

Hot topics and global trends in Europe

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Trends 2010 - Bologna

- 95 % have implemented the degree structure
- Increasing and widening access
- Student centered learning
- Importance of internationalisation
- Quality procedures
- Student services



Europe 2020

- Smart growth
 - Ecomomy based on knowledge and innovation
- Sustainable growth
 - Resource efficient, gren and competitive economy
- Inclusive growth
 - High employment economy



Europe 2020

Important for higher education are:

- Innovation Union
 - To improve framework conditions and access to finance for research and innovation
- Youth on the move
 - Enhance performance of education systems and facilitate entry on the labour market for young people



Modernisation agenda

Funding

Governance

Social repsonsibility

Mergers



Challenges

- University reforms
 - Discussions and protests
- Tuition fees
 - Increasing but very differentiated
- Decreased public funding
- Demography