



Promoting Common Values through Education and Culture

Eastern Partnership Conference

Date: 25-26 June 2019

Venue: Holiday Inn Tbilisi, Georgia

Draft Agenda

Day 1

- 09:30-10:00 Registration
- 10:00-10:30 **Welcome speeches**
Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Mikheil Batiashvili, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia
Carl Hartzell, Ambassador of the European Union to Georgia
- 10:30-11:00 **Keynote speech**
Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters

Full Professor of International Law and International Organisations
Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies - Institute for International Law, KU Leuven
- 11:00 -11:25 Coffee break
- 11:25 – 11:30 Picture
- 11:30-13:00 **Panel discussion**
Lusine Arakelyan, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia
Irina A. Starovoitova, First Deputy Minister of Education of the Republic of Belarus
Monica Babuc, Minister of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova
Yuriy Rashkevych, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine
Audrone Perkauskiene, Head of Eastern Partnership - Regional Cooperation and OSCE Division, European External Action Service
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch

- 14:30-16:00 Parallel sessions
- 1. Integrity in Education and Research**
Main topics for discussion:
 - ✓ *Challenges, available tools and initiatives to counteract academic misconduct in learning, teaching and research*
 - ✓ *Good practice and concrete measures to prevent corruption, plagiarism, cheating or nepotism in education*
 - ✓ *Promotion of the values of the European Higher Education Area*
 - ✓ *Accountability, transparency and integrity of education processes and systems*
 - 2. Education for Democratic Participation and Civic Engagement**
Main topics for discussion:
 - ✓ *Educating citizens to be resilient, active, tolerant and socially-engaged*
 - ✓ *Ensuring curricula enable open discussion and student/pupil involvement*
 - ✓ *Civic education*
 - ✓ *Volunteering and non-formal education*
 - ✓ *Council of Europe's Framework of Competences of Democratic Culture*
 - 3. Critical Thinking and Media Literacy**
Main topics for discussion:
 - ✓ *Media literacy in the context of formal education and training*
 - ✓ *Role of non-formal and informal learning*
 - ✓ *Promoting critical thinking about available information and a responsible use of the interactive media*
 - ✓ *Enhancing young people's resilience in the face of extremist messages and disinformation*
 - ✓ *Fostering tolerance and respect for diversity*
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-18:00 Parallel sessions (continuation)
- 1. Integrity in Education and Research**
 - 2. Education for Democratic Participation and Civic Engagement**
 - 3. Critical Thinking and Media Literacy**
- 18:00-18:30 Feedback from parallel sessions
- 19:30 Transfer to the restaurant
- 20:00 Dinner

Day 2

09:30-09:45 **Video screening - Values**

09:45-11:00 Parallel sessions

1. Inclusive Education, Social Cohesion and Gender

Main topics for discussion:

- ✓ *Teaching methods, forms of learning and measures to address and respond to differentiated needs of all learners*
- ✓ *Role of formal, non-formal and informal settings in promoting social cohesion and human rights, including the minority rights*
- ✓ *Inclusiveness of EU programmes and instruments to better address the needs of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds*
- ✓ *Gender equality in education: access, outcomes and combating the 'leaky pipeline' phenomenon*

2. Role of Teachers in Promoting Common Values

Discussion on how to empower teachers to promote values, and to keep up with constantly evolving technology:

- ✓ *Teacher training and professional development*
- ✓ *Teaching resources*
- ✓ *Joint activities and projects*
- ✓ *Networking opportunities and programmes*
- ✓ *Systemic solutions*

3. Role of Culture in Fostering Common Values

Main topics for discussion:

- ✓ *Cultural identity and intercultural dialogue*
- ✓ *Fostering tolerance and respect for diversity*
- ✓ *Practical examples of cultural cooperation fostering mutual understanding*
- ✓ *Contribution of culture to social inclusion*

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 Parallel sessions (continuation)

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12:45-13:30 **Concluding remarks**

Graham Wilkie, Head of Unit for International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

13:30-14:30 Farewell cocktail