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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

<p>13 May (Thursday) Day 1: Arrival of the participants <i>Venue: University of Bergen - Faculty of Law</i></p>	
Afternoon	<p>Chair: Stig Klingstedt (Norway) Nordic-Baltic meeting on private schools Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania</p>
18.00 – 20.00	Welcome reception and buffet for all participants and companions

<p>14 May (Friday) Day 2: Plenary Sessions Transformations in the higher education landscape <i>Venue: University of Bergen - Faculty of Law</i></p>	
9.00 – 9.30	<p>Chair: Professor Dr. Jan De Groof (Belgium) Registration, Coffee/tea</p>
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome Address by Professor Dr. Jan de Groof (College of Europe/ TIAS/ President of ELA)
9.45 – 10.15	<p>Legislation and Quality Aspects of Education Policy By Helge Ole Bergesen, State Secretary, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education and Research</p>
10.15 – 10.30	Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
10.30 – 11.00	<p>The Bologna process –“ from vision to convention?” Legal and non-legal aspects of the process By Germain Dondelinger (Luxembourg)</p>
	Q&A
11.00 – 11.10	Refreshments
11.10 – 11.40	<p>Joint degrees – challenges and obstacles on the national and international level By Pirkko Pyorala (European Commission, Directorate Education and Culture) pending</p>
11.40 – 12.00	<p>Respondent Dr. Sverre Rustad, Senior Adviser of the Secretariat of the Bologna Follow-up Group</p>
	Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch at “Sjøstuene” hosted by the Mayor of the City of Bergen
14.30 – 15.00	<p>Chair: Germain Dondelinger (Luxembourg) The development of national laws and regulations in the area of higher education and accreditation in light of the Bologna process in Germany. By Professor Dr. Hans Peter Füssel (Germany)</p>
15.00 – 15.30	<p>Education and WTO/GATS negotiations By Julia Nielson (OECD)</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
18.00-22.00	<p>Bergen seaside by boat Buffet dinner</p>

15 May (Saturday) Day 3: Plenary Sessions Transformations in the higher education landscape Venue: University of Bergen - Faculty of Law	
9.00 – 9.10	Chair: Stig Klingstedt (Norway) Welcome and brief overview of the topics of the day
9.10 – 9.40	An International Market for Higher Education– Visions, responsibility, market mechanism and the need for quality assurance By Professor Dr. Jan Fr. Bernt (Norway)
9.40 – 10.00	UNESCO/OECD initiative on developing guidelines on quality provision in cross-border higher education By Keiko Momii (OECD)
10.00– 10.15	Q&A
10.15 – 10.30	Quality control and accreditation of higher education institutions in Estonia By Janar Holm (National Examination and Qualification Centre - Estonia)
10.30 – 11.00	Respondent: Reply about the governmental policy Professor Dr. Jaan Ginter (Estonia) Professor Dr Saule Vidrinskaite (Lithuania)
11.00 – 11.15	Refreshments
11.15 – 11.45	The difference between public, private and commercial education in light of GATS art I 3 b's definition of "Services supplied in the exercise of governmental authority" By Professor Dr. Kai Krüger (Norway)
11.45 – 12.15	Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
12.15 – 13.30	Lunch (on the premises)
13.30 – 14.15	Chair: Professor Dr. Jan De Groof (Belgium) Professor Dr. Antonio Embid Irugo (Spain) and Fernando Gurrea Casamayor (Spain) The legal regulation of trade of education services within EU and the WTO/GATS system – differences and similarities
14.15 – 14.45	Respondent(s) Dr. João Atanásio (Portugal)
14.45 – 15.15	Refreshments
15.15 – 16.00	GATS and subsidies, public funding and public purchases. The current situation under the GATS-treaty and the ongoing negotiations By Professor Dr. Ola Mestad (Norway)
16.00 – 16.20	Respondent(s) Frank Nordberg (Sweden)
16.20 – 16.45	Concluding remarks: Gracienne Lauwers (Belgium)
16.45 - 17.00	Round Table Krista Varantola (Finland), Olve Sorensen (Norway), Frank Nordberg (Norway)
20.00 –	Dinner

16 May (Sunday) Day 4: Cultural Programme	
	Roundtrip "Norway in a nutshell"
17 May (Monday) Celebration of The Norwegian National Day	