Consultation on the future generation of EU international programme in higher education

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The policy context: Europe 2020 and Education & Training 2020

- Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth
- Education and training to play key role in Europe 2020
- E&T targets for 2020: Reduce early school leavers and increase share of young people with tertiary attainment
- 2 E&T flagship initiatives in Europe 2020:
  - Youth on the Move
  - New Skills for New Jobs
- Integrated guidelines
EU 2020 Strategy = 7 flagship initiatives

1. Innovation Union
2. **Youth on the Move**
3. A digital Agenda for Europe
4. Resource Efficient Europe
5. An industrial Policy for the Globalisation Era
6. **An Agenda for New Skill for New Jobs**
7. European Platform Against Poverty
Youth on the Move

- An EU “flagship initiative” to respond to the challenges young people face and to help them succeed in the knowledge economy – adopted 15 September 2010
- The EU’s first integrated strategy for young people, embracing both education/training and employment
- By 2020, 35% of all jobs will require high-level qualifications (today: 29%) = “knowledge economy”
- Too many early school leavers (15% of 18-24 year olds have less than upper secondary education)
- Only 31% of EU population have an HE degree (USA: > 40%, Japan: > 50%)
- Youth unemployment is too high: 21%
Europe 2020 targets

Early School Leaving

- **2009**: 14.4%
- **2020**: 10% at most

Higher Education Attainment (Age 30-34)

- **2009**: 32.3%
- **2020**: 40% at least
Youth on the Move

Framework strategy with **four** action lines:

1. “Modern education and training systems”: *actions to improve schools, VET, recognition of non-formal/informal learning etc.*
2. “Higher education”: *specific actions to make higher education more attractive / effective*
3. “Learning and employment mobility”: *actions to promote training + work abroad as a way to gain skills / experience*
4. “Youth Employment Framework”: *active labour market policies + reform of labour market rules*
Public consultation on the next generation of EU programmes – education, training and youth policy (deadline: 30 Nov)
1. Lifelong learning
2. Youth programme
3. International higher education cooperation programme

Consultation on future international HE programme

Present situation: large number of regional HE programmes with 2 main types of objectives:

- Promotion of international mobility to reinforce EU attractivity
- Academic cooperation and capacity building of third country universities
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Current programmes (managed by DG EAC and DG DEVCO):

- **Erasmus Mundus** to enhance quality in higher education through scholarships and academic cooperation between Europe and the rest of the world (2 separate actions).
- **Tempus** to contribute to the modernisation of HE in the countries neighbouring the EU.
- **Atlantis** and cooperation with industrialised countries
- **ALFA** to contribute to the development of HE in Latin America
- **Edulink** to support HE modernisation in ACP countries
- **Nyerere**: intra-Africa student mobility programme
- **Marie Curie** to strengthen the human potential in research and technology in Europe
3 big clusters of questions:

1. **Scope of the future programme**: promote EU as a destination of excellence, attract best students, strengthen cooperation with 3rd countries, promote capacity building in 3rd countries...

2. **Programme design**: joint and double degrees (Master, Bachelor, doctoral levels), promotion projects, joint courses, student and staff exchanges, joint studies, joint seminars, more than only HE?

3. **Programme funding and management**: distribution of funds between actions, should management be modified, role of national structures, quality of programme guide, application forms, etc.
Consultation on future international HE programme: first ideas submitted

- Increase flexibility, reduce bureaucracy
- Rationalise
- Simplify, merge programmes
- Make them more visible, easier to use
- Improve the quality and added value of mobility
Thank you!

Discussion time!