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Dear William

Further to my appearance at the Committee on the 21 October 2015, I agreed to write with some feedback regarding the Global Wales initiative following the launch on 11 November 2015.

The Wales Forum on Europe event – Internationalising Higher Education, launched the new Global Wales initiative. Global Wales is a partnership approach to international Higher Education in Wales involving the Welsh universities, British Council Wales, the Welsh Government (Department for Education and Skills, European and External Affairs Division, Trade & Invest, Visit Wales) the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales and Universities Wales.

The aim of the programme is to deliver a consistent message about the quality and diversity of the Welsh offer; support international activities; grow sectors contributing to the Welsh economy through attracting inward investment and tourism. It will also facilitate business partnerships with key Welsh business sectors to further develop international links

The event was hosted by the EU Ambassador, Dr Hywel Ceri Jones. The event was opened by Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Education and Skills with a closing speech given by Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance and Government Business.

The event was well attended with over 60 delegates from across the Welsh University sector and local government.

Also for information I attach the opening address by Dr Hywel Ceri Jones and links to all the presentations given on the day which highlight the importance of internationalisation. (Annex A).

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I also attach a presentation from Alexandra Hamer, who as a student studied abroad; she gave an invaluable insight of what studies abroad did for her both in terms of her studies and personally.

This event was followed up later in November with an information session by the National Agencies on Erasmus+ and the new calls for funding. The event in Cardiff Bay was again well attended and the interest in student mobility and internationalisation appears to be very prominent currently.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie James".

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Wales in Europe Forum Cardiff City Hall 11 November 2015-11-10

Introduction by Dr Hywel Ceri Jones

A very warm welcome to all of you from different corners of Wales, from the different universities as well as other Welsh organisations . It is great to see such large participation today .I extend a very warm welcome to the two Ministers who will take part in our conference : Huw Lewis , Minister of Education and skills , and Jane Hutt , Minister for Europe as well for Finance , who will join us a little later .A special word of welcome to Adam Tyson from the European Commission , Director for Higher Education and for Erasmus +. He has played a leading role in the modernisation agenda for European universities and in managing the global outreach of Erasmus . Adam will participate later on in our panel discussion .

Two days ago , the Welsh Economy Minister , Edwina Hart , joined with Jane Hutt to announce a new £39 m .Fund to bolster world – class scientific capacity in Wales , and launch the second phase of Ser Cymru .One of many examples of synergy between EU and Welsh Government strategy and funding .

Today Ministers Huw Lewis and Jane Hutt are present for the launch of Global Wales and to stress the strategic value of internationalisation of study and teaching in Welsh universities – important for the international reputation of Wales and Welsh universities and also for Welsh participation in Erasmus. A further powerful example of synergy between EU and Welsh strategic interests .

The brand image and reputation of Erasmus – a centrepiece of the EU 20-20 overall strategy for growth and jobs -is already widely recognised across Europe . Through Erasmus Mundus this brand is working world –wide , connecting universities across the globe . By 2020 – we can expect the total number of ex Erasmus students to pass the 5 million mark , from 3 and a half million today .

In my capacity as one of 3 EU Funding Ambassadors for Welsh Government, I was asked specifically to examine Welsh participation in Erasmus + and I hope this event today can be a step towards building a Wales- wide picture of our relative strengths and weaknesses in this regard so that we can all in turn make Wales a truly dynamic knowledge based society.

To my mind ,today provides an excellent opportunity to marry and combine the 2 brands on the world stage : Erasmus and Global Wales . The one complementing and reinforcing the other to the enhanced benefit of Wales and Welsh universities. I hope in the presentations we will hear later that we can be inspired to learn of the leverage and potential of strategic partnerships and knowledge alliances as a necessary investment for all universities in Wales to engage successfully with their chosen partners on the global stage.

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Annex A

Please see the links below to the presentations given at the Global Wales initiative launch on 11 November 2015

<http://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/151126-adam-tyson.pptx>

<http://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/151126-david-shepherd.pptx>

<http://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/151126-huw-morris.ppsx>

<http://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/151126-sian-impey.ppsx>

<http://gov.wales/docs/caecd/publications/151126-alexandra-hamer.pptx>