



## Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

### Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Advisory Board for user-driven, multidimensional international ranking for higher education institutions (E02326)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

**Abbreviation:** UMRAG

**Policy Area:** Education

**Lead DG:** EAC - DG Education and Culture

**Type:** Informal, Temporary

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** Advise and monitor implementation of a multi-dimensional ranking (covering the various university missions and performances) on a number of institutions, within and outside the EU.

**Task:** Provides expertise to the Commission when preparing implementing measures, i.e. before the Commission submits these draft measures to a comitology committee

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## Additional Information

### Activity Report

U-MR Advisory Board meeting, November 2016

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### Activity Report

U-MR Advisory Board meeting, February 2016

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### Activity Report

U-MR Advisory Board meeting, October 2015

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U-MR Advisory Board meeting, February 2015

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### Activity Report

U-MR Advisory Board meeting, October 2014

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### Activity Report

U-MR Advisory Board meeting, April 2014

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U-MR Advisory Board meeting, January 2014

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### Activity Report

Meeting on 04 October 2013

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### Activity Report

Meeting on 26 April 2013

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### Activity Report

Implementation phase of the initiative requires regular meetings of the Advisory Board (3-4 times a year). Input from the Board will be particularly important on the refinement of U-Multirank indicators, the development of a user-friendly web tool to present the ranking results and on the development of a sustainable business model for the longer term implementation of U-Multirank.

<http://www.u-multirank.eu>

### Activity Report

The Advisory group set up to advise on the feasibility study met 6 times (9 October 2009, 18 December 2009, 5 February 2010, 7 June 2010, 27 September 2010, 15 February 2011). In the first three meetings the various aspects of the design phase have been discussed (decisions on the principles and elements for designing a multi-dimensional ranking concept). In the last three meetings the various elements of the testing phase (where the developed multi-dimensional concept has been tested on 152 institutions) have been discussed (selection of indicators for testing phase, testing data collection, impact on feasibility of individual indicators, conclusion final list of indicators, conclusions on communication of results and development of options for future implementation)

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## **Selection Procedure (members)**

The advisory group consists of representatives from higher education institutions, teachers, students, business, the Bologna Follow-Up Group, the EU Expert Group on Assessment of University Based Research and the European Commission (DG Education and Culture and DG Research). DG EAC nominates staff for an Advisory Group to advise and monitor the execution and follow-up of the contract and to evaluate the quality of the deliverables. The EC asked the Stakeholder organisations (like EUA, EURASHE, etc) to propose candidates for the Advisory Group, and then based on the CVs the EC proceeded to the selection and specific invitation of current members.

## **Internal Rules of Procedure**

Expert groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure. This is the case for this group.

## **Other**

The implementation of a multi-dimensional ranking will contribute to the EU objective of enhancing the transparency in the different missions and performances of higher education institutions and research institutes. The new ranking would aim to make it possible to compare and benchmark similar institutions within and outside the EU, both at the level of the institution as a whole and focusing on different study fields. This would help institutions to better position themselves and improve their development strategies, quality and performances. Accessible, transparent and comparable information will make it easier for stakeholders and in particular students, to make informed choices between the different institutions and their programmes. Many existing rankings do not fulfil this purpose because they only focus on certain aspects of research and on entire institutions, rather than on individual programmes and disciplines. The project will cover all types of universities and other higher education institutions as well as research institutes.

## Members

### Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Akava ry	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe (AEGEE)	Other Organisations	European	Member
BUSINESSEUROPE	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Erasmus Student Network (ESN)	Other Organisations	European	Member
EUROCADRES - COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGERIAL STAFF (EUROCADRES)	Other Organisations	European	Member
European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member
European Students' Union (ESU)	Other Organisations	European	Member
European University Association (EUA)	Other Organisations	European	Member
International Association of Universities (IAU)	Other Organisations	International	Member
Universities of Applied Sciences Network (UASnet)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member

### Type E - Other public entity

#### Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 11

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	10		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		

### Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation:	0		
Type D - Member State Authority:	0		