

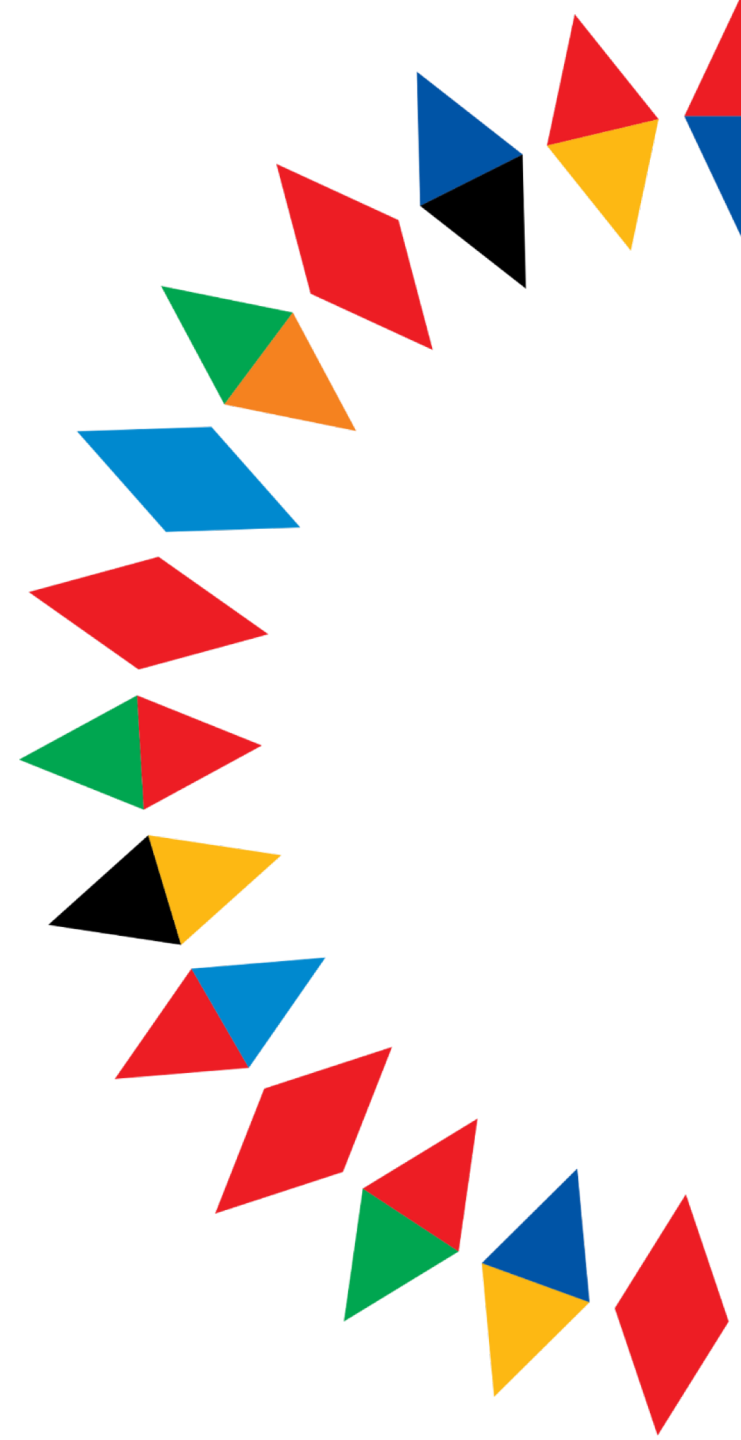
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CZEDUCON and DG HE at a glance



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CZEDUCON conference

An official event of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union



International Conference on Strategy and Policy in Higher Education

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CON 2022

21 – 22 November 2022

Prague, Czech Republic


Strengthening European values


Enhancing European dimension


Building future-proof skills


Managing digital and green transition



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Key note speech by Kateřina ŠIMÁČKOVÁ, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Czech Republic

- Brief Reflections on Education, Democracy, the Rule of Law, Resilience, and Diversity
- The role of education in self-protecting democracy shall not be overlooked

Messages on HEIs and European values

- As Europe faces new challenges, and European values such as peace, democracy, freedom and human rights are targeted by our adversaries, the European way of life has to be protected.
- This role of HEIs is also present in the European Strategy for Universities.
- The societal responsibility of HEIs should complement their other roles in research, learning and teaching.
- The EU/EEA member states also support Ukrainian government and HEIs, and they are committed to provide any resources, Ukrainian refugee students, teachers and researchers may need.



CZEDUCON conference

- More than 300 participants
- Representatives of governments, HEIs, European Commissions, stakeholders, experts, students
- 42 speeches, panel discussions and workshops by 70 speakers

Key topics

- European University Alliances
- European degree
- Micro-credentials
- Innovative forms of mobility
- Recognition
- Fundamental values
- Synergies between higher education and research
- Sustainability
- Academic careers



Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education

- 22-23 November 2022
- Member states representatives, EFTA representatives, European Commission, stakeholder organizations and Ukrainian representatives



Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education

Key Topics

- Towards a European strategy empowering higher education institutions for the future of Europe
 - European Universities
 - European Quality Assurance and Recognition System
 - European framework for attractive and sustainable careers in higher education
- Breakout sessions: Implementing the three Council Recommendations
 - on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation;
 - on the European Approach to Micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability;
 - on learning for the green transition and sustainable development
- Support to Ukraine



Key messages from both events

European Quality Assurance and Recognition System

- The main aim is to promote quality culture at HEIs, and to facilitate further transnational cooperation.

Automatic recognition within European Education Area

- A result of better connection of QA in Higher Education and recognition systems
- All graduates within European Education Area may benefit, as the degree obtained would be recognised in any Member State.

European Higher Education Observatory

- Monitoring of implementation of University Strategy
- An “one-stop-shop,” at which various aspects of quality could be compared
- HE scoreboard, 29 criteria identified
- Roadmap prepared by Technopolis, the needs of various stakeholders are being discussed. (European Commission, Member States, HEIs, etc.)



Key messages from both events

Microcredentials

During parallel sessions, the following aspects were discussed:

- need for legislative framework, QA – cooperation with QA agencies;
- facilitation of the ongoing and emerging development of micro-credentials within formal learning settings, as well as non-formal and informal learning settings;
- support of the quality and transparency of micro-credentials;
- promotion and support of effective experimentation, cooperation, governance and partnerships between HEIs, employers, local organizations and authorities and other relevant stakeholders;
- integration of micro-credentials into both education and training systems;
- provision that information and advice on identifying and selecting micro-credentials is incorporated into lifelong learning guidance services.



Key messages from both events

The European framework for attractive and sustainable careers in higher education

- an innovative academic career policies, to tackle the rigidity of academic system and career patterns;
- mechanisms addressing persisting lack of parity of esteem between different academic paths;
- ensuring that career development is supported adequately;
- continuing effort to eliminate gender gaps and biases;
- improvement of working conditions;
- providing a wider range of European mobility opportunities.





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