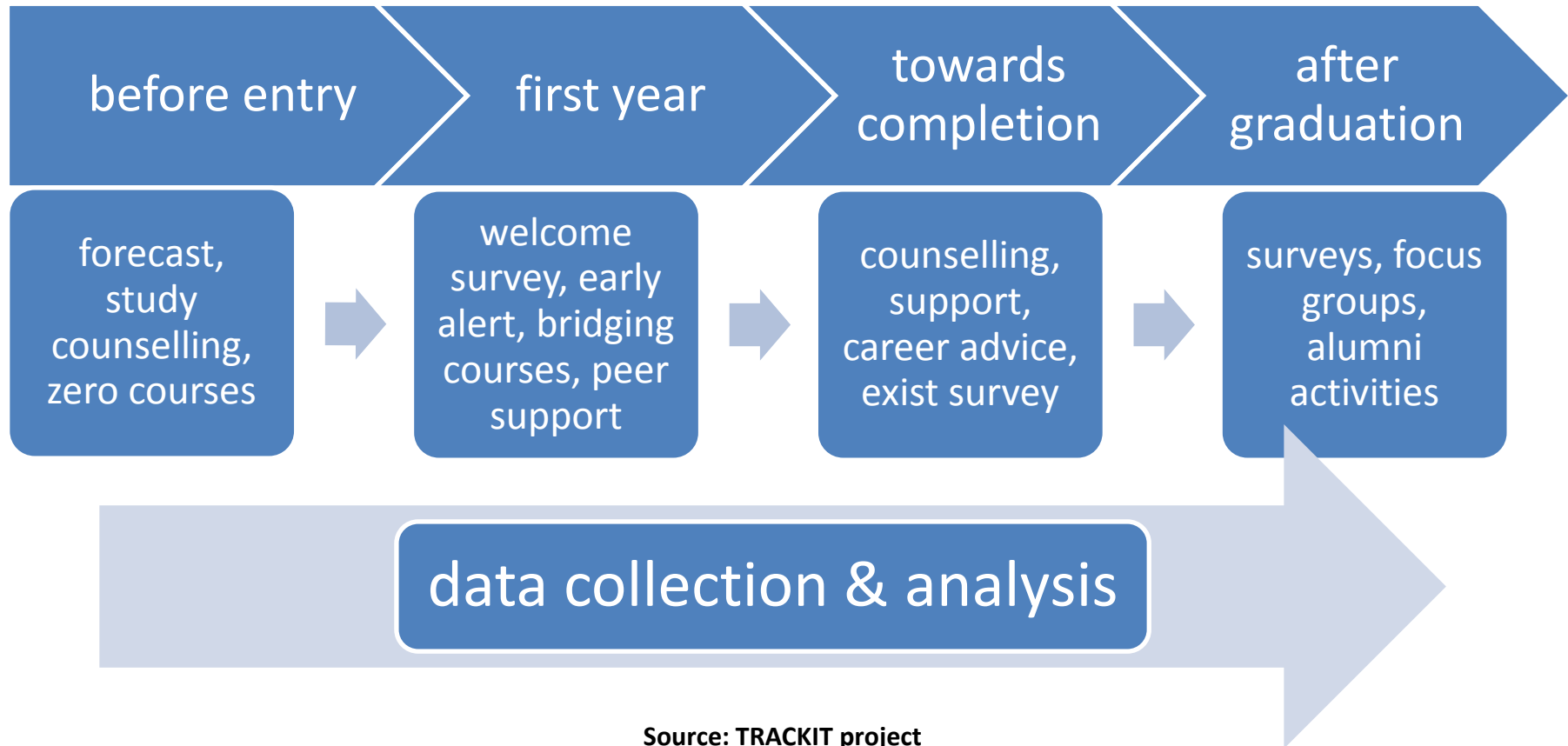


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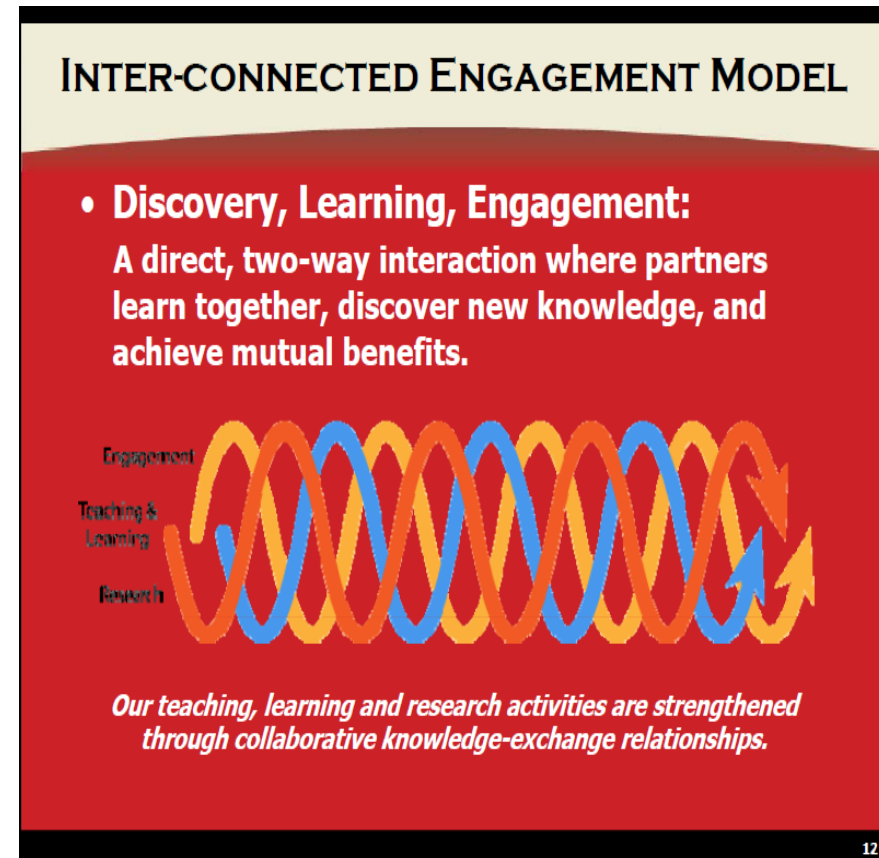
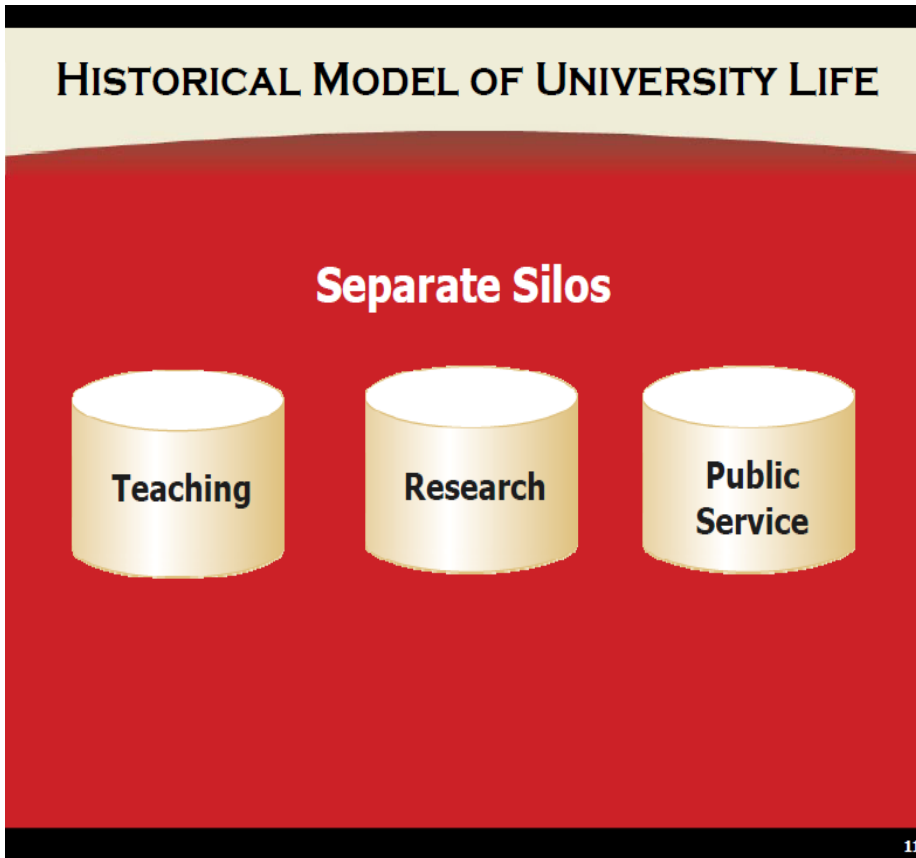
- European level initiative contributed to enhancing awareness and consolidated vision at national and institutional level
- Changing tides: demography, labour market demand
- Changing role of higher education
- Economic crisis - austerity

