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**NEW CHALLENGES TO EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION – MANAGING THE
COMPLEXITIES OF A GLOBALISED SOCIETY**

**LAUNCHING CONFERENCE OF THE CDESR PROJECT 'THE UNIVERSITY
BETWEEN HUMANISM AND MARKET: REDEFINING ITS VALUES AND
FUNCTIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY'**

**Room 3, G Building (on the opposite of Palais des Droits de l'Homme)
Council of Europe, Strasbourg**

20 – 21 November 2007

[Monday 19 November]

16 00 Pre-meeting of speakers, the Rapporteur and the Secretariat

Tuesday 20 November

08 30 Registration of participants

09 00 Opening of the conference

Mr. Gabriele Mazza, Director of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education,
Council of Europe

Professor Radu Damian, Chair of the CDESR

09 30 Can European Higher Education Meet Global Challenges?

Professor Sir Peter Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University

Discussion

10 40 Coffee Break

11 10 Promoting Universal Values in the Face of Societal Change

Dr. Caryn McTighe Musil, Association of American Colleges and Universities

12 20 Introduction to the Parallel Sessions

12 30 Lunch

14 00 **Parallel Sessions** (organised as group discussions)

- How to promote societal sustainability through higher education?
- Intercultural dialogue and social cohesion: Higher education facing cultural diversity

16 00 *Coffee Break*

16 30 Creating a Vision of Higher Education for a Country in Transition

Dr. Genc Pollo, Minister of Education of Albania

17 30 END

Wednesday 21 November

09 00 Reinventing European Higher Education in Light of Technological Change

Professor Mario Calderini, Politecnico di Torino

Discussion

10 15 *Coffee Break*

10 35 New Challenges to European Higher Education – Managing the Complexities of a Globalised Society

Round Table chaired by **Germain Dondelinger**, Member of the Bureau of the CDESR:

Andris Barblan, Magna Charta Observatory

Steff Beek, European Student Union

Radu Damian, Chair of the CDESR

Hilligje van't Land, International Association of Universities

Pavel Zgaga, University of Ljubljana

12 00 Conclusions and Recommendations by the General Rapporteur in a Plenary Session

Dr. Kathia Serrano-Velarde, Researcher, Centre de Sociologie des Organisations, Sciences Po, Paris

12 30 Closing of the Conference