



Media invitation

Horizon 2020 and the Modernisation of European Universities

- Dialogue with European policy makers

EUIMA Project Final Event, 10 May 2012, Brussels (Charlemagne Building of the European Commission)

The European University Association (EUA) organises a one day-event on 10 May 2012 on the theme: **Horizon 2020 and the Modernisation of European Universities - Dialogue with European policy makers.**

The event in Brussels aims to bring together around 100 experts from universities, business, research institutes, European policy makers, representatives from EU Member States, Ministries and Permanent Representations to the EU, as well as other interested stakeholders to discuss key issues of the modernisation of European universities in the light of future EU research funding.

It is the final event of the EUIMA project 'European Universities Implementing their Modernisation Agenda'. Over the last two years this EC-supported project has addressed two key elements of the European Commission's modernisation agenda for European universities:

- the sustainability of university funding, financial management and development of full costing ([EUIMA-Full Costing](#))
- the development of appropriate measurement tools and indicators for the assessment of university-based fundamental research and collaborative research with external partners reflecting the diversity of university missions ([EUIMA-Collaborative Research](#)).

A key objective of both elements of the EUIMA project has been identifying future human resources and management development requirements. EUA has undertaken extensive research on these key elements through many workshops, study visits, case studies and consultations that bring a substantial volume of empirical evidence to underpin its findings and recommendations that will be presented at this event. More than 1 000 university practitioners have participated in the project events and consultation activities.

The project has demonstrated the strategic importance of research collaborations with university external partners in terms of excellence, competitiveness and sustainability of research funding. The modalities of research funding have a direct impact on universities' collaborative research with industry as well as the implementation of full costing.

As a representative of the European university sector, EUA has been strongly involved in the consultations on Horizon 2020, the future EU framework programme, as well as the 'simplification' debate, submitting several position papers on behalf of its membership. This final event of the EUIMA project will present its main findings and recommendations and connect them in a timely manner to the current European policy process on the development of Horizon 2020 and its Rules of Participation and the European Research Area (ERA) policy framework.

The event will showcase presentations by key contributors to the EUIMA project (both from universities and external partners/agencies) and a panel discussion with European decision makers will address the future of EU research funding.

More information on the event is available here: <http://www.eua.be/events/upcoming/euima-project-final-event/home.aspx>

Please note that prior registration is necessary for journalists, as the number of places is limited. To register, please send an email to andrew.miller@eua.be. Deadline for registration is 25 April.

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