2012 – Tracking Learners’ and Graduates’ Progression Path (TRACKIT) Support throughout the student life cycle



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What is higher education for?

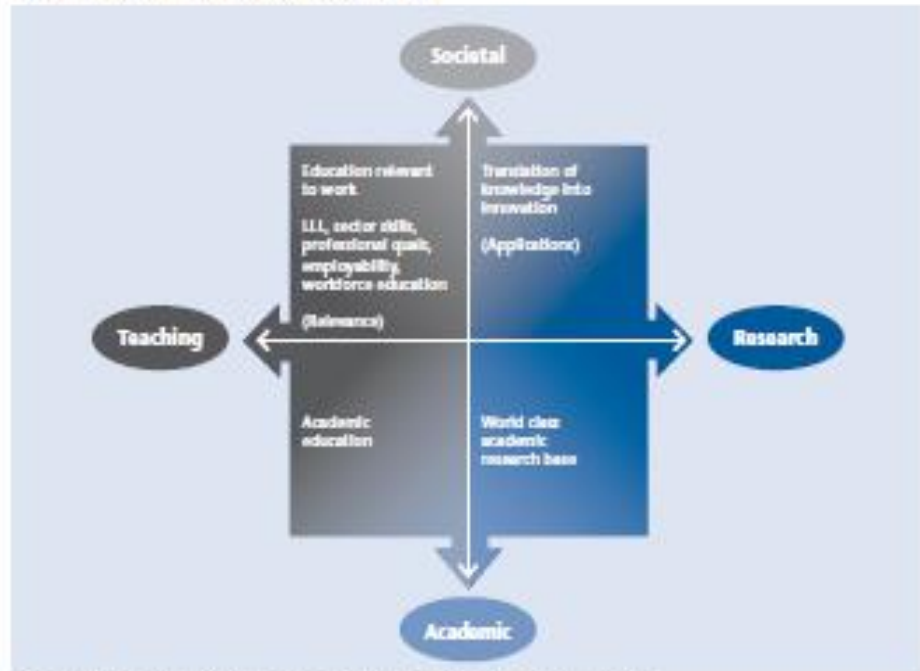
Rigor or Relevance? ...

It is felt that the knowledge for which the university stands lacks legitimacy; it can simply be understood as a set of language games of a rather privileged set of occupational groups (academics) that reflects their interest and marginal standing to the rest of society

Barnett, p411 University knowledge in an age of supercomplexity. Higher Education 40/ 2000

Rigor and relevance ...?

Figure 17: Higher education drivers for change



Source: Marilyn Wigwood; slide of a presentation given at the IUA conference in Glasgow 2005