



**22<sup>nd</sup> EAN Annual Conference**  
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Strasbourg, France  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013



## **The Evolution of Access: Adapt to Survive?**

### **New Challenges and Opportunities in Widening Participation in Higher Education**

#### **Call for Proposals**

European and international proposals are invited from policy makers, practitioners, academics, researchers and students. Proposals giving evidence of good practice and effective strategies, showcasing integrated cross-boundary collaborations, presenting research findings, are particularly welcome.

Proposals should focus directly on the conference theme of the new challenges and opportunities in widening participation at times of austerity, and demonstrate how the 'access movement' strives to overcome adversity to continue serving groups currently under-represented in higher education. Under-representation can be for reasons of gender, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, socio-economic status, geographical location or earlier educational disadvantage.

Proposals 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Lumina Foundation for Education's Big Goal.

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

1. Can an integrated approach across sectors, institutions, state or national boundaries transform higher education and accelerate progress?
2. Achieving national and regional participation goals: what are the implications for policy and practice in higher education systems?
3. Tightening public investment in higher education; can 'access work' survive?

#### **Presenters are requested to:**

- Complete the separate Proposal Form for submission electronically.
- Highlight the relevance and transferability of their paper to participants from other countries.
- Register for the conference within 6 weeks of notification of acceptance.
- Note that there is NO reduction or waiver of fees for presenters.

**Download the Proposal Form by clicking [here](#).**  
**Deadline for submissions: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Please complete and return the Proposal Form electronically to Yana Vlaeva:  
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