**Programme**

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| 9:00-9:30  | Registration and welcome coffee  |
| 9:30-10:00  | Introduction and keynote speeches by **Damian Boeselager** (Member of the European Parliament; Germany) and **dr. Aleidis Devillé** (Promotor of MaxiPAC; Belgium - Thomas More)  |
| 10:00-10:15  | Presentation of the MaxiPAC project and key outcomes by dr. Aleidis Devillé (Lead of MaxiPAC; Belgium - Thomas More)   |
| 10:15-11:15  | Rectors’ panel discussion: recognition of previously acquired competences for third-country nationals, including refugees, by higher education institutions in Europe  *Panellists:* * **Sofie Mols** - *Director (vice-rector) of Innovation and Internationalization, Thomas More*
* **Mara Nikolaidou** - *Rector and Professor, Harokopio University of Athens*
* **Satu Uusiautti** *- Vice-rector and Professor, University of Lapland*
* **Teodoro Miano** - *Professor and Responsible for Internationalization, University of Aldo Moro*

*Moderator:* **dr. Nafisa Yeasmin** (Finland - University of Lapland)  |
| 11:15-11:30  | Coffee break  |
| 11:30-13:00  | Stakeholders’ panel discussion: What challenges do third-country nationals willing to study in Europe face nowadays? How can universities, student organisations and policymakers contribute to more inclusive European higher education? *Panellists:* * **Damian Boeselager** - *Member of the European Parliament*
* **Henriette Stöber** - *Policy Analyst, Higher Education Policy Unit, European University Association*
* **Katia Dolgova**-Dreyer - *Secretary to the Steering Committee for Education, Education Department, Council of Europe*
* **Sevak Khachatryan** *- Board member, SIRIUS Network*

*Moderator:* **Luc Wilms** (Belgium - Thomas More)  |
| 13:00-14:00  | Lunch  |
| 14:00-15:15  | Group discussions (world café): accessible higher education and valorisation of competences for third-country nationals   |
| 15:15-15:30  | Conclusions from the group discussions by the facilitators & closing speech by **Martina Darmanin** (Vice President of the Lifelong Learning Platform) (tbc)  |
| 15:30-16:30  | Networking reception (to be confirmed)  |

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