

EUA Autumn Conference 2008:

Inclusive and responsive universities – ensuring Europe's competitiveness

Rotterdam 23-25 October 2008

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline 15 April 2008

EUA's autumn conference in Rotterdam will consider how best to promote the development of inclusive and responsive universities able to cope with the numerous challenges facing Europe and European universities. These challenges include the changing demography of Europe; global competition and the simultaneous demands to respond better to specific local/regional needs; and new modes of knowledge production and transmission. Participants in Rotterdam will discuss how universities deal with these challenges and what being an 'inclusive and responsive university' means in this changing environment, while taking account of the different missions of the university.

In order to provide participants with a broad range of topical input, two paper sessions are scheduled in the conference programme.

EUA is therefore issuing the following:

CALL FOR PAPERS

Individual papers will be allocated to a paper session where they will be presented with one other paper. Each paper will receive a time slot of 45 minutes.

EUA welcomes contributions on the topics listed in the clusters below. Papers may address one or several of these topics and explore links between the clusters. They should reflect outcomes of institutional experience or be based on relevant project results.

Clusters

Institutional strategies

- How has the university responded to the changes in its environment?
- Impact of dialogue between universities and employers

Creative learning environments

- Creating a culture of success and educational attainment with a heterogeneous student population
- The role of open educational resources in supporting educational innovation
- Using learning outcomes in curriculum design: benefits and challenges with regard to diversifying the student population
- Organisation of flexible learning paths
- Recognition of prior learning
- Ensuring student centred learning in research intensive institutions



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- The role of institutional guidance and counselling services

Regional innovation

- Establishing partnerships at regional level for lifelong learning provision
- Attracting funding from regional partners
- Benefiting from the teaching and research links in regional projects
- Cooperation between higher education and vocational education and training

Funding

- Institutional resource allocation to facilitate lifelong learning
- Key features of a student support scheme adapted to lifelong learning

PUBLICATION

A post-conference publication will be produced, possibly as a special supplement of the EUA Bologna Handbook, based on a selection of the papers presented at the conference. This publication will contribute to future EUA policies and strategies on promoting inclusive and responsive universities for Europe.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING THE PROPOSALS

Paper proposals will be assessed by members of the paper review panel for compliance with the following criteria for acceptance:

- The paper provides a substantial basis for discussion in the parallel sessions. Particularly, it identifies clearly the success and obstacles in addressing specific topics.
- There is a clear focus of the paper that will be of interest to the participants of the conference.
- The argument, development, and structure of the paper are logical, coherent and understandable.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

A paper proposal should:

- Indicate the cluster(s) addressed
- State the topic(s) covered in the paper
- Identify the author(s) and, in the case of co-authored papers, indicate who will be responsible for presenting the paper at the Forum
- Identify the organisation of the author(s)
- Be outlined in no more than 1000 words

PROCEDURE

Authors are requested to submit an outline (1000 words max) of their paper by email to Rotterdam-papers@eua.be, by **15 April 2008**. This outline will be evaluated by the Paper review panel. The proposals that are accepted may receive specific comments to assist the development of the full paper (maximum 3000 words).

Acceptance of the paper for the Rotterdam Conference does not imply automatic acceptance for publication. The selection process for the publication will be undertaken separately.

All acknowledgements will be by e-mail.



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CALENDAR

15 April 2008: All elements of the proposal must be submitted online in Microsoft Word by mail to Rotterdam-papers@eua.be. Submission will be possible from the beginning of March. Incomplete proposals will not be reviewed. Please do not send a hard copy or a PDF file unless specifically requested.

31 May 2008: Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by e-mail to all authors. Accepted proposals will be accompanied by comments. Information regarding the day and time of sessions at the conference will be provided later.

15 September 2008: The final version of the papers (3000 words) must be submitted online.