



A renewed EU agenda for higher education

Main priorities for action

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Developing the new agenda



1. What are the issues facing higher education in the EU?



2. What needs to change and what can the EU do to help?

Four main issues to focus on



1. Skills mismatch: graduates + jobs



2. Social divisions: university + society



3. Innovation gap: HE + innovation



4. Disjointed systems: coherence + efficiency

1. Excellence in skills development



MAIN ACTIONS

What people study

- **Graduate tracking**
- **EU STE(A)M coalition**

Effective teaching

- **Erasmus+ staff mobility**
- **Pedagogical training projects**

**Well-designed
curricula**

- **Work placements**
- **Support for digitalisation**

A word about graduate tracking



Main goal

- Better availability & use of qualitative & quantitative data on graduate outcomes

Applications

- Guidance for study / career choice
- Input for programme design
- Input for policy making

EU activities

- Proposal for Council Recommendation
- Pilot phase of European graduate survey
- Network of national experts in tracking

2. Inclusive, connected systems



MAIN ACTIONS

**Equity & study
success**

- **Institutional strategies**
- **Recognition for refugees**

**Flexible & adult
learning**

- **Testing modular course
design**

**Links to civil society
& civic competences**

- **ECTS points for volunteering**

3. Higher education & innovation



MAIN ACTIONS

**Fostering creativity
& innovation skills**

- **EIT-RIS and EIT Label**
- **Teaching methods (OECD)**

**Cooperation & smart
specialisation**

- **University-business fora**

**Developing
innovation capacity
in lagging regions**

- **HE & Smart Specialisation**
- **Targeted action in MSCA**

4. Effective, efficient SYSTEMS



MAIN ACTIONS

**Targeting and
balancing
investment**

- **System reviews of funding, incentives & rewards**

**Strengthening links
between education
and research**

- **Teaching within MSCA**



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Questions?