



Media Invitation

What is the future of higher education funding in Europe?

EUA Funding Forum, 11-12 June 2012, hosted by the University of Salzburg, Austria

In the context of the ongoing economic crisis, rising student numbers and cuts in higher education budgets in many European countries, the European University Association (EUA) is organising the first universitiesqFunding Forum. The two-day event is designed to bring together a wide range of stakeholders (university leaders and representatives, students, public authorities, and public and private funders & partners) to discuss and debate the future of higher education funding.

The event will present some of the latest research on the topic as well as selected case studies from across Europe in order to stimulate further discussions on funding policy at regional, national and European levels. The aim of the Forum is also to put forward the views of the sector to national and European decision-makers.

In the plenary sessions, university leaders will share their experiences regarding actions taken in their institutions to improve the funding situation; and public and private funders will explain what their expectations are when partnering with universities. EUA and the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA) will discuss the impact of upcoming European funding programmes for the sector, notably Horizon 2020. Finally, Alex Usher, President of Higher Education Strategy Associates, will bring a non-European perspective on the strengths and comparative advantages of Europe's universities.

A series of parallel thematic sessions will deal with specific funding issues in more depth. On the first day, these sessions will explore the impact of the financial crisis; how to manage multiple income sources; and moves towards performance-based funding.

In day two's thematic sessions, participants will address finding new income sources; the European StudentsqUnion and the OECD will discuss how to water for students in times of crisis+, sharing the results of analyses recently carried out; and university leaders and managers will explore how universities can respond to higher education funding reforms.

To see the programme or for further information, please visit the [Funding Forum website](#).

The event is supported by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme.

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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.

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