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

**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

- Institutional strategies
- Recognition for refugees
- Testing modular course design
- 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
Questions