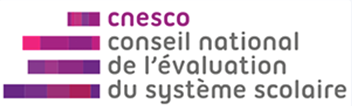
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**Programme**

**‘Education Councils and the European Education Area’**

**Location:** [**CIEP**](http://www.ciep.fr/organisation-seminaires)**, Sèvres (close to Paris)**

**Thursday 16 May**

**Meeting Room Marie Curie**

**Chair of the day: Manuel Miguéns, EUNEC president**

09.00 – 09.30 h Registration and coffee

09.30 – 10.15 h **Welcome session**

*Manuel Miguéns, EUNEC president and secretary general of the CNE (Portuguese Education Council)*

*Stéphane Foin, joint director of CIEP*

*Nathalie Mons, president of Cnesco*

10.15 – 10.30 h A general overview of **the European Education Area as a broad policy initiative,** and a state of the art of the different actions

*Bianca Busuioc, European Commission, DG EAC*

10.30 – 11.00 h Key note stimulating the reflection on ‘**What could be the EEA? What are the opportunities and the pitfalls?’**

*Maarten Simons, KULeuven, Belgium*

11.00 – 11.15 h Short break

11.15 – 11.45 h Current education priorities and converging policies in France and in the EU

*Patricia Janissin, Deputy Director for European and Multilateral Affairs, Directorate for European and International Relations and for Cooperation, Ministry of National Education*

11.45 – 12.15 h Questions and answers/debate

12.15 – 14.00 h Lunch at CIEP

14.00 – 16.00 h **Zoom in on actions under the European Education Area**. Panel.

15 min per speaker, and time for Q&A after each speaker.

* Automatic recognition of qualifications: the BENELUX experience in higher education (*Marie-Anne Persoons, Department of Education and Training, Flanders, Belgium*)
* Greater cooperation on curricula development (*Alice Micallef, Department for Curriculum, Lifelong Learning and Employability, Ministry for Education and Employment, Malta*)
* Improving language learning (*Isabelle Leguy, General Inspectorate, France*)
* Mainstreaming innovation and digital skills in education (*Maria João Horta, DG Education, Ministry of Education, Portuga*l)
* International mobility of pupils and students (*Raymond Kubben, Dutch Education Council*).

17.00 h Walk at ‘Domaine national de St Cloud’

19.30 h Dinner at restaurant [Cap Seguin](http://www.capseguin.com)

**Friday 17 May**

09.00 – 11.30 h **School visit linked to the theme of improving language learning**. Collège de Sèvres (230 m walking distance from CIEP)

12.00 – 13.30 h Lunch at CIEP

13.30 – 15.30 h **Meeting Room ‘Grande Bibliothèque’**

**Zoom out: what can be the role of education councils?** *Round Table chaired by Manuel Miguéns, EUNEC president*

Introduction by *Roos Herpelinck, responsible for the Commission on International Education and Training Policy at the Flemish Education Council.*

All members are asked to bring their answers to the question: ‘How do education councils position themselves in view of this EEA policy plan? Are they aware of what is happening at EU-level and of the possible impact on national and regional education policy? How can education councils play their role as a mediator, bridging the gap between the European policy level and the school/class level?’