

## Announcement of the Consultation

Brussels (BE), Thursday 26 April 2018

EESC, Rue Belliard 99, Brussels

### ***Policy paper and Recommendations for integrating cultural diversity in higher education***

**HE4u2 - Integrating Cultural Diversity in Higher Education** intends to make teaching and learning in HE more diverse, responsive and competitive by integrating inclusive pedagogies into existing curricula. This can mediate obstacles for learners from migrant and culturally diverse backgrounds and value their contribution to the intercultural dimension for all learners.

**HE4u2** responds to the needs of HE staff involved at different levels with culturally diverse students, offering a set of Guidelines and a Continuing Professional Development course which equip them with skills to create an authentic intercultural space, offer appropriate mentoring and support specific learners in their individual and group needs.

Based on the awareness that cultural diversity and its integration in the day-to-day life of higher education institutions should be understood and reflected in policies at higher level, the project consortium decided to embed the policy dimension in all the project phases, leading to the development of a policy paper and recommendations.

**HE4u2** has analysed what is offered already at university level and what is needed at policy level and will present a proposal for integrating these issues top-down in Brussels. Policy makers and other key stakeholders are invited to participate in this half a day event on Thursday 26 April 2018, starting at 09:00CET.

Do not miss the opportunity to learn about our policy recommendations and to shape them into an appropriate and useful tool!

Participation is upon invitation only.

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***Integrating cultural diversity in Higher Education - HE4u2***

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

| Time (CET)  | Description  | Presenter  |
|-------------|--|--|
| 09:00-09:15 | Registration   |  |
| 09:15-09:30 | <i>Welcome</i>   | Françoise de VIRON, President of <b>euцен</b>  |
| 09:30-10:00 | <i>Integration of cultural diversity in Belgium – The case of UCL</i>  | Dana SAMSON, Vice-Rector, Université catholique de Louvain (BE)  |
| 10:00-10:30 | <i>A practical case of integration of cultural diversity in the Netherlands</i>                              | Ruud DUVEKOT and Waed AL KUTEIFAN, HU University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Institute Archimedes (NL)  |
| 10:30-11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |  |
| 11:00-11:15 | <i>Findings during the HE4u2 project</i>   | Katharina RESCH, University of Vienna (AT) and HE4u2   |
| 11:15-11:30 | <i>Policy paper and recommendations of HE4u2</i>   | Amandine BERNAL, Université catholique de Louvain (BE) and HE4u2   |
| 11:30-12:45 | <i>How can the HE4u2 recommendations match reality in our universities and our society?</i><br><br>Q&A round | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- János WELTNER, EESC, Gr.II.</li> <li>- Prof Dana SAMSON, Vice-Rector, Université catholique de Louvain (BE)</li> <li>- Prof Kevin Orr, University of Huddersfield (UK) – (TBC)</li> <li>- Representative from the Civil Society (name TBC)</li> </ul> |
| 12:45-13:00 | <i>Conclusions</i>   | Pat DAVIES, facilitator and independent expert (FR)  |
| 13:00-13:10 | <i>Closing and thanks</i>  | Françoise DE VIRON, President of <b>euцен</b>  |

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