



Stakeholder Meeting on the

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**Friday October 4th 2013
11:30 – 13:30 in Room JDE 70**

Rapporteur: **Mr Csaba BORBOLY** (RO/EPP)
President of Harghita County Council

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DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

The consultation will focus on the questions raised by the Rapporteur in the current discussion document.

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Questions to be raised

The Rapporteur would like to focus on the place and role for the local and regional authorities (LRAs) in developing internationalisation of higher education strategies, as well as on possible measures and actions at local and regional level is supporting this process.

Below you will find some preliminary questions to guide the debate on 4 October:

1. Should regions and cities take part in HE policy formulation at national level? What would be the most appropriate methods of collaboration?
 2. Member States could apply multilevel governance and multilevel partnership building in the strategic planning from the very beginning, involving local/regional HEIs also. What would be the specific role for LRAs?
 3. How can national and regional strategies on higher education (HE) be harmonised with the on-going innovation strategy design and Cohesion Policy programming in the light of territorial cohesion?
 4. There are other types of innovation, and local/regional HEIs are mostly aiming at social/organizational/rural innovation. How can this type of innovation be put into an international context?
 5. Are there any means to reverse the widening gap between top universities and local/regional HEIs? How to tackle this issue?
 6. Should there be a focus on less well-off regions and their HEIs, mostly located in the periphery?
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