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2<sup>nd</sup> European Cultural and Educational Forum, 18-21 December 2003 in Bruges (Belgium),  
on the cultural and educational impacts of the enlargement of the European Union  
organised by the College of Europe, situated in Bruges,  
in cooperation with the European Association for Education Law and Policy (ELA)  
hosted jointly by the College of Europe, the Province of West Flanders and the City of Bruges  
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## PART 1

Part 1 (Thursday afternoon) will deal with the role of higher educational institutions in the global environment. The Russian author Anton Chekhov said "Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice." Following that line of reasoning, we will concentrate on ensuring that States fully recognize the potential value of the knowledge and creativity they possess in their higher educational institutions. Representatives of universities will discuss how European universities can actively pursue the promotion of the Europe of knowledge while guaranteeing access to education. It is feared that more competition in education could lead to different access in education. This question is particularly acute in the candidate member states of the European union and countries that suffer from insufficient student places where the supply of educational services is usually constrained by a lack of resources. In such circumstances special efforts should be made to break down a pattern of privileged access to education and broaden educational access.

<b>Thursday 18 December 2003 - Morning</b> <b>Hotel De Tuilerieën, Dijver 7, Bruges, Tel: 32-50-34.36.91</b>	
Morning	10.30 Work meeting on European Master Preparatory session on the World Conference Amsterdam 2004
	Arrival of Participants
13.00	Lunch at the Residence of the Governor of West-Flanders, "Residentie van de Gouverneur van de Provincie West-Vlaanderen", Burg 3, Bruges (entrance through Province Hall, Markt 3)

<b>Thursday 18 December 2003 - Afternoon</b> <b>Balcony room in the Province Hall, "Provinciaal Hof", Markt 3, Bruges</b> <b>Seminar on the Role of the university in the knowledge society</b> <b>Chair: Jan De Groof</b> <b>Facilitators: Guy Neave and Kishore Singh</b>	
14.30	Registration Coffee
15.00 – 16.30	<b>Session 1: Competition in and Access to education</b> <b>Opening address by Jan De Groof</b> (College of Europe/ ELA) and <i>Paul Demaret</i> (Rector of the College of Europe - Bruges) <b>Exciting challenges for higher education: challenges of competition to access</b> Speaker: <i>Guy Neave</i> (CHEPS/ IAU) Discussants: <i>Kishore Singh</i> (UNESCO), <i>Marek Kwiek</i> (Poland) <b>Competition and competition law in Education: Recent Evolutions.</b> Rapporteur: <i>Elies Steyger</i> (Netherlands) Discussants: <i>Takis Tridimas</i> (UK), <i>Pierre Sauv�e</i> (France), <i>Roger O'Keeffe</i> (EC) Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
16.30 - 16.45	Refreshments
16.45 - 18.00	<b>Session 2: Quality of Education</b> <b>The robust beauty of the rational planning model - Models for improving the quality of education</b> Rapporteur: <i>Jaap Scheerens</i> (the Netherlands) <b>Benchmarking</b> Rapporteur: <i>Dirk Van Damme</i> (Belgium) Discussants: <i>Sharon Parry</i> and <i>Martin Hayden</i> (Australia), <i>Stig Klingstedt</i> (Norway) Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
18.00 - 19.00	<b>Session 3: Transnational cooperation: Institutions working together at European Level: Bologna Action Lines and Joint Degrees:</b> Rapporteur: <i>Pavel Zgaga</i> (Slovenia) Discussants: <i>Jen� Czuczai</i> (Hingaria), <i>Philip Khanin</i> (Russia), <i>Roberto Toniatti</i> (Italy), <i>Dennis Farrington</i> (Macedonia), <i>Marek Kwiek</i> (Poland) Meet the panel: discussion and Q&A
20.00	Gathering of the Participants of the parallel sessions Reception and Walking Dinner in Hotel De Tuilerieën, Dijver 7, Bruges

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## PART 2

Part 2 (Friday) will deal with religious instruction in education. Experts report on the regulation of the teaching of and about religion in public (state) elementary and secondary schools in a range of countries in the EU as well as the US whereby the present legal situation in each country will be placed in the context of historical antecedents and current debates, both theoretical and academic as well as political and social. Special attention will be paid islam and education.

