**Committee on Culture and Education**

*Dear delegates of the Committee on Culture and Education,*

The topic of this committee is centered around the question of modernisation of higher education throughout Europe. Should we be striving towards an EU-wide education policy in order assure equal standards and easier access to work placements all around Europe? What can we do to improve mobility and education of young people?
These are the main questions this committee will need to discuss and eventually answer during committee work.

In order for you to prepare for it, I, your Committee President, wrote up some links you can start from. Please use them to form a broader insight of the topic.
I strongly advise you, though, to further research the subject matter for it is extremely wide in nature. Feel free to use every mean of information, such as magazines, websites, documentaries and articles.

In order to write a strong resolution, it is essential you all work hard individually so the whole group can benefit from everybody’s effort. I expect you to be (and I am sure you will, in fact, be) well prepared, highly motivated and willing to work together as a team.

I hope this short list of links will be useful for your preparation and I am very looking forward to meet you all in Vienna at the end of March.

*Enrico Artuso, your Committee President*

**Links:**

<http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/education_training_youth/lifelong_learning/c11088_en.htm>

General background on the Bologna Process and subsequent meetings.

I suggest you to read also the Bologna Declaration, the Magna Charta Universitatum and the Sorbonne Declaration. You will find links to them in the website above.

<https://lsasg.umich.edu/UMICH/ces/Home/Resources/Michigan%20Paper%20Series/Lorenz_Will_Universities_Survive.pdf>

Read paragraphs 1 and 2. A brief and critical explanation of the Bologna Process seen as an economical-like policy.

<http://home.uevora.pt/~afreitas/Modernization%20of%20higher%20education%20in%20Europe.pdf>

Slides on why and how Higher Education in Europe can be improved.

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/index_en.php>

Website of EACEA, containing information on Lifelong Learning Programmes. Focus mainly on the Erasmus+ Programme and the Eurydice Network.

*Note*: Information about Erasmus+ on this page is lacking at the moment of writing, but it’s expected to be filled in soon.

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/library/reports/modernisation_en.pdf>

In-depth report on modernisation in European Higher Education Institutions.

Long but interesting reading.

<http://europa.eu/legislation_summaries/education_training_youth/vocational_training/c11104_en.htm>

Brief introduction to the European Qualification Framework (EQF).

<http://ec.europa.eu/eqf/home_en.htm>

Official portal of EQF. Make sure to look through the Useful Links section.

[Brochure of EQF](http://ec.europa.eu/eqf/documents?id=29)

Official brochure explaining the EQF.

*Note*: you can find a more legible table of the descriptors at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Qualifications_Framework>