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## **Grupo de alto nível para promover a excelência do ensino**

O ensino superior é vital para o desenvolvimento dos conhecimentos e das competências de que a Europa precisa para competir na economia mundial, mas os Estados-Membros não investem o suficiente para modernizar os seus sistemas de ensino superior. Um novo grupo de alto nível para a modernização do ensino superior, lançado hoje pela Comissão Europeia, estudará esta questão enquanto parte de uma revisão aprofundada do setor em toda a União Europeia a realizar nos próximos três anos. O grupo, presidido por Mary McAleese, antiga Presidente da Irlanda, concentrar-se-á este ano na procura de formas de alcançar a excelência no ensino e, no próximo ano, discutirá como adaptar a aprendizagem à era digital. O grupo identificará melhores práticas e soluções inovadoras e emitirá recomendações aos decisores políticos a nível nacional e europeu, às universidades e aos estabelecimentos de ensino superior. O primeiro relatório será entregue em 2013 e o mandato do grupo prolonga-se até 2015.

A Comissária responsável pela Educação, Cultura, Multilinguismo e Juventude, Androulla Vassiliou, disse: *«Todos nos lembramos de um professor que nos inspirou ou motivou. Com a ajuda do grupo de alto nível, queremos ter a certeza de que todos os estudantes, independentemente de onde vivem ou estudam na Europa, beneficiarão de um ensino excelente. Esta é uma condição prévia da inovação, do emprego e do crescimento. A excelência no ensino é também um requisito fundamental para identificar e apoiar percursos viáveis que nos tirem da atual crise.»*

Mary McAleese acrescentou: *«É com imensa honra que presido a este grupo. Preocupo-me profundamente com a Europa e com a sua geração de jovens, que tanto tem sido fustigada pela crise. O nosso grupo analisará formas de fomentar a excelência do ensino nas nossas universidades, para que os jovens recebam a melhor educação e beneficiem das melhores perspetivas de emprego possíveis.»*

Ao longo dos próximos três anos, o grupo consultará peritos do ensino superior, governos e empresas, bem como estudantes e professores.

O lançamento deste grupo faz parte de uma estratégia mais ampla de modernização do ensino superior nos Estados-Membros. A Comissão fez já progressos consideráveis neste domínio. O [Processo de Bolonha](#) facilitou aos estudantes o prosseguimento de estudos no estrangeiro e o reconhecimento das suas qualificações em toda a Europa. O sistema pluridimensional europeu de [classificação das universidades](#), que será publicado pela primeira vez em 2013, facilitará também comparações entre universidades, para que os estudantes possam fazer uma escolha mais consciente do estabelecimento de ensino onde querem estudar. Permitirá ainda à Comissão acompanhar o progresso das universidades nas várias áreas diferentes que servirão de base ao novo sistema de classificação: qualidade do ensino e da aprendizagem, investigação, transferência de conhecimentos, estratégias de visibilidade internacional e o papel das universidades no desenvolvimento regional.

## **Contexto**

A [Agenda Europeia para a modernização do ensino superior](#), aprovada pelos ministros no Conselho Educação de 28-29 de novembro de 2011, identifica áreas prioritárias em que os países da UE terão de envidar mais esforços para alcançar os seus objetivos partilhados e define como a União Europeia pode apoiar as suas políticas de modernização. Entre essas prioridades contam-se a melhoria da qualidade e da relevância do ensino superior, de modo a que os programas de estudo possam ir ao encontro das necessidades dos estudantes, dos empregadores e das carreiras do futuro, bem como o aumento do número de estudantes. A Agenda promove uma cooperação mais intensa entre as universidades, as empresas e os centros de investigação e faz parte da mais ampla estratégia da Comissão para promover o crescimento e o emprego na Europa, na qual a educação desempenha um papel fundamental.

## **Para mais informações**

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## **Anexo:**

### **Membros do Grupo de Alto Nível para a modernização do ensino superior**

#### **Mary McAleese (Chair)**



Mary McAleese was President of Ireland from 1997-2011. She graduated in law from Queen's University, Belfast, in 1973 and was called to the Northern Ireland Bar in 1974. In 1975, she was appointed Reid Professor of criminal law, criminology and penology at Trinity College Dublin and in 1987, she returned to Queen's to become director of the institute of professional legal studies. In 1994, she became the first female pro-vice chancellor of the Queen's University.