<b>Friday 19 December 2003 Seminar on Religion and Education in Public schools</b>	
<b>Balcony room in the Province Hall, “Provinciaal Hof”, Markt 3, Bruges, Tel. 050-40-58-61</b>	
<b>Chair: Jan De Groof and José Luis Martínez López-Muñiz</b>	
8.45	Registration Coffee
9.00 – 11.00	<p>Introduction to the Seminar <i>Jan De Groof</i> (Belgium) and <i>José Luis Martínez López-Muñiz</i> (Spain)</p> <p><i>Session 1</i></p> <p><b>Religion as a required Subject in Public schools: Juridical and Comparative Analysis</b> Speaker: <i>José Luis Martínez López-Muñiz</i> (Spain)</p> <p><b>Prescribing and Elaborating the Content of Religious and Ethical Courses</b> Speaker: <i>Ingo Richter</i> (Germany)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>James Wimberley</i> (Council of Europe), <i>André Legrand</i> (France), <i>Frank Nordberg</i> (Sweden)</p> <p>Meet the panel: discussion and Q&amp;A</p>
11.00 - 11.15	Refreshments
11.15 – 13.00	<p><i>Session 2</i></p> <p><b>The appointment of Staff who will provide religious and ethical Instruction in a public school</b> Speaker: <i>Raf Verstegen</i> (Belgium)</p> <p><b>The Role of Religious Symbols in German Schools</b> Speaker: <i>Hans-Peter Füssel</i> (Germany)</p> <p><b>The Right of Parents to have their Children excused from Specific Subjects in Public Schools for Philosophical reasons: juridical and comparative analysis</b> Speaker: <i>Laura Lundy</i> (Northern Ireland)</p> <p><b>The Neutrality Principle in Public Schools</b> Speaker: <i>Ben Vermeulen</i> (Netherlands)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Pavel Zgaga</i> (Slovenia), <i>David Ford</i> (Australia), <i>Germain Dondelinger</i> (Luxemburg)</p> <p>Meet the panel: discussion and Q&amp;A</p>
13.00 - 13.45	Lunch at the Residence of the Governor of West-Flanders, “Residentie van de Gouverneur van de Provincie West-Vlaanderen”, Burg 3, Bruges (entrance through Province Hall, Markt 3)
14.00 - 15.30	<p><i>Session 3</i></p> <p><b>Intervention by Paul Breyne</b>, Governor of the Province of West-Flanders</p> <p><b>Problems of the Introduction of Religious and Ethical Courses in Public Schools in the candidate member states and the Russian Federation</b> Speaker: <i>Anatolij Kapustin</i> (Russian Federation)</p> <p><b>Prayer and Religious Activity in American Public Schools</b> Speaker: <i>Charles Russo</i> (USA)</p> <p><b>Rights and Obligations of Pupils vis-à-vis the neutral Character of Public Education</b> Speaker: <i>Paul Zootjens</i> (Netherlands)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Cesar Birzea</i> (Romania), <i>Stig Klingstedt</i> (Norway)</p>
	<b>Refreshments</b>
15.45 – 18.00	<p><i>Session 4</i></p> <p><b>Islam and European schools</b> Speakers: <i>Ben Vermeulen</i> (Netherlands), <i>Tim Kaye</i> (UK)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Roberto Toniatti</i> (Italy), <i>Charles Glenn</i> (USA)</p> <p><b>Historical Background to Controversies over Religion in Public Schools</b> Speaker: <i>Charles Glenn</i> (USA)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Antonio Pedro Barbas-Homem</i> (Portugal)</p>

<b>Common Part for the Participants of the Parallel Sessions</b>	
<b>Gothic Hall in the City Hall of Bruges, “Stadhuis”, Burg 12, Bruges</b>	
19.00	<p>Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture With an introduction by Patrick Moenaert, Burgomaster of Bruges</p>
20.30	Mayoral Reception

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## PART 3

*Part 3 (Saturday) is the focus of the Forum and aims at reaching an analytical and informed understanding of the benefits of culture in an enlarged Europe. Cultural rights are an emerging feature in the constitutional development of the European Union and in its policy-making activity. Constitutionalisation of cultural rights is considered to constitute a positive contribution to the legitimacy of governance structures and to nurture the political culture of a European civil society. The forum will consider how cultural rights may be developed, taking into account the development of these rights within national and European policy as informed by the subsidiarity principle and the case law of the Court of Justice.*

