



Register of Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities

Commission Expert Group

Name: Thematic Working Group on the Modernisation of Higher Education (E02488)
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Policy Area: Education

Lead DG: EAC - DG Education and Culture

Type: Informal, Temporary

Scope: Limited

Mission: This Working Group is established in the context of the Open Method of Coordination under the ET 2020 strategic framework for European cooperation on education and training. The primary focus of the Working Group is to benefit the Member States in their work of furthering policy development on modernisation of higher education through mutual learning and the identification of good practices. The Working Group will concentrate on delivering concrete and useable outputs that respond to the strategic aims of both ET 2020 and Europe 2020. It will be actively engaged to provide assistance to clusters of Member States in responding to issues identified in country specific recommendations, by having such Member States benefit from the practical experience and good practices of other Member States.

Task: Assist the Commission in the preparation of legislation or in policy definition
Coordinates with Member States, exchange of views

Composition: National Administrations
Candidate country (Education)
Third Country (Education)
Academia (Education)

Publication in RegExp: 03 Aug 2010

Last updated: 12 Feb 2014

Additional Information

Activity Report

Peer Learning Activity : "The regional knowledge triangle: linking higher education, research and innovation in support of regional development" - 16-17 September 2013 - Kraków.

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Activity Report

THEMATIC WORKING GROUP "MODERNISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" AND PEER LEARNING LIGHT ON "NEW MODES OF LEARNING" (8th Meeting) - 10 September 2013.

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Activity Report

THEMATIC WORKING GROUP "MODERNISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" - 14 May 2013.

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Activity Report

Peer Learning Activity : "Policies and practice to reduce dropout and improve completion rates in European higher education" - 4-6 March 2013 - Prague.

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Activity Report

THEMATIC WORKING GROUP "MODERNISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" (6th Meeting) and Peer Learning "light" on Recognition Issues - 5 & 6 November 2012.

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Activity Report

PROGRAMME Peer Learning Activity Excellence in Teaching - 19 - 21 September 2012 - Berlin.

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Activity Report

Peer Learning Activity (PLA): New funding models in higher education - 16-18 April 2012 - Ghent.

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Activity Report

THEMATIC WORKING GROUP "MODERNISATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" - 5th Meeting - 09 Februari 2011.

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Activity Report

This Thematic Working Group operates under the Open Method of Co-ordination in Education and Training Strategic Framework (ET2020). The last meeting was held on 15-16/02/2011 and it covered the following main issues: Information Points from Thematic Working Group members and EC; Updated Compendium of Good Practices in Modernising Higher Education; Eurobarometer on Employer Perceptions of Graduate Employability; Challenges and Priorities for the Modernisation of Higher Education; PLA Governance: The HE Landscape (30 Mar–1 Apr 2011, Oslo)

<http://www.ksll.net/PeerLearningClusters/clusterDetails.cfm?id=6>

Selection Procedure (members)

The members of this group are the Member States, Third Countries and European organisations participating in ET2020 Governance structure. Third Countries and European organisations have shown their interest in participating following an official announcement to ET2020. It is for the authority of each Member State to decide on who will represent them. The selection procedure is the same for type C members: the organisations nominate their own representatives.

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 work of the Thematic Working Group on Modernisation of Higher Education focuses on exploring ways to support the modernisation of higher education. The April 2005 Communication 'Mobilising the brainpower of Europe: enabling universities to make their full contribution to the Lisbon Strategy' sets out the key challenges and areas of work. The activities of the Thematic Working Group focus around identification and dissemination of areas of good practice with respect to higher education quality, governance and funding. The key outputs of the Thematic Working Group include the Compendium of Good Practices in Modernising Higher Education (see Compendia of good practice section) and thematic reports, with key policy conclusions summaries on themes identified as of particular interest for peer learning.

Other

The members of the PLA subgroup vary according to theme under discussion eg. financing of higher education, diversity of institutions etc. These representatives are nominated (for one PLA meeting only) by the members of the TWG (main group). The TWG is ministry officials from participating countries (with the exception of few nominated representatives eg. social partners). The PLA is a smaller group, always drawn from the membership countries of the TWG. Members are ministry officials and representatives of higher education institutions.

Other

PLA meetings are organised by theme. All Group Member countries/organisations are invited to participate, and they choose whether to participate according to the subject covered. The individual representing the country/organisation may differ as the person who is expert in this subject field is the one who participates in the PLA (sub-group meeting)

Members

Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
CEDEFOP	Academia	European	Member
ETUCE	Academia	European	Member
EURYDICE	Academia	European	Member
Ministry of Education and Research	Third Country	Norway	Member
Ministry of Science, Education and Sports	Candidate country	Croatia	Member

National administrations

Country		Membership Status
Belgium	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	2 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Alternate member
Malta	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Alternate member

Subgroups

Name	Duration	Composition	
Peer Learning Activities			
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CEDEFOP	Academia	European	Member
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EURYDICE	Academia	European	Member
Ministry of Education and Research	Third Country	Norway	Member
Ministry of Science, Education and Sports	Candidate country	Croatia	Member
National administrations			
Country	Public Authority	Membership Status	
United Kingdom	Dept for Business, Innovation and Skills	Member	
Sweden	Ministry of Education & Research	Member	
Spain	Ministry of Education	Member	
Slovenia	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology	Member	
Slovakia	Ministry of Education	Member	
Portugal	Directorate General for Higher Education	Member	
Netherlands	Ministry of Education, Culture and Science	Member	
Malta	National commission for HE	Member	
Malta	University of Malta	Member	
Luxembourg	Ministère de l'Education nationale et de la Formation professionnelle	Member	
Lithuania	Ministry of Education and Science	Member	
Latvia	Ministry of Education and Science	Member	
Ireland	Department of Education and Skills	Member	
Hungary	Ministry of National Resources.	Member	
Germany	Hochschulrektorenkonferenz	Member	
Germany	Ministerium für Innovation, Wissenschaft und Forschung des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen	Member	
France	Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche	Member	
Finland	Ministry of Education, Science and Culture	Member	
Estonia	Ministry of Education and Research	Member	
Denmark	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation	Member	

Czech Republic	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	Member
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Cyprus	Ministry of Education and Culture	Member
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Bulgaria	Ministry of Education Youth and Science	Member
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Belgium	Flemish Dept of Education and Training, Ministère de la Communauté française	Member
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Statistics

Number of Members: 28

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	5		
National administrations:	23		

Number of Alternate Members: 2

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	0		
National administrations:	2		

Number of Observers: 0

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	0		
National administrations:	0		