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# SGroup General Assembly 2017

## The Social Responsibility of Universities

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**Ghent University**

**10-11 November 2017**

**Venue: Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, Ghent**

<https://www.ugent.be/het-pand/en>





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## ***Ghent University 200 years***

Ghent University is a top 100 university and one of the major Belgian universities counting over 41,000 students and 9,000 employees. Located in Flanders, the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium and the cultural and economic heart of Europe, Ghent University is an active partner in national and international educational, scientific and industrial cooperation.

With a view to cooperation in research and scientific service, numerous research

groups, centres and institutes have been founded over the years. Several of them are renowned worldwide, in various scientific disciplines such as biotechnology, aquaculture, microelectronics, history,... . We distinguish ourselves as a socially committed and pluralistic university in a broad international perspective.

The history of Ghent University is built on social impact. 200 years of Ghent University is a symbolic pivotal point for Ghent University. We are not just looking back at our rich history: most of all we are looking ahead and asking ourselves about what role we want to play as a university in the future. 2017 is the perfect moment to give shape to this vision.

Ghent University is not the university of today or the university of tomorrow: it is the University of the Future.



## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### 10th November

- 9.30 Welcome coffee
- 10.00-10.15 Welcome address: Ghent Representative and Jacek Witkoś, SGroup President
- 10.15-10.30 Feedback from the LO meeting
- 10.30-11.00 Address of Dimitris Avramopoulos, EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship - TBC
- 11.00-12.30 ***Universities in crisis situations*** - presentations will be followed by an interactive session with participants
- Presentation by SGroup members (20')
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- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-15.00 ***Universities in the dissemination of values: equity, excellence, ethics*** – presentations will be followed by an interactive session with participants
- Didier Vrancken, University of Liège
  - Hans Abenius, University of Gothenburg
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30-16.30 ***Universities engaging with diversity***
- Presentations by UGent or SGroup member (20')
  - Alexandra Hughes, University of Westminster
- 16.30-17.00 **Concluding remarks** by Guido Van Huylenbroeck, Academic Director Internationalisation at UGent and Jacek Witkoś, SGroup President
- 19.00 Gala dinner: Oude Vismijn - <http://www.oudevismijn.be/>



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## 11th November

Venue: Het Pand

9.00-11.00 Internal business meeting – Part I.

- Approval of minutes from General Assembly 2016
- Report of activities 2016/2017
- Financial report 2016
- Appointment of auditors
- Elections of Executive Committee Member

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.30 Internal business meeting – Part II.

- Approval of new members
- SGroup policies and strategy 2018
- SGroup's global engagement
- Programme of activities 2018
- Budget and membership fee

12.30-13.30 Lunch

14.00 Social programme