Saturday 20 December 2003	
Balcony room in the Province Hall, "Provinciaal Hof", Markt 3, Bruges	
Chair: <i>Jan De Groof</i> and <i>Germain Dondelinger</i> (Luxemburg)	
8.45	Registration Coffee
9.00 - 9.30	<p><i>Session 1</i></p> <p>Introduction to the Seminar  <i>Jan De Groof</i> (Belgium) and <i>Germain Dondelinger</i> (Luxemburg)</p> <p><b>The Value of Cultural Diversity in the European Union's Constitution</b>            Speaker: <i>Bruno De Witte</i> (Netherlands)</p> <p><b>A European Cultural Identity</b>            Speaker: <i>Cesar Birzea</i> (Romania)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Marek Kwiek</i> (Poland), <i>Michael O'Neill</i> (UK), <i>André Legrand</i> (France)</p>
9.30 - 11.00	<p><i>Session 2</i></p> <p><b>European Constitutional Unity and the Rights of Cultural Diversity</b>            Speaker: <i>Roberto Toniatti</i> (Italy)</p> <p><b>The cultural and educational rights in the Enlarged EU: the view-point of the acceding new Member States.</b>            Speaker: <i>Jeno Czuczai</i> (Hungaria)</p> <p><b>European Constitutional Right To Culture, Education and Language Rights, Multiculturalism in schools: an outsiders view</b>            Speakers: <i>Fernand de Varennes</i> (Australia) and <i>David Ford</i> (Australia)</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Antonio Pedro Barbas Homem</i> (Portugal), <i>Tim Kaye</i> (UK), <i>Dennis Farrington</i> (Macedonia), <i>Charles Glenn</i> (USA)</p> <p>Meet the panel: discussion and Q&amp;A</p>
11.00 - 11.15	Refreshments
11.15 - 12.45	<p><i>Session 3</i></p> <p><b>The Concept of Minority Rights in Education in the European Context</b>            Speaker: <i>Paul Zoontjens</i> (Netherlands)</p> <p><b>Minority Rights in Education in Estonia</b>            Speaker: <i>Jaan Ginter</i> (Estonia),</p> <p>Discussants: <i>Nikolay Popov</i> (Bulgaria), <i>Ingo Richter</i> (Germany), <i>Ida Marie Andrén</i> (Norway), <i>Laura Lundy</i> (Northern Ireland)</p> <p>Meet the panel: discussion and Q&amp;A</p>
12.45 - 13.00	<p><b>Closing Round Table</b></p> <p><b>Challenges for the Protection of Cultural and Education Rights in the Enlarged Europe</b></p>
13.00 - 13.45	Lunch at the Residence of the Governor of West-Flanders, "Residentie van de Gouverneur van de Provincie West-Vlaanderen", Burg 3, Bruges (entrance through Province Hall, Markt 3)

Afternoon Session will take place in the City Hall of Bruges, “Stadhuis”, Burg 12, Bruges Conference Room	
14.00 – 15.30	<p><b>Expert Meeting on Access to Education – UNESCO Framework</b>  <b>Chair: Jan De Groof and Kishore Singh (UNESCO)</b>  <i>Pavel Zgaga (Slovenië), Jaan Ginther (Estonia), Jenó Czuczai (Hungary), Marek Kwiek (Poland), Nikolay Popov (Bulgaria), Andrej Marga (Romania), Cesar Birzea (Romania), Igor Rozjkov (Russian Federation), Veronica Spasskaja (Russian Federation), Anatolij Kapustin (Russian Federation), Konstantin Khudoley (Russian Federation), Ferenc Badacsonyi (Hungaria), Pranas Gudynas (Lithuania), Dennis Farrington (Macedonia), Janar Holm (Estonia), Jüri Ginther (Estonia), Tomas Daukantas (Lithuania), Germain Dondelinger (Luxemburg), Charles Glenn (USA), André Legrand (France), Paul Zootjens (Netherlands), Frank Nordberg (Sweden), Antonio Barbas Homem (Portugal), Theodore Fortsakis (Greece), Stig Klingstedt (Norway), Gracienne Lauwers (Belgium)</i></p>
15.30 – 15.45	Refreshments (Salons of the City Hall)
15.45	<p><b>European Master in Education Law and Policy</b>  <b>Introduction by a representative of the European Commission</b>  <i>Jan De Groof (Belgium), Germain Dondelinger (Luxemburg), Hans Peter Füssel (Germany), Ingo Richter (Germany), André Legrand (France), Paul Zootjens (Netherlands), Ben Vermeulen (Netherlands), Tim Kaye (UK), Cesar Birzea (Romania), Nikolay Popov (Romania), Gracienne Lauwers (Belgium)</i></p>
16.00	<p><b>Board meeting and Follow-up of Quality Network</b>  <i>Jan De Groof (Belgium), Germain Dondelinger (Luxemburg), Charles Glenn (USA), Charles Russo (USA), David Ford (Australia), Hans Peter Füssel (Germany), André Legrand (France), Paul Zootjens (Netherlands), Ben Vermeulen (Netherlands), Frank Nordberg (Sweden), Antonio Barbas Homem (Portugal), Theodore Fortsakis (Greece), Kjell Dahl (Norway), Stig Klingstedt (Norway), Ingo Richter (Germany), Gracienne Lauwers (Belgium)</i></p> <p><b>International Journal for Education Law and Policy</b>  Members of the Board</p>
19.00	<p>Nocturne (organised by the City of Bruges)  Memlingmuseum (Mariastraat 38) – Groeningemuseum (Dijver 12)</p>
20.00	<p>Dinner  “Kasteel Minnewater”  Minnewaterpark 4, Bruges  Tel. : +32-50-33.42.54, Fax :+32-50-33.33.57</p>

Sunday 21 December 2003
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