

Excellence from a students perspective

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The most important things

- Equal access and equal opportunities for all students
- Quality of education

Excellence and equality

- Limited resources are directed towards higher education
- Focusing on excellence means we focus on a small group of students, study programs or institutions
 - Equality no longer exists
 - Cooperation is the key - not competition

Excellence and the USA

- Europe is getting more and more like the USA
- The excellence in higher education in USA does not reflect in society, leading to more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, which is the goal of the Lisbon Agenda.

Excellence and tuition fees

- We need financial resources to reach the goals of the Lisbon Agenda
- Tuition fees destroy equality in higher education and therefore all hopes on reaching the desired goals

Quality of higher education

- Very important to students
- Continuing process
- High rankings on lists does not equal high quality
- By focusing on rankings we lose sight of what's really important
- The lists are limited

The lists do not measure:

- Equality
- The important role of education in social development and the creation of a knowledge based society
- The importance of education as means of gaining and sharing knowledge
- The importance of education as means for personal growth and well being
- And lots of other important things

A better winning strategy

- Focusing on:
 - equal access and removing obstacles
 - cooperation
 - increasing the overall amount of resources
 - real quality

Thank you!