European
Student
Affairs
Conference
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Navigating Diversity
and Changing Expectations
in Higher Education
Strategic Approaches to Student Support Services
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Topic and practical information

- **Diversity in student populations** prompts Student Support Services to **rethink** knowledge bases and attitues **towards individual student trajectories** and best practices to meet varied student needs
- **Diversity reshapes expectations of students and society**, challenging traditional onze-size-fits-all solutions in favor of flexible, individualized service delivery.
- The conference aims to explore **how to align diverse student needs, policy choices, and institutional capacities for effective support**

18 – 21 March 2025

Antwerp, Belgium

Organization

- Substantive organizing committee: directors and advisors from the student support services of the Flemish HEI + policy advisors from VLIR & Vlaamse Hogescholenraad + student organization, with support from ECStA
- Practical organizing committee: Vlaamse Hogenscholenraad
- Co-financing from Flemish universities & universities of applied sciences and arts + ECStA

- Call for proposals:
  - deadline 8 November 2024
  - 78 contributions were submitted

Programme*

Tuesday 18 March 2025

- Informal reception of participants
- Dinner

Wednesday 19 March 2025

- Registration and welcome
- Plenary Session - Keynote by dr. Liz Thomas
  ”Enabling students to succeed: Future challenges and solutions considered through the lens of a whole provider approach.”
- Parallel Sessions 1
- Lunch
- Parallel Sessions 2
- Parallel Sessions 3
- Networking Time: Cultural visit and Walking dinner

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*(current draft version, 22 Nov ‘24)

Programme*

Thursday 20 March 2025

- Registration
- Parallel Sessions 4
- Parallel Sessions 5
- Lunch
- Parallel Sessions 6
- Plenary Session - Conclusions
- Networking Time: Reception and Dinner

Friday 21 March 2025

- Optional Tour: Visit facilities of Higher education institutions of Antwerp

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Next steps

- Practical matters: hotels, locations for cultural visits and dinner, technical aspects, finalizing budget …
- Publication of the programme and start registration is planned in the first week of December

Take a look at www.esac2025.eu

Feedback and questions?