



MEDIA INVITATION TO EUA EXPERTS CONFERENCE

Towards Financially Sustainable European Higher Education Institutions

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In an increasingly competitive environment Europe's Higher Education Institutions must find a way to become financially sustainable. This high level conference promises to unite experts from across Europe to identify the key elements necessary for financial survival in the future. Policy makers, institutional leaders and researchers on the topic will explore the links between funding and autonomy, accountability and governance structures and aim to pinpoint the key features of sound costing systems.

The conference will source information from EUA's current funding project, supported by the European Commission DG Education and Culture, with the aim to collect examples of good practice in cost accounting with specific emphasis on full cost development. To access key data EUA has selected a group of European universities to compare their income and expenditure flows, accounting systems, legal frameworks and progress towards full cost accounting. The data collected so far by the EUA reflects the huge diversity of public funding mechanisms across Europe and demonstrates the importance of more comprehensive mapping of public funding models and supplementary income streams.

Conference goals

On the basis of key-note presentations, case studies from across Europe and expert sessions, the goals of the Conference will be to:

- Share first findings of the EUA funding project and compare this with other findings.
- Raise awareness of funding and financing issues.
- Identify the relationship between costing/funding and accountability, governance structures and the degree of university autonomy.
- Discuss questions of general accounting principles, comparability, costing and pricing and financial management.

For further information, and the conference programme, please visit our website: www.eua.be

Please note there are only a limited number of places to attend the Conference for members of the press so you will need to register.

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