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Bologna seminar in Spain attracts 150 participants

Another successful Bologna seminar was organised on 1 July by the European Association for International Education (EAIE) in cooperation with the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and the European University Association (EUA). The seminar was specifically aimed at Spanish higher education leaders and attracted well over the anticipated number of participants. Interest was very high with 150 rectors, vice-rectors, directors, professors and others attending all wishing to learn more about the progress of the Bologna process.

Prominent speakers

The participants were welcomed by Lluís Ferrer i Caubet, the Rector of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and by Antoinette Charon Wauters, EAIE President and Director of International Relations and Student Affairs at the University of Lausanne. After an introduction to Bologna by Carles Solà (*Generalitat de Catalunya*) a range of topics was discussed. Sybille Reichert (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) spoke about the implications and results of Trends IV. The perspective of the European Commission was presented by Guy Haug. Volker Gehmlich (University of Applied Science Osnabrück) posed the question to the audience if it a European qualifications system is a necessity. After lunch the implementation of the Bologna process in Spain was discussed in the light of the outcomes from the recent Bergen meeting. All presentations were followed by very lively discussions, demonstrating the high need for Bologna seminars like this one.

Language

All presentations and discussions were held in Spanish, Catalan and English. Simultaneous interpretation was available for those unfamiliar with Spanish.

Further information

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