**Programme**

**Wedsneday, 5 April**

Venue: Narxoz University

8:45     Speaker and chair briefing session (invite only)

9:00     Registration and Networking Coffee

9:45     **Opening Session**

* **Welcome:**
  + Krzysztof Rybinski, Rector, Narxoz University
  + José Gutiérrez, Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture of the European Commission (EACEA)
  + Shaizada Tasbulatova, Director, National Erasmus+ Office, Kazakhstan
* Introduction to seminar programme –  Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team
* Interactive ice-breaker (short survey on enhancing student participation and discussion)

10:45   **Plenary 1: Students in university governance**

* The European landscape: Trends, advances, challenges – Fernando Galan, European Students’ Union (ESU)
  + Presentation will include concrete examples regarding how student involvement in governance benefits HEIs and HE systems
* Students in governance - Sean O'Reilly, Irish Survey of Student Engagement Project
* Q&A
* Panel: Trends in HERE countries – Nicolai Loghin (Moldova), Mary Hayrapetyan (Armenia), Olga Andreeva (Russia) (40 min)
* Chair: Nicolas Patrici, SPHERE Team

12:00   Coffee and official photo

12:15   **Break-outs: Enabling students in university governance**

             Three groups, each discussing:

* Legal frameworks for students in governance
* Representative bodies (structure, functionality)
* What should be changed (at the university level/at the national level) and why (structurely, legislatively, socio-culturally…)
* What are the obstacles
* What are the good practices/examples

                   Chairs: Elizabeth Colucci, Nicolas Patrici, Fernando Galan

13:30   Lunch

14:30   Reports from break-outs (nominated HERE rapporteurs)

14:45   **Plenary 2: Students in Quality Assurance**

* Chair and short presentation of questions raised in HERE seminar on QA in Lviv, Ukraine – Elizabeth Colucci, SPHERE Team
* Presentation of the ESG 2015, the student role and practices/case studies from European countries
  + Jyri Lahdesmaa, Board Member, National Union of University Students in Finland
* Presentation of student involvement in QA in Kazakhstan
  + Timur Y. Kanapyanov, Manager of International Projects and Public Relations,  Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR)
* Reactions from HERE countries - Chafic Mokbel (Lebanon), Zarrina Kadyrova (Tajikistan)
  + Current regulatory climate for students in QA
  + Examples of systemic student inclusion in internal and external QA
  + Existing reservations and challenges in HERE countries

16:00   Coffee

16:15   **Break out groups: Students in QA**

             Three groups, divided by sub-topic (HERE are pre-assigned to groups)

* Group 1: Student participation in review panels (selection, training, …)
  + Chair: Sean O'Reilly
* Group 2: Systematising and utilizing student feedback
  + Chair: Jyri Lahdesmaa
* Group 3: Generating a culture of student involvement in QA
  + Chair: Eve Lewis

17:30   Close

17:30 - 18:15 Campus tour

18:30 Pick up service from the Narxoz University to the restaurant

19:30   Official dinner

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9:15     Reports from break-out groups

9:30     **Plenary 3: Students in national reform processes**

* Students in national reform: Optimising stakeholder dialogue
  + Eve Lewis, Director of SPARQS (Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland)
* Presentation of STUDIK (Students Self-Governance & Democratic Involvement in Kazakhstan)
  + Meruert Narenova, STUDIK project
* Case study – Israeli national student association: Good practices, success factors, challenges –Union
  + Mayaan Hagage, Isreali Students’ Union

*Followed by discussion*

11:15   Coffee

11:45   **Break-out groups 3: Students in national reform processes**

*Three break out groups, by HERE region.*

13:00   Lunch

14:00   Reports from break-outs

14:15   Presentation of Virtual Community (new features) – SPHERE Team

14:30   **Plenary 4: Closing session  - The role of student HERE**

*Summary presentation – SPHERE Team*

*Moderated discussed on how HERE students can be enabled, utilized and given a more active role.*

*Discussion of main take-aways*

*Closing words: EACEA*

15:45   Close and final networking coffee