



**Coimbra Group High-level Policy Seminar on Education  
Iasi, October 26-27, 2015**

***A Tradition of Innovation***

**Draft Programme**

**Saturday morning – Sunday afternoon, October 24-25<sup>th</sup>** - Trip to four painted monasteries in Bucovina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 17.30:** Coimbra Group Executive Board meeting

19.30: Dinner

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 – 9.15**

*Welcome* by Professor Vasile Işan, Rector of *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iaşi

*Opening of the seminar* by Professor Dorothy Kelly, Chair of the Executive Board of the Coimbra Group

**09.15 – 10.00** *on EU policy initiatives to support modernisation efforts in higher education*

Ms. Margaret Waters, Deputy Head of Unit *Higher education policy*, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission.

**10.00 - 11.00 Session 1. *Innovative Educational Policies***

Professor Viorel Barbu, former Rector, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* University of Iaşi: *Mathematics Education*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

**11.30 - 12.30 Session 1 (continued). *Innovative Educational Policies***

Professor David Carr, University of Edinburgh / University of Birmingham: *The education of virtue and character*

**12.30 - 13.30 Session 2. *Institution-wide Environments for Teaching and Learning***

Professor Giancarlo Benettin, University of Padua: *The Galilean School*

14.00 Lunch

**16.30 – 18.30 Session 2** (continued). *Institution-wide Environments for Teaching and Learning*

Professor Jean-Pierre Gesson, former President, University of Poitiers: [\*The COMUE as a new teaching and learning environment\*](#)

Professor Oddrun Samdal, Vice-Rector, University of Bergen: *TBA*

19.30 Anniversary Dinner

## **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 - 11.00 Session 3.** *Digital Education: blended, online, MOOCs*

Professor Jeff Haywood, Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh: [\*A Roadmap to the Digital University of 2025\*](#)

Prof. Marc van Oostendorp, Leiden University - *TBA*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

**11.30 – 13.30 Session 4.** *Teaching in English in European Universities*

Professor Beatrix Busse, Vice-Rector, *Ruprecht-Karls* University of Heidelberg: *TBA*

Prof. Christian Mair, *Albert Ludwig* University of Freiburg - [\*English Plus ...: Toward Realistic Language Planning and Intelligent Multilingualism in Academia\*](#)

**13.30 Concluding remarks and closure of the seminar**

14.00 Lunch

Afternoon – social event in Iași

19:30 Dinner

## **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9.00 – 17.00** Satellite event: **Seminar on Translation Studies** / **8.00 – 18.00** Trip to two painted monasteries in Bucovina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.