

**SCIENCE AND EDUCATION POLICIES**  
**International Conference for the Central and Eastern Europe,**  
**Balkans, Caucasus and Baltic States on**  
*18-21 September 2008, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova*

**DECLARATION**

1. For the regions, the Conference recommends that mechanisms should exist at national level for regular exchange of information and experience between decision-makers and the scientific community. These mechanisms should assist the decision-makers in formulating science- and education policies, and thus contribute to the creation of knowledge-based society.

The Conference recommends that the National Academies of Sciences to take lead in this process at national level. The Academies must ensure that the entire scientific community is included in this process.

2. The Conference invites UNESCO and CRDF to convene a follow-up meeting within two years to assess the progress of these recommendations' implementation.
3. The Conference urges major fund-providers (European Commission, National Governments, donors, international foundations, etc.) to allocate dedicated funds to support the implementation of the above recommendations, both at national level and supra-regionally.

\*