

Trends in European Higher Education 2015

What is Trends?

- For over a decade, EUA has been producing its **Trends reports**, which present the perception of Europe's higher education institutions on the state of higher education.
- The Trends reports have become a central source of information and reference, both for the higher education community and policy makers.
- Trends 2015 is the seventh Trends survey since 2001.
- For further information on the current and past Trends surveys, please click [here](#).

How does Trends work?

- At the heart of Trends is a questionnaire to European higher education institutions. More than 900 higher education institutions from all over Europe participated in Trends 2010. For this round, we expect an equal or even higher number.
- All data received from the questionnaire will be published in aggregate form only, meaning that individual answers will remain anonymous and cannot be traced back to your institution.
- The report will be presented to ministers, higher education leaders, student representatives and other stakeholders at the 2015 Bologna Ministerial Conference in Yerevan, Armenia.
- The study results will also, as in the past, be published widely and feed into the public debate on higher education. Finally, the survey will be followed up in research and project work that EUA undertakes together with its members and partners.

What is new in Trends 2015?

- **More focus on learning and teaching:** the present survey focuses less on the implementation of the structural Bologna reforms (e.g. degree system, ECTS), but aims to map the developments in learning and teaching that universities launched in response to reforms and changing demand for higher education.
- **Emphasis on certain topics:** more space is devoted to the situation of students and staff than in the previous reports.
- **New topics:** e-learning and MOOCs have been included.
- **New format:** for the first time an online questionnaire is used. In addition, a PDF version is provided, which should make it easier to preview questions and coordinate completion of the questionnaire at your institution.
- **Your copy of the data provided:** due to the online format, once your data has been submitted, you will automatically be provided with a summary of your responses.

How can your institution contribute?

- **Please fill in the questionnaire to the best of your knowledge.** Every answer will help us to get a better understanding of developments in European higher education.
- The questionnaire is not simple, given the complexity and diversity of the issues addressed. But institutions which tested the questionnaire found it a useful tool to assess their state of play and goals as regards learning and teaching.
- A person with a good overview of the institution and of developments in your higher education system should answer the questionnaire. You may also wish to consider establishing a small group of colleagues or a task force. The answers should reflect the perception of the institutional leadership.