KEN WORKSHOP IN GORIZIA
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KEN Workshop

“Building Skills for Knowledge Economy through Implementation of University Reforms”

in the framework of the

Alps – Adriatic Rectors’ Conferences

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Framework of the workshop: a positive and operational environment

- The workshop took place in the framework of the annual meeting of the ALPS ADRIATIC RECTORS’ CONFERENCE
- As a result recommendations from the workshop adopted officially by the whole AARC
- Cooperation with DANUBE RECTORS’ CONFERENCE already in place since a year ago (last EREF Forum in Nova Gorica) x “Knowledge Society” pillar
- Joint secretariat of AARC and DRC to be hosted in the Brussels Office of FVG Region
Triple helix model full in place:

- Regional and local authorities involved (FVG Region + Gorizia Municipality)
- Research, Innovation & Technology Transfer to enterprises (Area Science Park)
- Academia (TS University, AARC + DRC)
- EU/transnational/international level (Knowledge Society coordinator x EU Danube Strategy – Villa Vigoni, Italian-German Center for European Excellence) - CEI , Central European Initiative)
A HINT FROM WORKSHOP’S RECOMMENDATIONS

- Strong link between Bologna process and EU 2020: University leaders to contribute actively to the implementation of both strategies
- Higher policy and funding priority (funding education to be seen as strategic investment instead of budgetary spending)
- Developing European Higher Education Area (mobility of students and professors to be increased)
- Private funding enhanced through fiscal incentives
- Curricula development to anticipate future skills requirements
To summarize…

if we do not want Europe to become a peripheral of Asia at the horizon 2030

We need to act now

and education, research, innovation

are key factors:

ALPS ADRIATIC and DANUBE

areas jointly are indeed capable to take the lead!
Thanks for your attention!

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