

EAN 21st Annual Conference
University of Zagreb, Croatia
Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June 2012

**“Access to Higher Education: is it a right, a privilege or a necessity?”
(Affordability, Quality, Equity & Diversity)**

Call for Proposals
(Deadline for submission: 15th April 2012)

European and international proposals are invited from policy makers, practitioners, academics, researchers and students. Papers giving evidence of good practice and effective strategies, presenting research findings, are particularly welcome.

Papers should be framed in the European or international contexts. Presenters should consider Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the Council of the European Union's Europe 2020 Strategy; the Bologna Process: Taking Bologna towards 2020; UNESCO's World Declaration on Higher Education in the 21st Century; Lumina Foundation for Education's Big Goal.

Proposals should focus directly on the conference theme and issues of affordability, quality, equity and diversity in higher education recognising that diversity includes groups currently under-represented, for reasons including gender, ethnicity, disability, age, socio-economic status, geographical location or earlier educational disadvantage.

All proposal abstracts should be no more than **300-words** and must address at least one of the following:

1. The notion of education as a basic human right and ways to ensure that such right can be exercised in practical terms through governmental, institutional and societal actions.
2. The impact of fees (or funding cuts) and the mechanisms or matrices of funding that will ensure the affordability of higher education for diverse groups of students.
3. Higher and secondary education as a continuum and student transition through cross-sector collaboration and application of the 'in-through-out' student life cycle approach in both sectors.
4. The impact of rankings on diversity, quality and equity in higher education and ideas on how to measure institutional profiles and improve ranking criteria using these three essential attributes.

Presenters are requested to:

- Complete the separate Proposal Form for submission.
- Highlight the relevance and transferability of their paper to participants from other countries.
- Provide copies of at least an outline of their paper for participants.
- Note that there is NO reduction or waiver of fees for paper presenters.

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Please click [HERE](#) for the Proposal Form.