

Message from the Director

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Dear colleagues, students and friends,

In June I had the honor to participate at the Second EU-CELAC Academic Summit held in Brussels. I am proud that, as you already know, one of the Preparatory Seminar was held in Bucharest in May 2014.

I am convinced that this Summit represents a further step in the process of strengthening the relations between EU and LAC in the fields of higher education, science, technology and innovation. In this context, the Declaration of Brussels, 'Building the common space for higher education, science, technology and innovation for the strategic bi-regional association', underlines our commitment to work and contribute, on common grounds to a progressive formation of a Euro - Latin American and Caribbean space of higher education, science, technology and innovation.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the organizers and to my colleagues coming both EU and LAC for their full involvement and contribution.

Best regards,

Iordan Gheorghe Barbulescu

The Second EU-LAC Academic Summit



On the 8th and the 9th of June 2015, the 2nd EU-CELAC Academic Summit took place in Brussels with the participation of high dignitaries from academia, governments, public institutions and the private sector. This was held before the EU-CELAC Summit from the 10th and the 11th of June, 2015.

The purpose of this second Academic Summit was to broaden and make progress in the implementation of the proposals issued in the previous Santiago Summit for establishing the EU-CELAC common space for higher education, science, technology and innovation. In particular, the Summit tried to determine both academic communities to work together for meeting this goal.

The work was concretized in the `[Declaration of Brussels](#)` , that was read in the Gothic Hall of the Brussels Townhall and handed over to the representatives of Government on 10 June 2015.

In the organization of this Academic Summit two preparatory Seminars were organized. The first took place in Bucharest, Romania, on May, 2014, and the second in Guadalajara, Mexico, on November, 2014. The first preparatory Seminar was organized by the Institute of Latin-American Studies from National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, and more information can be found about it by accessing the following link:<http://www.isla.eu.com/en/seminar/> .

The 2nd Summit of Heads of State and Government of the European Union (EU) and the Community of Latin America and Caribbean States (CELAC) - 8th bi-regional Summit since the first in Rio de Janeiro in 1999 - took place in Brussels on 10-11 June 2015 under the theme “Shaping our Common Future: Working for Prosperous, Cohesive and Sustainable Societies for our Citizens”.

For more information regarding the 2nd EU-CELAC Academic Summit, please consult:
<http://www.americasportal.eu/content/academic-summit-2015>

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Among the participants at the Academic Summit were Professor Remus PRICOPIE, PhD, Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) and Professor Iordan Gh. BĂRBULESCU, PhD, President of the Senate of SNSPA and President of the Institute of Latin-American Studies from Romania.

The two professors held an active role in the working sessions from the Academic Summit: Professor Bărbulescu led the discussions and the work within the 4th Group -Academic links with public policies”; and Professor Remus Pricopie presented the Declaration of the Brussels Academic together with the General Director of the Egmont Institute from Belgium, the Rector of the Alcalá University from Spain and the Rector of the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. The latter also contributed during the Closing Session.



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