

Joint AEC/ELIA interim statement on the Bologna Declaration (2001)

ELIA and AEC welcome and support the principles identified in the Bologna Declaration of establishing a Europe-wide co-ordinated structure of higher education based on the two cycles of undergraduate and postgraduate provision.

- ELIA and AEC recognise the importance of the opportunity to study at both undergraduate and postgraduate level in each individual country and urge that the provision of arts education be underpinned and supported in maintaining and developing proven methodologies and approaches to learning and teaching at both of these levels.
- ELIA and AEC strongly support the need to provide an equal opportunity in each country for the development of research that is specific to the concerns of higher arts education and the development of the arts, as a means of maintaining and enhancing the delivery of the arts at the highest level. We see this as inextricably linked with the provision of higher arts education training in both cycles of the proposed pattern.
- ELIA and AEC wish to indicate the importance of the specific needs of higher arts education being taken into account in the creation of policy. We welcome any opportunity to be involved in and consulted on developments.

On behalf of higher arts education, ELIA and AEC will be producing position statements which will be forwarded to you at the earliest opportunity.

Statement signed by Ian Horsbrugh (AEC president) and John Butler (ELIA President), 27 April 2001