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EUA launches interactive online tool to provide comprehensive data on university autonomy in Europe

The European University Association (EUA) is today launching an interactive online tool which enables users to view and compare comprehensive data on university autonomy in 26 European countries.

On this website (www.university-autonomy.eu) a wide range of users will have access to detailed information on the current state of university autonomy in Europe. Through interactive visualisations that cover four broad autonomy dimensions and 38 autonomy indicators users will be able to study their own higher education system and compare it with others. When clicking on a specific country (flag), they will be presented with an 'at a glance' system profile and data on each autonomy indicator for that country. Users will also be able to view autonomy rankings, based on scores that were calculated for each higher education system and autonomy dimension.

The new tool is based on data collected by EUA (from its collective members, the national rectors' conferences) for its recent Autonomy Scorecard study (November 2011). This study included a series of scorecards, which rate and rank 28 European higher education systems in four dimensions of institutional autonomy: organisational, financial, staffing and academic.

The tool is the final part of the two-year Autonomy Scorecard project, supported by the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme. The project has been carried out in conjunction with EUA's project partners, which include the German Rectors' Conference, Universities Denmark, the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland and the University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

Click [here](#) to access the interactive online tool.

The project report is available on the EUA website: [University Autonomy in Europe II – The Scorecard](#).

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The European University Association, as the representative organisation of both the European universities and the national rectors' conferences, is the main voice of the higher education community in Europe. EUA's mission is to promote the development of a coherent system of European higher education and research.

Notes to editors

- The report, "University Autonomy in Europe II – The Scorecard", published in November 2011, can be downloaded [here](#). The "Autonomy Scorecard" project investigated 28 higher education systems in 26 countries. Due to the federal structure of the German higher education system, three German federal states were included in the study.