



PRESS INVITATION

Europe's universities moving out of the economic crisis?

European University Association (EUA) Experts Conference: Towards Financially Sustainable Universities II University of Bologna, Italy (13-14 September 2010)

Europe's 5,000 universities are under increasing financial pressure. All are facing the consequences of the economic downturn, and many are already having to deal with major cuts in public funding (such as in Italy, the UK, Latvia). All this at a time, when they are expected to widen participation (student numbers) and modernise and improve their teaching to deliver the Europe of knowledge.

Universities must find a way to become financially sustainable and cannot afford to wait for the recovery. This conference will bring together experts from across Europe to identify the key elements necessary for financial survival in the future.

Following the success of EUA's first expert conference in 2008, which addressed the issue of full costing and accounting in universities, this event will explore another crucial issue for financial sustainability: diversifying income and funding streams in universities.

As part of the EC supported [EUDIS project](#), focussing on successful income diversification strategies, university leaders, politicians, and key figures from the private sector will explore and debate these issues.

In addition to keynote speeches from leading experts, there will be two breakout clusters: one focussing on creating the necessary conditions for universities to diversify funding, and the second looking at different strategies for diversifying funding. The meeting will end with an international panel discussion.

Please click here to find out more about the conference:

<http://www.eua.be/events>

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*Please note this event was rescheduled from April as a result of the problems with air traffic across Europe (caused by the volcanic ash cloud)