



Consultation on the future generation of EU international programme in higher education

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The policy context: Europe 2020 and Education & Training 2020



- Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- Education and training to play key role in Europe 2020
- E&T targets for 2020: Reduce early school leavers and increase share of young people with tertiary attainment
- 2 E&T flagship initiatives in Europe 2020:
 - Youth on the Move
 - New Skills for New Jobs
- Integrated guidelines



Youth on the Move

EU 2020 Strategy = 7 flagship initiatives

1. Innovation Union
- 2. Youth on the Move**
3. A digital Agenda for Europe
4. Resource Efficient Europe
5. An industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era
- 6. An Agenda for New Skill for New Jobs**
7. European Platform Against Poverty



Youth on the Move

- An EU “flagship initiative” to respond to the challenges young people face and to help them succeed in the knowledge economy – adopted 15 September 2010
- The EU’s first integrated strategy for young people, embracing both education/training and employment
- By 2020, 35% of all jobs will require high-level qualifications (today: 29%) = “knowledge economy”
- Too many early school leavers (15% of 18-24 year olds have less than upper secondary education)
- Only 31% of EU population have an HE degree (USA: > 40%, Japan: > 50%)
- Youth unemployment is too high: 21%



Europe 2020 targets

Early School Leaving

2009
14.4%



2020

10% at most

Higher Education Attainment (Age 30-34)

2009

32.3%



2020

40% at least



Youth on the Move

Framework strategy with four action lines:

1. **"Modern education and training systems"**: *actions to improve schools, VET, recognition of non-formal/informal learning etc.*
2. **"Higher education"**: *specific actions to make higher education more attractive / effective*
3. **"Learning and employment mobility"**: *actions to promote training + work abroad as a way to gain skills / experience*
4. **"Youth Employment Framework"**: *active labour market policies + reform of labour market rules*



Consultation on future programmes

Public consultation on the next generation of EU programmes – education, training and youth policy (deadline: 30 Nov)

1. Lifelong learning
2. Youth programme
3. International higher education cooperation programme

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=IntCoopHigherEdu1&lang=en>



Consultation on future international HE programme

Present situation: large number of regional HE programmes with 2 main types of objectives:

- ❖ Promotion of international mobility to reinforce EU attractiveness
- ❖ Academic cooperation and capacity building of third country universities

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Current programmes (managed by DG EAC and DG DEVCO):

- ❖ **Erasmus Mundus** to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic cooperation between Europe and the rest of the world (2 separate actions).
- ❖ **Tempus** to contribute to the modernisation of HE in the countries neighbouring the EU.
- ❖ **Atlantis** and cooperation with industrialised countries
- ❖ **ALFA** to contribute to the development of HE in Latin America
- ❖ **EduLink** to support HE modernisation in ACP countries
- ❖ **Nyerere**: intra-Africa student mobility programme
- ❖ **Marie Curie** to strengthen the human potential in research and technology in Europe



Consultation on future international HE programme (post 2013)



3 big clusters of questions:

1.Scope of the future programme: promote EU as a destination of excellence, attract best students, strengthen cooperation with 3rd countries, promote capacity building in 3rd countries...

2.Programme design: joint and double degrees (Master, Bachelor, doctoral levels), promotion projects, joint courses, student and staff exchanges, joint studies, joint seminars, more than only HE?

3.Programme funding and management: distribution of funds between actions, should management be modified, role of national structures, quality of programme guide, application forms, etc.



Consultation on future international HE programme: first ideas submitted

- ❖ Increase flexibility, reduce bureaucracy
- ❖ Rationalise
- ❖ Simplify, merge programmes
- ❖ Make them more visible, easier to use
- ❖ Improve the quality and added value of mobility

Thank you!

Discussion time!

