

THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND EUROPE 2020 AGENDA

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The starting point

- The European Higher Education Area : 180, 210 or 240 ECTS in the first cycle. 90 or 120 ECTS in the second cycle.
- Ranking Shanghai 2010: 33 universities in the top 100, 54 U.S.. 2 in the top 10 (GB). 11 in the top 50: 5 GB, 2 FR, 1 CH, DK, SE, NL
- Ranking Iberoamericano SIR 2010: 25 European in the top 100. 3 in the top 10 (RS, FR y D); 10 in the top 50 (5 GB, 1 RS, FR, D, ES, IT).
- Ranking QS 2010: 4 European (GB) in the top 10; 13 in the top 50 (8 GB, 2 CH y FR, 1 DK).

Europe 2020 Targets

- Smart Growth: intelligence, innovation and creativity
- Spend 1,8% of EU's GDP to 3% (2020), USA 2,6%, Japan 3,4%
- At least 40% of 30-34-year-olds with third level education , EEUU 40%, Japan 50%
- Reducing school drop-out rates below 10%

Europe 2020 Initiatives

- Open Method of Coordination
- «Innovation Union»
- «Youth on the move»
- «A Digital Agenda for Europe»
- «An Agenda for new skills and jobs»

Innovation Union: EU Institutions

- European Research Area: energy security, transport, climate change and efficient use of resources, health and aging, production methods environmentally friendly and land management
- «Building the Bioeconomy of 2020», « Key technologies shaping the future of European industry» and « Technologies that allow older people to live independently and be active in society ».
- To reinforce the links among education, companies, research and innovation.
- Greater involvement of public sector.
- European patent system.

Innovation Union: EU Member States

- To reform its national (and regional) R&D systems to encourage excellence and smart specialization.
- To apply to joint programmes and strengthen cross-border cooperation in areas of EU added value.
- Having a sufficient number of graduates in science, maths and engineering. Curricula focus on creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Using tax incentives and other financial instruments to promote greater private investment in R & D

Youth on the move

- Integrate and enhance the EU programs related to mobility, university and research (such as Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus, Tempus and Marie Curie) and link them to programs and resources.
- Explore ways to promote entrepreneurship through mobility programs for young professionals: Europass, EURES “Your First Job Aboard”.
- Promote the recognition of non-formal and informal learning.

A Digital Agenda for Europe

- Create a genuine single market for online content and services. EU markets for Internet access services and digital content safe and without borders, active support for the digitization of European cultural heritage and shape the global Internet governance
- Education and Digital Economy

An Agenda for new skills and jobs

- Only 63% of women in the labor market, only 46% of over 55 works (62% U.S. and Japan)
- The Lifelong Learning Programme
- Education and employability.
- European Qualifications Framework (EQF), in force since 2008, with eight levels by 2012, focusing on learning outcomes.

The EHEA and its potential

- Joint Degrees: the problem of the length of degrees, more options in the second cycle
- Mobility problems for recognition of ECTS
- A European research and teaching career.
- Excellence and social promotion.