



ANNOUNCEMENT MODERN CONFERENCE ON FUNDING LONDON, 29 JANUARY 2010

The MODERN conference on funding in higher education institutions is the second in a series of five conferences which will be organised by the **MODERN, European Platform Higher Education Modernisation**. It follows a successful conference on governance held in Brussels (June 2010).

MODERN is a **three-year EU-funded structural project** in the **EU Lifelong Learning Programme** which is developed under the leadership of ESMU, in a consortium with 9 core partners and 26 associate partner European associations and academic providers of higher education management (HEM) training programmes. See www.highereducationmanagement.eu

As a highly focused and interactive event, the second MODERN conference, organised by ICHEM, the International Centre for Higher Education Management at the University of Bath, will take place in **London** on Friday **29 January 2010**. The conference will be based on an executive **report** on the **state of the art of funding reforms** in European higher education institutions produced by CHEPS, the Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies at the University of Twente, MODERN project partner. The report will be made available to all registered participants prior to the conference.

The report will build on existing literature, current and previous work on funding issues in higher education, including major recent reports produced for the European Commission. It will look at system level funding and its impact on institutional funding, finance strategies and resource allocation at higher education institutions. Topics captured will include: effective national funding models; institutional management of a diversified funding base; cost-sharing in higher education; and performance-based funding.

The conference will start with a **networking dinner on 28 January**. On 29 January the conference will be split into morning plenary sessions with key senior level speakers, i.e. policy makers and decision-makers from the European Commission and academia, and afternoon highly specialised workshops on key themes linked to funding issues.

MODERN Conference FUNDING Programme

Thursday 28 January

19:30 *Networking dinner*

Friday 29 January

Conference Chair:

Prof. Frans van Vught, ESMU President; MODERN project leader

9:00-9:15 **Welcome address and introduction:** The MODERN platform – A key instrument for the modernisation of higher education management, Prof. Frans van Vught

9:15-9:45 **Presentation of key points from the MODERN report on funding,** Dr. Ben Jongbloed, CHEPS (Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies, University of Twente)

9:45-10:30 **The EU Modernisation Agenda: Funding Universities for the Future of Europe,** Mr. Stefaan Hermans, Head of Unit ERA: Universities and researchers, DG Research, European Commission

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:45 **Reforming tertiary education funding: Challenges and responses in Europe (and beyond),** Mr. Paulo Santiago, Senior Analyst, Education and Training Policy Division, OECD

11:45-12:30 **The perspective of UK universities,** Prof. Steve Smith, President Universities UK; Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter (tbc)

12:30-13:30 *Buffet Lunch*

13:30-15:00 **Workshops**

Leading experts on funding issues from the MODERN partnership will introduce each workshop with a short presentation. Workshop sessions will among others look at the following issues:

- Performance based funding versus mission-based funding
- Funding for relevance versus funding of excellence
- Concentration of research and thematic funding
- Public/private funding
- Funding for flexible learning paths

15:00-15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30-16:00 **Workshop Highlights and The Way Forward,** Prof. Frans van Vught