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INVITATION TO THE LAUNCH OF THE MEMORY BOOK OF THE BRUSSELS ACADEMIC SUMMIT

Rector Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) - Prof. Dr. Caroline Pauwels  
Directeur-generaal Egmont- The Royal Institute for International Relations – Dhr. Marc Otte  
Voorzitter IRELAC en Local Organizing Committee of the Academic Summit – Dhr. Christian Ghymers

hebben het genoegen u uit te nodigen voor de voorstelling van het Memory Book van de tweede Academic Summit EU – CELAC dat plaatsvond in Brussel op 8 en 9 juni 2015.

Het event vindt plaats op de VUB Campus Etterbeek ('Promotiezaal' D.2.01, building D), Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussel

op woensdag 14 december 2016 om 14u30 tot 17:00 met inbegrip van een cocktail.

Gelieve uw deelname aan [Jasmine.cozic@gmail.com](mailto:Jasmine.cozic@gmail.com) te bevestigen.

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The Rector of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel - VUB, Prof. Dr. Caroline Pauwels,  
The Director General of Egmont - the Royal Institute for International relations, Mr. Marc Otte  
The President of IRELAC and of the Local Organizing Committee of the Academic Summit, Mr. Christian Ghymers

have the pleasure to invite you to the presentation of the Memory book of the 2d Academic Summit EU - CELAC held in Brussels on 8 and 9 June 2015

At the VUB campus Etterbeek ('Promotiezaal' D.2.01, building D), Boulevard de la Plaine 2, 1050 Brussels

on Wednesday 14 December 2016, at 14:30 up to 17:00 including the cocktail.

Please confirm your participation at [Jasmine.cozic@gmail.com](mailto:Jasmine.cozic@gmail.com)

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Monsieur Christian Ghymers, Président d'Irelac et du Local Organizing Committee - LOC du Sommet Académique de Bruxelles UE- CELAC

ont le plaisir de vous inviter à la présentation des actes du 2ième Sommet Académique UE - CELAC qui s'est tenu à Bruxelles les 8 et 9 juin 2015.

L'événement aura lieu au campus Etterbeek de la VUB ('Promotiezaal' D.2.01, building D), Boulevard de la Plaine 2, 1050 Bruxelles, le 14 décembre 2016 à 14:30 jusque 17:00 y compris un cocktail.

Merci de confirmer votre présence à : [Jasmine.cozic@gmail.com](mailto:Jasmine.cozic@gmail.com)



**“Building a common space for higher education, innovation, science and technology”  
The Book of the Brussels Academic Summit between the EU and the CELAC**

On the 8th & 9th of June 2015, the academic communities of Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean held in Brussels their 2d “Academic bi-regional Summit” in order to work out common proposals to be submitted to the Heads of State and Government of the 61 States participating to the 8th EU-LAC Summit held also in Brussels on the 10th and 11th June 2015. *“Shaping our common future: working for prosperous, cohesive and sustainable societies for our citizens”* was the headline for this 8th bilateral summit. The main purpose of this 2d Academic Summit was to contribute to meet the challenges faced by both societies by stimulating the active contribution from the academic community for building *“a Euro-Latin American-Caribbean common space for higher education, science, technology and innovation”*. Active efforts were undertaken for being as representative as possible, trying to attract the whole academic communities, from students to Rectors, but preserving as much as possible the bottom-up, independent and participative character of the initiative, without being financed by the EU institutions but essentially by the participants themselves with some limited supports from Belgian and Academic institutions, as the ICHEC, the VUB, the Egmont Institute, the City of Brussels, the Flemish government, the Walloon/Brussels Federation and a few others.

This second Academic Summit gathered around 500 participants from 300 universities or academic centers from 48 countries. These participants reached to issue a consensual communiqué which was delivered to the Heads of State and Government in Brussels. The immediate result was that the Heads of State and Government decided, in their Brussels Declaration and Action Plan, to open a specific chapter dedicated to strengthen the bi-regional academic cooperation and connecting this cooperation with the other cooperation instruments and chapter of their EU-CELAC Action Plan. Therefore, the construction of this common space for higher education, innovation, science and technology is now an official goal of the Strategic Alliance both regions want to reach.

As it was the case after the first Academic Summit a Memory Book collecting the main outputs and Declarations of the event was worked out by a few voluntary members of the “Local Organizing Committee – LOC” and of the “Academic Permanent Forum – FAP”.

The event to which the VUB, the EGMONT Institute and IRELAC/ICHEC invite you this 14<sup>th</sup> December points to give more explanation about the momentum of this strategic cooperation both regions need for meeting the new challenges of their sustainable development.