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Online survey for
response by 30
October 2009

Executive Summary

This E-note urges UK
HEIs to respond to
Europe Unit 2009
survey on European HE
developments

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2009 UK HE Europe Unit survey on UK HEIs' engagement in European HE developments

Introduction

1. This Europe Note invites institutions to complete the 2009 UK HE Europe Unit online survey of UK higher education institutions' (HEIs) engagement in European HE policy.

Survey objectives and content

2. The Bologna Process is approaching its 2010 target date for creating a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and offers many opportunities for HEIs. By engaging in European developments UK institutions stand to benefit from an enhanced European and international profile, research and other partnerships, networking and exchange of good practice and staff and student mobility opportunities.
3. This survey follows earlier surveys in 2005 and 2007¹. It covers the following issues:
 - Diploma Supplement;
 - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation system (ECTS);
 - Masters and Integrated Masters degrees;
 - recognition of UK degrees;
 - staff and student mobility; and
 - institutional strategies.
4. The results will inform the Unit's future work in raising awareness in the UK of the Bologna Process and other European developments. It will also enable the Unit to highlight the UK HE sector's contribution to the Bologna Process and European Union (EU) initiatives to other European HE sectors, and to share examples of UK good practice.

¹ To view results of the 2005 and 2007 UK HE Europe Unit surveys, see:
http://www.europeunit.ac.uk/sites/europe_unit2/documents_and_publications/europenotes.cfm



5. The Europe Unit is grateful to those who responded to previous surveys in 2005 and 2007. All institutions are again requested to respond to this survey to measure trends in the UK HE sector's activities in European HE.

How to respond

6. The survey is hosted on the Europe Unit website. The Europe Unit requests you to complete the survey by filling in an online questionnaire. Depending on your computer's settings, you should be able to exit the online questionnaire at any time, and return to complete it at a later date if required, without having to re-input data.
7. You can download a Microsoft Word version of the survey if you wish to preview all the questions or circulate the survey to colleagues. The Europe Unit would be grateful if you could then submit your answers via the online questionnaire. Please view the Europe Unit website to complete the survey: www.europeunit.ac.uk/survey2009/
8. If you wish to return a Word version of the survey, please do so by:
 - Email: paul.dowling@europeunit.ac.uk
 - Post: UK HE Europe Unit, Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HQ
 - Fax: 020 7383 5766
9. Respondents are kindly requested to complete the survey by Friday 30 October 2009.

Survey results

10. Individual responses to the survey will not be made publicly available and will be entirely anonymised in the survey outcomes. The Europe Unit will report on the outcomes of the survey in its publications in January 2010.

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