



New Trends in the European Higher Education Area

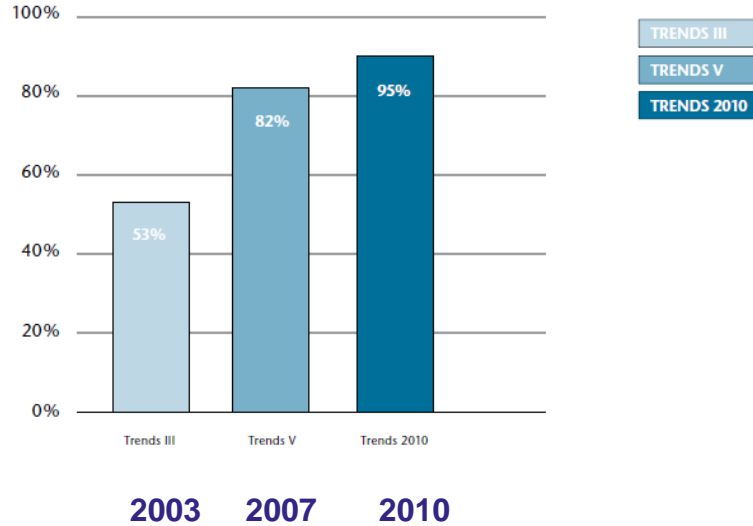
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Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area

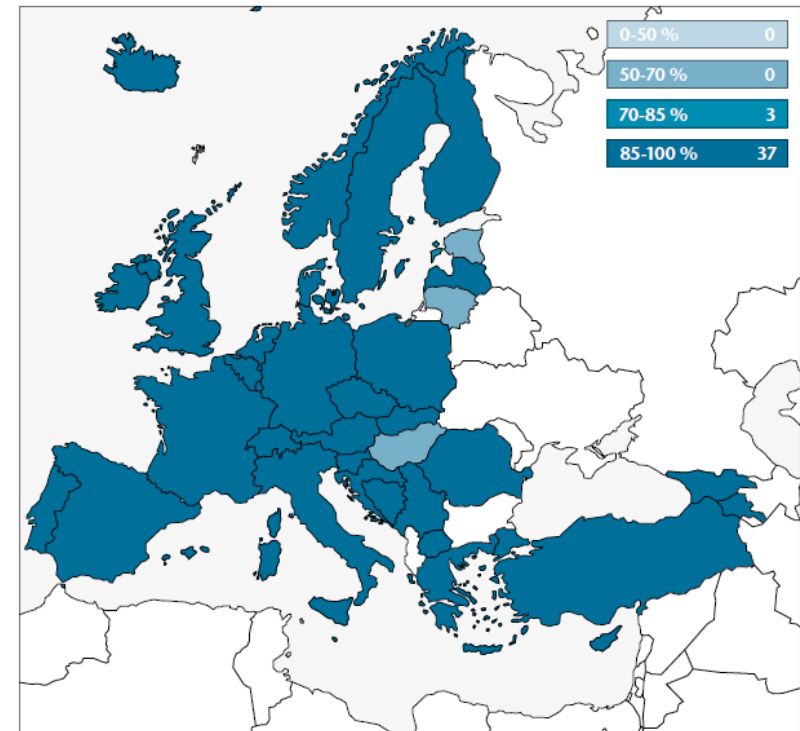
- 2010: arrival of the European Higher Education Area
- Big structural changes concluded
- Success - and but also work to be finished
- Europe is changing - new challenges and tasks for universities

Example: Degree structure

Table 6. Q12. Does your institution have a degree structure based on either two or three main cycles (Bachelor, Master, PhD) in most academic fields?

