

A list of some EUA's events and publications in 2017

Autonomy

At its Annual Conference in Bergen, on 6-7 April 2017, EUA presented the state of play on university autonomy in Europe, with the launch of its newly updated Autonomy Scorecard. The Scorecard can be consulted [here](#). The extensive study, which profiles and scores 29 higher education systems, can be found [here](#). The transversal report on Autonomy will be ready by the end of May. Please see [here](#) for more details.

Learning and Teaching

TRENDS 2018

EUA has launched its 8th TRENDS survey for European higher education institutions in March 2017. The survey focuses on learning and teaching developments. The results of the survey will feed into the TRENDS 2018 report, which EUA will submit to the 2018 Bologna Ministerial Conference, and use in various policy and practice contexts. More information can be found [here](#). The deadline for responding to the survey is **5 June 2017**. The TRENDS 2018 report is expected to be published by Spring 2018. The preliminary results will be presented in the first European Learning and Teaching Forum, in September 2017 (see below).

EUA Learning and Teaching Initiative

The first European Learning and Teaching Forum will be organised on **28-29 September 2017, at the University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris**. This Forum will facilitate the exchange of experience on L&T. In order to prepare and complement the Forum, EUA is currently organising 4 thematic groups on L&T, which includes a total of 33 universities across Europe. More information can be found [here](#). Registration to the Learning and Teaching Forum will open end May.

European Forum for Enhanced Collaboration in Teaching (EFFECT)

The EFFECT project (Erasmus+ KA 3, 2015-2018) aims at facilitating European exchanges and collaboration on teaching enhancement, identifying and developing innovative practices, supporting the institutions in developing strategic approaches, and assessing the feasibility of a sustainable structure for the enhancement of L&T at European level. Among other activities, a workshop on staff development will be organised on **27 September 2017 at the University Pierre and Marie Curie, Paris** (back to back with the Learning and Teaching Forum). This workshop will target academic and administrative staff from any European country, as well as students. More information can be found [here](#).

Quality assurance

European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF)

The 12th European Quality Assurance Forum will take place in Riga, Latvia, on 23-25 November 2017. This annual event is co-organised by the E4 group (ENQA, ESU, EURASHE and EUA). More information can be found [here](#).

Enhanced Quality through Innovative Policy and Practice (EQUIP)

The EQUIP project, which is led by EURASHE, supports and promotes a consistent, efficient and innovative embedding of the ESG 2015 at grass-root level. The project will identify the challenges and work collaboratively with all stakeholders and policy-makers to propose, share and discuss the applicability of new solutions. A study on implementation challenges, solutions and policy impact of the ESG 2015 will be published by end 2017. Early 2018, the project will also publish European-level policy recommendations to stakeholder groups and to feed into discussions leading up to the 2018 EHEA Ministerial Conference. More information can be found [here](#).

Internationalisation

EUA supports the internationalisation of its members through conferences and projects. At the same time, it engages in international dialogue, in particular with sister organisations around the world. Over the last decade, internationalisation has emerged as an issue of high importance for universities. This has generated a network of international partners that continue to convene and collaborate in different settings and on different issues. Some examples of this are:

The Arab-EU Higher Education Conference (AECHE)

AECHE is a joint endeavour with a Steering Committee comprising EUA, the Association of Arab Universities, UNICA, UNIMED, joined by other partners, among them the Union for the Mediterranean, with a University Barcelona hosting the Secretariat. It organises biannual HE Leadership and thematic events. AECHE established a scheduled, systematic participatory dialogue and cooperation process, which offers different parties to join and integrate their initiatives and pool resources. The Process has been acknowledged in a joint memorandum of the EU and the Arab League. The last AECHE Conference, ARCHE 4 took place from 24-26 April 2017 in Rabat. It resulted in the release of the Rabat Declaration, which can be found [here](#). More information can be found on AECHE can be found [here](#).

Centralised Support for Higher Education Reform Experts (SPHERE)

The University of Barcelona (coordinator) and EUA currently comprise the consortium SPHERE (Support and Promotion for Higher Education Reform Experts), an initiative funded by the European Commission. SPHERE provides training and networking for Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) and National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs) in European neighbourhood countries (former Tempus countries) between January 2015 and December 2017.

More information, as well as the list of upcoming events, can be found [here](#).

European Union Support to Higher Education in ASEAN Region (EU-SHARE)

EUA is involved in the project “European Union Support to Higher Education in ASEAN Region (SHARE)” (2015-2018), funded by the EU. SHARE aims to strengthen regional cooperation by enhancing the quality, regional competitiveness and internationalisation of ASEAN higher education.

The SHARE workshop/symposium will take place in Bangkok in August/September 2017. More information will be released over the coming months.

Further information about the SHARE project can be found [here](#).

Modernisation of Institutional Management of Innovation and Research in Southern Neighbouring Countries (MIMIr)

Thirteen higher education institutions are participating in the MIMIr project together with the Moroccan and Jordanian Ministries for Higher Education and Research, EUA and the Association of Arab Universities. They will work together under the coordination of the University of Barcelona to improve the institutional management of innovation and research at Moroccan and Jordanian partner institutions. The MIMIr project is about to conclude the second work package, led by EUA, with a study tour to the University of Barcelona on 18 and 19 May 2017. More information can be found [here](#).

Some other upcoming events

USTREAM peer learning seminar: Policy frameworks for efficiency and effectiveness

USTREAM, a project co-ordinated by EUA, seeks to examine the measures that are in place in universities across Europe to enhance efficiency at operational level, and also analyse policies at system level that support universities in their efforts to operate more efficiently, with a view to identify good practice examples and develop recommendations for further development. The first USTREAM peer learning seminar dedicated to policy frameworks for efficiency and effectiveness will take place on **1 and 2 June 2017 in London, UK**. The seminar is organised by Universities UK (UUK).

More information can be found [here](#).

UNIversities in the SET-Plan (UNISSET)

Co-ordinated by EUA, the UNI-SET project aims to mobilise European universities to contribute to the ambitious European energy goals spelled out in the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan), the European Energy Union and the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The 5th UNI-SET Energy Clustering Event will explore how European universities can learn from, and further cooperate in research, collaboration and education activities addressing renewables integration in the energy system. It will take place from 31 May to 2 June 2017 in Leuven, Belgium.

More information can be found [here](#).