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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	AOB for the meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council of 19 and 20 November 2026: European Higher Education Area Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum (Iași – Romania and Chișinău – Republic of Moldova, 26-27 Mai 2027) - *Information from Romania*

Romania and the Republic of Moldova will jointly host the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) Ministerial Conference and the Global Policy Forum in Iași (Romania) and Chișinău (Republic of Moldova) on 26-27 May 2027.

The Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum will gather ministers and delegations from all 47 EHEA member countries, the European Commission, consultative members, partners and invited guests from other world regions.

National delegations may consist of up to six members, including one head of a higher education institution, one student representative.

These high-level events will provide a platform for ministers, policy-makers and key stakeholders to hold strategic discussions on the future of the EHEA and on ways to strengthen global cooperation in higher education.

The presence of ministers and high level officials will be essential in enriching the dialogue and in helping to shape the future direction of the European Higher Education Area.

Alongside the adoption of the Ministerial Communiqué, which will set the future priorities of the Bologna Process, ministers will be invited to reflect on the key developments, achievements and challenges as well as to adopt or revise essential tools, including: the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance (ESG), the ECTS Users' Guide, the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and an Action Plan on Internationalisation and Mobility.

Invitations have been sent out in September and registration will commence in January 2027.

We look forward to welcoming you in Iasi and Chisinau in May 2027!