

# Efficiency, Governance and Leadership

Insights from the USTREAM project

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### **Background: USTREAM project**







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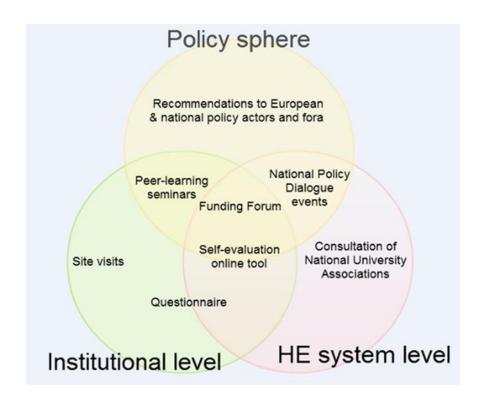
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# **Project rationale and objectives**

### **Growing interest since 2008**

- Changes in funding modalities and in university governance frameworks and accountability
- Growing competition among higher education institutions
- Evolving student numbers





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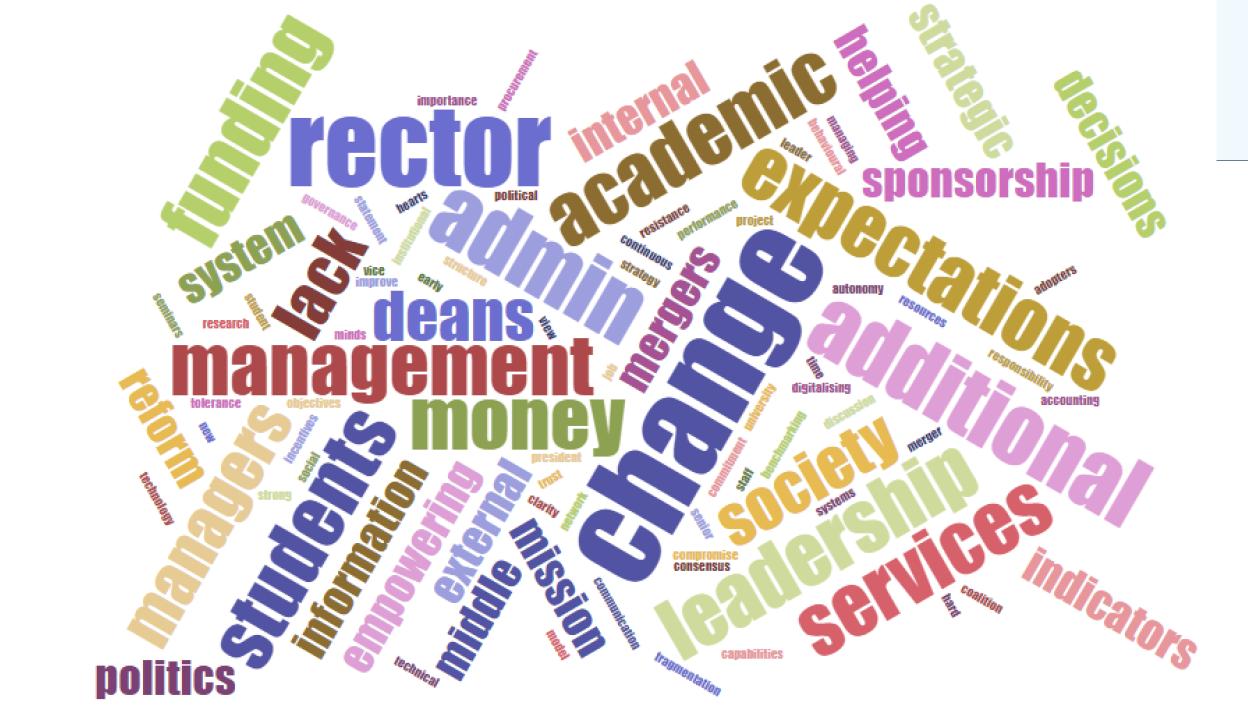
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# Helicopter view of key findings



- Efficiency is relevant for all systems and institutions
- Leadership and engagement of all institutional actors are among key factors of success
- Communication and proactive approach are crucial
  - Important to get out of the dimension of "cuts"
  - Need to focus the debate on effectiveness and value for money
- Reluctance to change, financial constraints and concerns over quality are among major barriers
- Further efficiency gains can be achieved through more active inter- and intra-institutional collaboration

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