

EUA Board welcomes outcomes of Ministerial Conference and challenges members to take Bologna Process forward

At its meeting on 12 June 2018, the Board of the European University Association (EUA) welcomed the new political momentum of the Bologna Process resulting from the Ministerial Conference in Paris (23-25 May) and the adoption of the <u>Paris Communiqué</u>. The Board now urges European rectors' conferences and universities to use this new-found impetus to take the Process forward both at national and institutional level.

The Paris Communiqué refers to a whole set of vital and highly relevant priorities for higher education, including university values, innovation in learning and teaching, the social dimension and sustainable development. The EUA Board, in its discussions, underlined the crucial role EUA's members can and should play in addressing these in the lead up to the next Ministerial Conference in Rome in 2020.

The President and Board members strongly encourage EUA's members to contribute to the further consolidation of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) through both general policy development and concrete initiatives, such as the Association's own work in the flagship Learning & Teaching Initiative. They further call on the national rectors' conferences to promote the reform process with their national ministries.

EUA and its members are proud of the Paris Communiqué and the achievements of the Bologna Process. They look forward to working with all partners, including policy-makers, students and other sectoral organisations, to meet the ambitious commitments set for its further development and hence shape the future landscape of European higher education.

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On behalf of the EUA Board

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