

European University Association

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EUA at a glance

With more than 850 members, including both universities and national rectors' conferences, the European University Association (EUA) is the largest and most comprehensive organisation representing universities in Europe. As the voice of European universities, EUA supports and takes forward the interests of universities and the sector as a whole.

EUA provides unrivalled opportunities for members to share best practice by participating in projects, events and other mutual learning activities involving a wide range of universities. EUA's website, briefings and newsletters keep members well-informed about these activities and European developments which impact on their activities.

Above all, EUA provides members with unique opportunities to influence and shape future European policy and initiatives affecting higher education and research. Through its work and contacts with the European Commission, Parliament and other key decision-makers, EUA ensures universities' interests and concerns are taken up with all key stakeholders.

How EUA is governed

President

- The President, elected every four years by members, leads and represents the association.
- The Board appoints two Vice-Presidents to deputise in his/her absence.

Board

- Nine current or former rectors (including the President). Four members are elected every two years by members.
- Supervises the implementation of EUA policy and work programmes.

Council

- Presidents of the national rectors' conferences.
- Adopts EUA policies and positions and defines overall priorities.

General Assembly

- All EUA members.
- Elects the President and Board and determines the strategic direction of EUA.

Secretariat

- Based in Brussels, EUA's secretariat (around 40 staff), managed by the Secretary General, ensures the daily management and implementation of all EUA's activities.



What we do

EUA serves over
850 members
in
47 countries

Influencing decision-making at all levels: EUA represents universities' interests and lobbies on their behalf in the development and revision of European policies, programmes and funding instruments. EUA formulates evidence-based policies, studies and reports – using information collected from members – as input to policy debates on issues crucial for universities.

Enhancing institutional development by sharing expertise: EUA organises a wide range of mutual learning activities – including projects and events. These are designed for universities to share best practice, knowledge/insights and seek advice on key issues they have identified: such as funding and financial management, governance, quality assurance and management, lifelong learning and collaborative research.

Acting as the voice of European universities globally – promoting global partnerships via dialogue and projects, and ensuring the visibility of Europe's universities worldwide in global events, networks, and organisations.



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Membership benefits and services

EUA member institutions can: **Participate in EUA project activities** which bring together universities and other European higher education stakeholders to share insights and best practice on key strategic topics defined by members.

Join a European and global higher education community at EUA events which provide a unique platform for networking, creating partnerships and for shaping higher policy and institutional development.

Contribute to and influence policy development in Europe through these different activities.

Keep up-to-date with important European higher education and research issues through the EUA Newsletter (approximately 20 issues a year).

Receive comprehensive information and Europe-wide analysis on crucial issues for universities through EUA reports and studies.



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Access the EUA Community: a members-only online community with details of all upcoming events and meetings, and EUA documents for download. Members can directly edit their institutional contact information, and access the extended member directory to locate other experts and potential partners.

Request expert advice: the EUA secretariat provides access for members to expert advice and resources on European funding instruments, higher education and research policies and practices.

EUA can also in certain circumstances provide **consultancy** on issues related to the specific needs of institutions and their stakeholders in areas such as quality assurance.



Photo: EUA Annual Conference, University of Warwick



Members can place
the special EUA
Membership icon
on their website



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Special membership services

Over **300 evaluations**
already conducted in
45 countries
worldwide

The Institutional Evaluation Programme (IEP)

IEP, as an independent evaluation programme, carries out external evaluations conducted by teams of international experts to support participating institutions in the development of their strategic management and internal quality culture.

IEP is listed in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) and is a full member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).

www.eua.be/iep



More than
200 members
in over
30 countries

The Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE)

EUA-CDE is a membership service for universities that wish to enhance the quality of doctoral education. Members have access to a range of possibilities to exchange good practices regarding doctoral schools and programmes, as well as receiving information about new developments in doctoral education.

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Become a member

EUA has different categories of membership depending on whether applicants are universities, national associations of universities or other bodies active in higher education or research. The category of membership determines annual fees and voting rights.

All applications for membership are first reviewed by EUA's Membership Committee and then passed on to the EUA Council (three sessions a year), that takes the final decision. Membership is granted for the whole institution or organisation, including all academic and non-academic staff.



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[www.eua.be/
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