#### **Agneta Bladh**



Dr Bladh chairs the governing board of the Jönköping School of Health Sciences and Stockholm University library board. She is also a member of Uppsala University governing board, the board of Oslo and Akershus College of Applied Science (Norway) and a board preparing the merger between two universities in Norway. Dr Bladh is a member of the Danish Accreditation Council and the administrative board of International Association of Universities. Dr Bladh was rector of the University of Kalmar, Sweden, from February 2004 to December 2009. From 1998 to 2004, she served as state secretary at the Swedish Ministry of Education and Science, responsible for higher education and research, and from 1995 to 1998, was director general at the National Agency for Higher Education. Agneta Bladh holds a PhD in political science from Stockholm University (1988).

#### **Vincent Berger**



Vincent Berger is president of the University Paris Diderot. From 1990 to 2001 he worked at the Laboratoire Central de Recherches for aerospace multinational Thales (ex Thomson CSF). In 2001 he joined the University Paris Diderot - Paris 7 as professor, and until 2006 was head of the quantum phenomena and materials laboratory. He received the Fabry-De Gramont award and the MIT Young Innovator award in 2002. He has published around 150 papers in international journals, and holds 16 patents. In 2012 he was nominated general rapporteur of the national assizes on higher education and research in France by Education Minister Genevieve Fioraso.

## **Christian Bode**



Christian Bode was secretary general of the German Academic Exchange Service for 20 years (1990-2010). Christian Bode was educated in law and received his PhD from the University of Bonn in 1971. Between 1972 and 1982 he held different senior positions in the federal Ministry of Education and Science. From 1982 to 1990 he was secretary general of the German Rectors' Conference. He was one of the founders of the Academic Cooperation Association in Brussels and served as its vice president several times.

Christian Bode has published widely on all aspects of higher education policy, with a focus on international cooperation between universities. He is a member of several administrative boards of universities in Germany and abroad (Munich, Berlin, Muscat, Shanghai) and professional societies.

## **Jan Muehlfeit**



Jan Muehlfeit is chairman of Microsoft Corporation in Europe. Over nearly 20 years with Microsoft, he has served in various positions, in its Czech/Slovak subsidiary from 1993 to 2000 and responsible for central and eastern Europe in 2000-05. He served as vice president of Microsoft's public sector team in 2005 and vice president of Corporate & Government Strategy in 2006, for Europe, Middle East and Africa. Mr Muehlfeit is a vice-chair of the Academy of Business in Society, board member of Junior Achievement, co-chairman of the European e-Skills Association and a member of the board of the student organisation AIESEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences

Economiques et Commerciales) and the advisory body of Ovum, a company that specialises in analysis and consulting on technology. He has served on various advisory boards for several European governments on information technology, national competitiveness and education. He also represents Microsoft on the Transatlantic Business Dialogue and is an advisor on different projects for the World Economic Forum, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and European Policy Centre. He is also a board member of the Czech National Museum and member of the Leaders' Council of the International Business Leaders Forum. He graduated from the Czech Technical University and later completed executive development programs at Wharton, the London School of Economics and Harvard.

## **Tea Petrin**



Tea Petrin is professor in the faculty of economics at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, where she is also the head of the entrepreneurship academic unit. She is a member of the university senate. Ms Petrin was a visiting professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and at the Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley. She was also a Fulbright professor at the Institute of International Studies at UC Berkeley and at the Centre for Industrial Competitiveness in the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She is a renowned expert in entrepreneurship and innovation policies, and regional development programmes. From 1999-2004, she was Slovenia's Minister of Economy. From 2004-2008, she was Slovenian ambassador to the Netherlands, and has been her country's representative on the European Small Business Council and a member of the International Small Business Council. She is vice-president of the board of advisors of the Competitiveness Institute, a member of the academic advisory board of the European Forum of Entrepreneurship Research and a member of the board of the Academic Research Network. She chaired the cluster policy group at the European Commission's Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry (2009-2010), was a member of the synergies expert group at the European Commission's Directorate General for Research (2010-2011) and of the United Nations' committee for development policy for the period January 2013 – December 2015.

## **Alessandro Schiesaro**



Alessandro Schiesaro is professor of Latin literature at the University of Rome-Sapienza and director of the Sapienza School of Advanced Studies. After studying in Pisa, Berkeley and Oxford, Alessandro Schiesaro lectured in the United States, including as professor of classics in Princeton, and in the United Kingdom as professor of Latin at King's College London. Since 2008 he has chaired the technical secretariat of the Italian Ministry for Universities and Research.

## **Loukas Tsoukalis**



Loukas Tsoukalis is Jean Monnet Professor of European integration at the University of Athens and visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He is president of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, and has been special adviser to the President of the European Commission. He has taught at the University of Oxford, London School of Economics, Sciences Po in Paris, and the European University Institute of Florence. He has written many books and articles on European integration and international political economy, translated into several languages.