On the occasion of the Flemish extension to the federal Economic Mission to The Republic of Turkey, Flanders Agency for Mobility and Cooperation in Higher education / Flanders Knowledge Area in cooperation with Yasar University, University College Leuven and Ghent University has the honor of inviting you to a seminar

International Cooperation in Higher Education: An Engine for Growth

in the presence of minister-president of Flanders Mr. Kris Peeters

Date: Friday 19th October 2012, 16.00-20.00
Venue: Yasar University, Üniversite Caddesi, No:35-37, Ağacılı Yol, Bornova, İzmir PK. 35100

RSVP by 11th October to abmerkezi@yasar.edu.tr
Please note that this invitation is strictly personal
The academic event consists of a seminar and a networking event. During the seminar several Flemish and Turkish institutions will present examples of how international cooperation in Higher Education can bring about growth on a regional and national level. After the presentations a networking reception will take place, allowing face-to-face contacts with the aim of inviting Turkish companies from the region to enhance cooperation between higher education and business. Posters will be displayed by the higher education institutions during the network event to present themselves.

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PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of local government institutions, chamber of commerce, trade union, entrepreneurs, academicians and alumni from Higher Education institutions.

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He is currently Rector of the Yasar University in Izmir (Turkey).

Dr. Klaas Vansteenhuyse
Holds a PhD from Université Catholique de Louvain and is post-doctoral researcher at KU Leuven. He is currently head of International Office for Leuven University College (KHLeuven) and Chair of Working group on LLL & Employability of EURASHE.

Mr. Thijs Verbeurgt
Former student representative at the UGent and currently policy advisor for International Relations at UGent.

Dr. Ayselin Yildiz
Holds a PhD from Middle East Technical University (Ankara) in the field of international relations. She has been working as the Director of European Union Center at Yasar University since 2005. She has been a research fellow at Wageningen University (Netherlands) in 2004 and University of California Berkeley (USA) in 2009.

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Prof. Dr. Suheyda Atalay
Prof. Dr. Sühelya Atalay is the head of the Chemical Engineering Department at Ege University, Turkey and since 2005 she has been also working as Bologna Expert and ECTS/DS consult in the Turkish National Team of Bologna Experts. Prof. Dr. Atalay had her PhD from the Chemical Engineering Department of Ege University in 1984.

Dr. Bahadir Kaleagasi
International Coordinator of TUSIAD – Turkish Industry & Business Association
Dr Bahadir Kaleagasi is a graduate of Brussels and Istanbul Universities. He worked as researcher and lecturer at the Center for International & Strategic Studies and the Institute of European Studies of the University of Brussels and was visiting academic to Harvard, Georgetown and Jerusalem Universities.

Mrs. Meryem Kaçar
Former Belgian Senator and Council member of the City of Ghent and current board member of the Center for Turkish Studies of Ghent University.