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What does it mean to be an international university?

EUA Autumn Conference, Giessen, Germany (8-10 October)

Universities around Europe are increasingly looking to work internationally to attract students and researchers, to establish exchange programmes and research collaborations. But what actually makes a university truly international?

This will be one of the main themes of discussions next week when 300 university leaders, policy makers and higher education stakeholders gather at the Justus Liebig University in Giessen to take part in the European University Association (EUA) Autumn Conference. Entitled 'Internationalisation beyond Europe's frontiers: enhancing attractiveness through global Partnership and Cooperation', this will be the first major EUA conference devoted entirely to the internationalisation of European higher education.

The Conference will explore European universities' relationship with partners around the globe and examine good practice on how cooperation and dialogue may be fostered in spite of, and in conjunction with, competition, at a time of a major global economic downturn.

Break out sessions will enable university leaders to discuss institutional policies and strategies for internationalisation, addressing specific issues such as international research cooperation, joint degrees and language policy

The event will also include a pre-conference workshop (8 Oct.) on Europe and transnational higher education (TNE) that will assess, in particular, how the off-shore, branch campuses and programmes impact higher education systems on a global scale, including its impacts on European higher education.

To find out more about the conference, please visit the conference website: www.eua.be/giessen

The European University Association, as the representative organisation of both the European universities and the national rectors' conferences, is the main voice of the higher education community in Europe. EUA's mission is to promote the development of a coherent system of European higher education and research.

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