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from the General Assembly of the  
European University Foundation/Campus Europae  
following its meeting in Luxembourg  
On 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

Minister François Biltgen, the Minister responsible for Culture, Higher Education and Research in the Luxembourg Government participated in and addressed the General Assembly of the European University Foundation (EUF/CE) on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2007. Minister Biltgen announced that the EUF/CE will be given degree-awarding powers by the Luxembourg Government so that the Campus Europae Degree may be established. The decision will follow an evaluation by an international panel of experts which has endorsed the EUF proposal to establish an academic degree that validates the quintessentially European characteristics and academic excellence of its graduates. The Campus Europae Degree will be awarded to students who have studied abroad two years in two different countries and have acquired an excellent command of the languages of their host countries together with excellent academic performance. The idea of Europe's "unity in diversity" is also intrinsic to the Campus Europae Degree which will be a joint degree between the universities in which the student studied and the EUF/CE issued under Luxembourg Law.

The General Assembly of the European University Foundation (EUF) welcomed the State University of St Petersburg (Russian Federation), and the University of Ankara (Turkey) as the newest members of the Campus Europae network. The addition of these prestigious institutions opens exciting new mobility perspectives for CE students and establishes the EUF/CE as a project which reaches well beyond the European Union, embraces all of Europe and seeks for a broader understanding of Europe, in line with the perspectives of the Council of Europe and the European Higher Education Area.

The General Assembly also reviewed the implementation of the “Bologna meets Lisbon” project, that aims at organizing study related placements for exchange students. Project implementation started in the academic year 2006/2007, and it is expected that, already in 2007/2008, more than half of the EUF-CE member universities will be cooperating with companies and organizations willing to welcome foreign students as part-time workers. Simultaneously, the “Bologna meets Lisbon” project also signals the debut of Campus Europae’s own student support financing systems which are being built up together with national, regional and financial authorities across the network and are intended to increase and facilitate access to mobility, namely amongst working students and others who are structurally excluded from conventional exchanges programmes. Furthermore the “Bologna meets Lisbon” project is also meant as a vehicle for knowledge transfer and networking between universities and society at large. Its enthusiastic adoption by EUF/CE Universities reveals their great interest in strengthening the quality and relevance of the education provided to their students, as well as their commitment towards improving accessibility and contributing towards the goals of the Lisbon Agenda and the Bologna Process.

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List of representatives from the universities attending the European University Foundation General Assembly held in Luxembourg on 27<sup>st</sup> March, 2006:

- University of Alcalá, Spain  
Prof. Dr Teresa del Val
- University of Ankara, Turkey  
Mr. Volkan Tokgoz
- University of Aveiro, Portugal  
Prof. Dr Manuel Assunção
- University of Greifswald, Germany  
Prof. Dr Hans-Joachim Hannich
- University of Hamburg, Germany  
Prof. Dr Wilfried Hartmann

- University Henri Poincaré (Nancy I), France  
Prof. Dr Marie-Christine Béné
- Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania  
Prof. Dr Pranas Zukauskas
- University of Latvia, Latvia  
Prof. Dr Ivars Lacis
- University of Lodz, Poland  
Prof. Dr Wojciech Katner
- Technical University of Lodz, Poland  
Prof. Dr Andrzej Napieralski
- University of Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro  
Prof. Dr Radmila Marinkovic-Neducin
- University of Örebro, Sweden  
Prof. Dr Irène Lindgren
- St Petersburg State University, Russia  
Prof. Dr Ilya Dementiev
- University of Vienna, Austria  
Mr. Gerhard Wagner
- European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania  
Prof. Dr Vladimir Dounaev

Chairperson of the General Assembly was Professor Noel Whelan, President of the European University Foundation/Campus Europae.

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