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# SGroup Liaison Officers' Meeting 2017 The Social Responsibility of Universities

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**University of Liège**  
**9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



In the current globalization context, the University takes on an increasingly important role, having the responsibility to help students in the development of their intercultural competences. With the aim of working in a multicultural society, where different approaches and perspectives will represent an important source of value, internationalization must be fully integrated in the heart of the education mission, policy and practice of a University, far beyond the restricted scope of the IR Offices.

Therefore, the University plays an increasingly important role as a promoter of Social Responsibility, aiming to train citizens to become “actors” of their future, a future with no boundaries. In the past



few years, there has been an effort from the academic institutions to embrace internationalization in a way it can positively impact the society. The partners are carefully chosen and the values are clear: guarantee social equity for students and support their success.

In the LO Meeting 2017, we aim to achieve these complex goals by encouraging the discussion of “global skills” and the way universities can empower them, especially by defining the main responsibilities of the IR offices. Challenges must be overcome with the strict collaboration of the worldwide universities, and this initiative must begin with us.

In 2017 the University of Liège commemorates 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation and it invites the SGroup member universities to join the celebrations!

## Tentative Agenda

### 8th November

19.00 Welcome dinner

### 9th November



**Venue:** The meeting will take place in the **Colonster Castle**, situated at the south entry of the Sart Tilman Campus. Bus transportation from the hotel will be provided.

<http://www.colonster.ulg.ac.be/english/acces.html>



- 9.00 Welcome coffee
- 9.20 - 9.30 **Welcome address:** Albert Corhay, President of the University of Liège and Jacek Witkoś, SGroup President
- 9.30 - 11.00 **Internationalisation@home: how can universities help all students to develop intercultural competence and 'global skills'?**
- Anthony Manning , University of Kent
  - Frederik de Decker, Ghent University
- Round table discussion; debriefing and conclusions*
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30- 13.30 **Measuring internationalization**
- María Boquera, Universitat Politecnica de Valencia
  - Paul Leys, Ghent University
- Q&A and conclusions*
- 13.30 - 14.30 Networking lunch
- 14.30 - 15.30 **Core support structures and practices of IROs: do we offer value for money? – moderation – Patricia Petit, University of Liège**
- Presentation by the Dean of Management Department, University of Liège
  - Speaker from SGroup member
- Round table discussion; debriefing and conclusions*
- 15.30 - 17.00 **SGroup internal business – interactive session**
- 17.00 Network cocktail and meeting with Ulg's faculty representatives
- 21.00 Departure to Ghent by bus