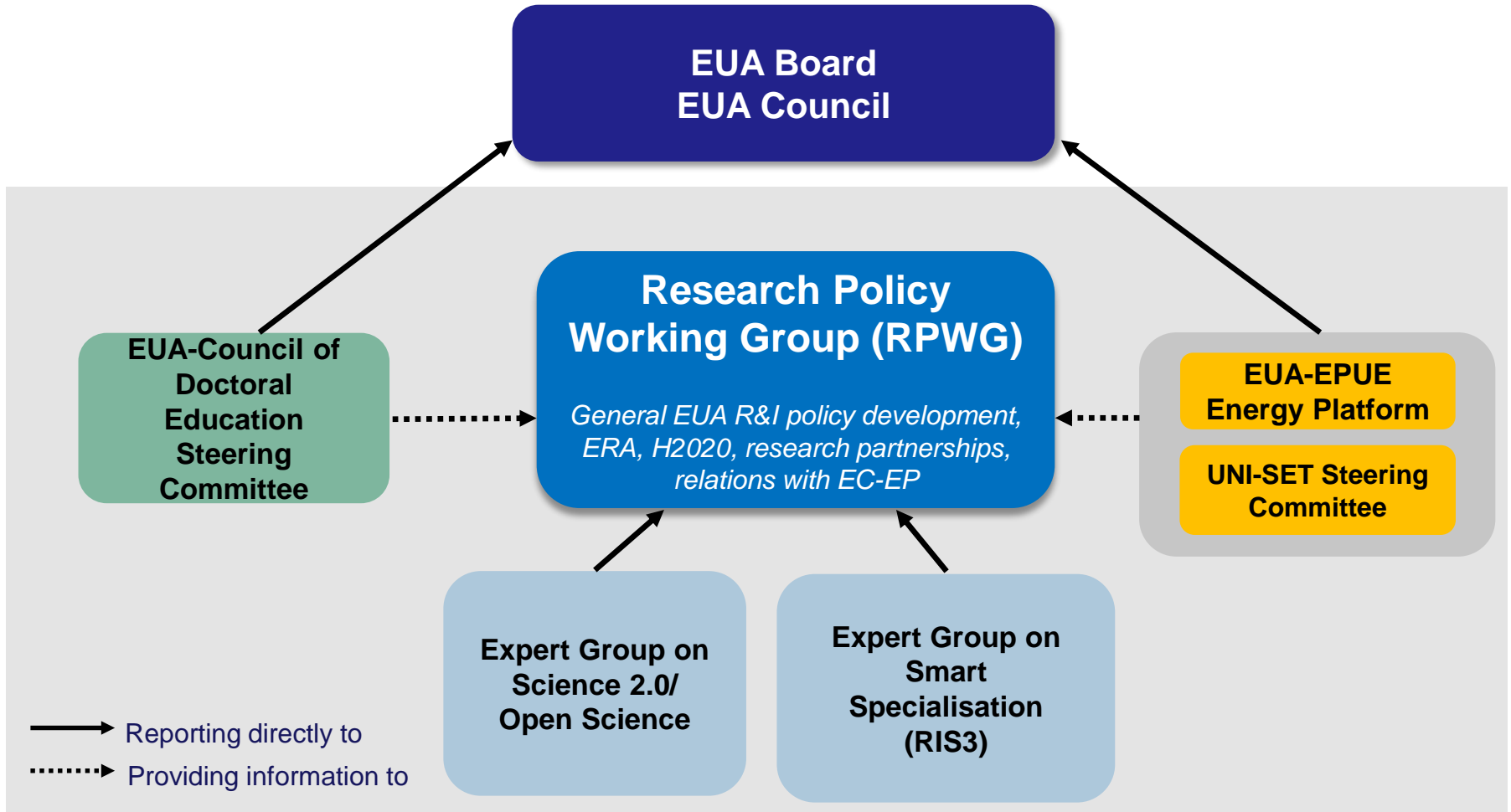


EUA R&I Overall Consultative Committees – Organisation 2015



Mobilise 83 high-level representatives of universities from 69 universities in 26 countries

Expert Group on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

- Composed of 19 experts nominated by their NRCs
- Aim: to support institutions in the implementation of RIS3 and coordinate policy input at European level
- Chair: Professor Peter Haring-Bolivar; Vice-Chair: Professor Ray O'Neill (EUA representatives in ESIF-SD)
- Meetings of the EUA-RIS3 Expert Group held in coordination with Workshops on RIS3 convened jointly by NRCs and EUA
- First Workshop and Expert Group meeting, CRUE/CPU/EUA: 24-25 November 2015 (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain)
- Second Workshop and Expert Group meeting: 13-14 October 2016 (University of Warsaw, Poland)



**2016 RIS3 Workshop
On “Universities as motors of
Innovation in Central and Eastern
Europe”**

Draft Conclusions

**Jointly organised by CRASP and EUA
Hosted by the University of Warsaw
13-14 October 2016**

Expert Group on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

First Workshop

- Workshop on “Universities promoting regional innovation across Europe”
- Convened jointly by Crue/CPU and EUA and kindly hosted by the Autonomous University of Madrid (24 November 2015)
- Six case studies from regions in Spain, France, Portugal and Germany
- Discussion on the thematic areas of:
 - The role of universities in the design and implementation of Smart Specialisation (RIS3)
 - Coordination of regional, national and European programmes
 - Regional perspectives on Smart Specialisation

Expert Group on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) First Expert Group meeting

- Organised by EUA and hosted by Crue (25 November 2015)
- Aiming to make initial policy statements on the role of universities in RIS3, challenges, opportunities and ways forward
- Discussion (taking into account the outcomes of the First Workshop 24 November) on:
 - Promoting local innovation
 - Synergies between RIS3 and H2020
 - RIS3 and their impact on regions R&I capacity

Outcomes RIS3 Activities 2015

- **Seven Main Policy Recommendations 2015:**
“Universities are central to regional innovation across Europe”
- **RIS3 Workshop Report: “Universities Promoting Regional Innovation across Europe” (April 2016)**

<http://www.eua.be/Libraries/publications-homepage-list/eua-workshop-report-quot-universities-promoting-regional-innovation-across-europe-quot.pdf?sfvrsn=6>

Second Workshop on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

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- 9 Case Studies
- 2 EU representatives
- Polish authorities

Second Workshop on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

○ **Specific Challenges**

- Institutional autonomy and internal governance
- Inflexible legislations
- industrial sector: long-innovation, short-innovation cycles
- Creation of innovation eco-systems
- Divide EU13, EU15 ? Yes, but careful about high performance regions in EU13
- Difficulty in making businesses work with universities
- Reach out to public opinion
- Horizon 2020, versus or and (?), Structural Funds
- Effective use of ERA Chairs and Teaming and Twinning
- Stairway to Excellence initiative: more than 'just' SME?

Second Workshop on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

- **Strategic participation of universities**
 - Universities essential motors for economic regional development – large employers in the region
 - Constructive and effective dialogue between universities and between universities and political authorities
 - Key involvement of relevant industry
 - ‘Qualified’ excellence to build regional R&I capacity
 - Institutional strategic approach to balance ‘basic/applied’ research with ‘entrepreneurship’
 - Definition of ‘flagship’, specific projects
 - Links to social and cultural development of the region

Second Workshop on Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3)

- **Cooperation across Europe**
 - Institutional commitment, long-term strategy
 - Create the conditions to attracting and retaining young, bright people: career perspectives, quality of life
 - Focus on geographical locations which are favourable
 - Clear thematic priorities
 - Interinstitutional cooperation embedded in regional development plans