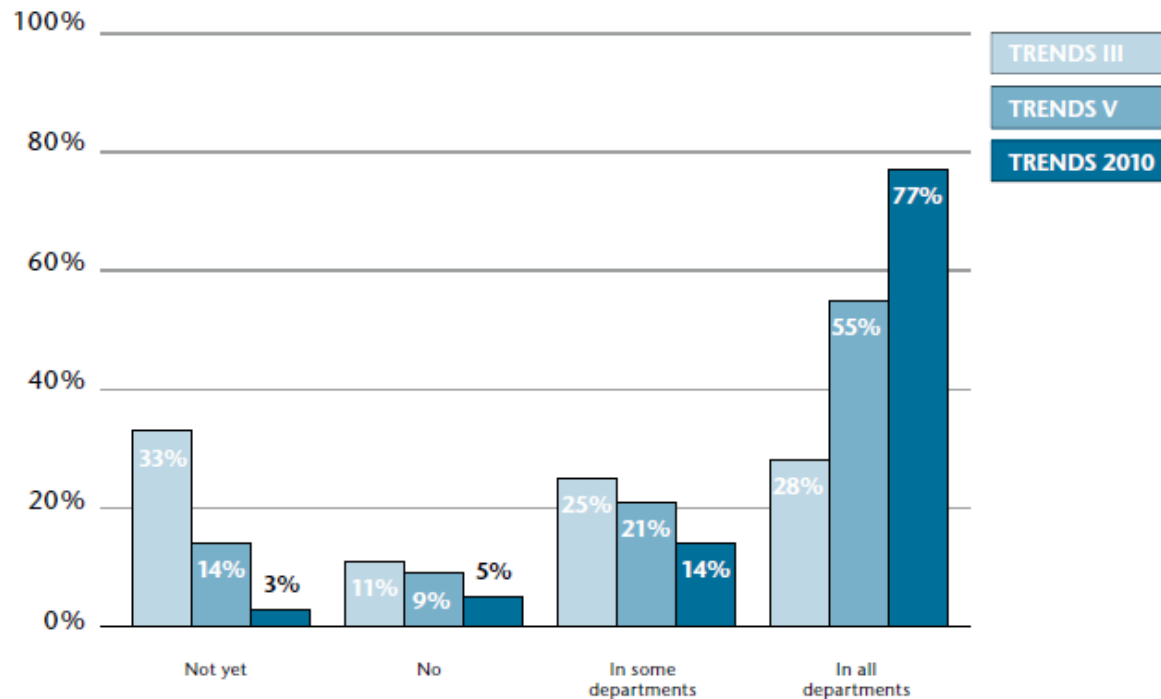


Map 4 — Implementation of Bologna cycles: Trends 2010 (2010)



Example: Curricula reform

Table 7. Q16. Has your institution re-considered curricula in connection with the Bologna Process, particularly with regard to adapting programmes to the new degrees structure?



HE policy at European level

- not only Bologna and the European Higher Education Area, but also European Union policies
- EU 2020 Agenda – smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- European Research Area – “Horizon 2020”
- A new “Modernisation Agenda” for higher education – 20 September
- Debate launched on the EC budget post 2013 with increases proposed for education and research

Europe is changing - New tasks for universities

- Response to global challenges: water, energy, demographic change
- Internationalisation
- Contribute to overcome the economic and financial crisis
- Lifelong learning: knowledge and skills for a larger and more diverse studentship
- Opportunities for local cooperation: with employers, with communities contribution to social and economic innovation
- Contribution to social innovation
- Less funding for HE, growing pressure on outputs

EUA's response: A four point agenda for the next decade

- European Citizens for the 21 Century: Lifelong access to learning
- A partnership to support quality, creativity and innovation
- The European Knowledge Area
- A European higher education identity in the world

Some of EUA's initiatives

- European Citizens for the 21 Century
 - ✓ Lifelong access to learning: **SIRUS project**
 - ✓ Mobility: **MAUNIMO project**
 - ✓ Employability: **TRACKIT project**
- A partnership to support Quality, creativity and innovation:
 - ✓ **European Quality Forum (Antwerp 17-19 Nov.)**
 - ✓ **EUA Rankings report**
- The European Knowledge Area:
 - ✓ **European Platform for Universities engaged in Energy Research**
 - ✓ **[EUIMA project](#)**
- A European higher education identity in the world:
 - ✓ **CODOC**
 - ✓ **Alfa Puentes**
 - ✓ **Quality Connect**

Framework conditions - enabling and underpinning reform

- Strengthened Autonomy
- Sustainable Funding
- Wider understanding of innovation
- Seeing HE for what it is; investment!
- Communicating better the role of universities
 - **Autonomy Scorecard** <http://www.eua.be/eua-work-and-policy-area/governance-autonomy-and-funding/projects/university-autonomy-in-europe/>
 - **European Universities diversifying income streams**
<http://www.eua.be/eudis/>

EUA's collaboration with members

- Keep its engagement in the European level Policy Processes
- Undertake projects on issues of strategic importance
 - ✓ Identify good practice
 - ✓ Enable networking among members from different European countries
 - ✓ Contribute to policy development at European level
- Key to success: close cooperation with members
- Looking forward to welcome CONUS and the Serbian universities active participation in EUA's policy and project activities