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Dear Sir/Madame,

It gives us a great pleasure to invite the officials of your institution to participate in the forthcoming Conference on Higher Education which will take place in Dubrovnik on 29-31 October 2007. A draft of the Programme and Registration Form are attached.

The Dubrovnik Conference on Higher Education will address the questions of *HE institutional reforms in creating the European Higher Education Area* and particularly questions that have not yet been properly embedded in the Bologna Process.

The attendees will be mostly ministry officials (Deputy Ministers and Director Generals responsible for Higher Education and BFUG representatives), prominent European higher education experts and esteemed representatives from universities and student organisations (rectors, vice-rectors, deans, respectful professors, student leaders). The representatives attending the Conference will be coming from South East Europe and Central European Initiative countries (Albania, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Check Republic, Croatia, Estonia,

Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). Chief executives from number of national higher education authorities from Europe (Ireland, Scotland, Turkey), and representatives of international organisations (Council of Europe, Stability Pact, EUA, UNESCO, UNESCO-CEPES, ESU, ERI SEE) will also significantly contribute to the content of the Conference.

The Conference will provide a platform for exchange of relevant experience in selected topics including:

1. Professionalisation of higher education public management
2. Diversification of university legal status
3. Acceleration of Higher Education institutional reforms
4. Standardisation of student experience across the EHEA concerning students' representation and principles of organising

Looking forward to welcoming you in Dubrovnik,

Yours respectfully,



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