

European Chevening Alumni Network Warsaw Declaration

Chevening Alumni from all over Europe met in Warsaw from 16-18 May 2019 and discussed the common agenda for the European continent in a global context looking ahead to 2030.

As members of the Chevening Alumni Network, we agreed that we have a role to play in creating the future of Europe and to engage in building the best tools (toolkit) to do it effectively.

A European Chevening Alumni Network can put added value on the table by an appropriate **framework for initiatives** that are run by the alumni across Europe, and be able to attract distinguished professionals and responsible leaders to partner in pursuit of our goal; which is to support the development of an equitable, prosperous, secure and democratic Europe.

Therefore, Chevening Alumni from Europe agreed that there is a need for a stronger network in Europe and that it is advisable to create a European Chevening Alumni network. This network would encourage and support all activities within the global Chevening network, expand into a dedicated chapter within the global Chevening Alumni Alliance, widen the range of Chevening events in Europe, encourage the setting up of new Chevening organisations in European countries, especially in the countries which lack organisational structure including European countries which used to offer Chevening Scholarships many years ago. The European countries which have well established Chevening Alumni organisations can offer support and help to countries which want to establish their own organisations.

Chevening Alumni from Europe also agreed that it would be a good idea to re-introduce Chevening Scholarships in Europe as part of the building the future relationship between the UK and those respective countries.

The aim is to meet as CAA Europe at least annually.

The first European conference is planned to be held in Croatia (Dubrovnik) with a focus on Europe 2020 as a main subject.

To coordinate the activities of the European Chevening Alumni network, it was decided to create a Steering Committee where each country could be represented.

The first coordinating activities will be done by Chevening Alumni associations from Croatia and Poland with the support of local British embassies, the Chevening Secretariat and the Chevening Alumni Alliance.