponds to the theme of the conference;
- The submission is clearly focused and will be of interest to participants;
- The submission strives to involve participants and its organisation is credible/feasible;
- The submission is critical and reflective and allows participants to reflect on successes and challenges (if applicable).

**The contributors will be informed in the beginning of February 2018 if their proposal has been selected. The organisers reserve the right to propose that a submitted contribution change its type, e.g. that a proposal for a full breakout session be turned into a poster or vice-versa.**

Selected proposals may receive comments on how the proposal should be amended before delivery at the conference. Confirmation on the specific length of the full breakout sessions, the duration of the brief examples of practice and the formats of the posters will be provided at this moment. Please note that due to limited resources no comments can be provided to unsuccessful submissions.

The following experts nominated by EURASHE will evaluate the submissions:

1. **Thomas Berger**, EU-Liaison and international relations officer, Hochschule Fulda University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
2. **Laszlo Dinya**, Professor, Eszterházy Károly University (Hungary)
3. **Themis Kaniklidou**, Assistant Director of the PhD program, Hellenic American College (Greece)
4. **Danutė Rasimavičienė**, Lecturer, Vilniaus kolegija/University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania)
5. **Jenni Röynä**, International Coordinator, University of Applied Sciences Students in Finland SAMOK (Finland)

All submissions will be reviewed separately by two reviewers. When allocating submissions for review, attention is paid to avoid potential conflict of interest.

### Benefits

Presenting at EURASHE's annual conference allows to reach a wide audience and will give you visibility prior and during the Conference. **In addition one reduced fee will be provided per contribution.** Additional compensations cannot be offered.

### Timeline

<b>31 January 2018</b>	Deadline for contributions
<b>End of February 2019</b>	Results of selection of contributions
<b>6 May, 2019</b>	Deadline to register for the Annual Conference
<b>16-17 May, 2019</b>	29th Annual Conference

### Miscellaneous

If you have submitted a proposal for contribution, please do not register for the conference online until the results of the selection process have been announced. Each selected contribution will benefit from a reduced fee registration, applied through a specific registration process.

All correspondence with contributors will be by email.