

Strengthening the links between higher education and labour market

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How might the changing labour market transform higher education?

Challenges (for new members states)

- Post-communist burdens in tertiary education
- Pros and cons of transition of tertiary institutions
- Key patterns – key problems
- Implications for R&D
- National (instead of EU) agenda

Harmonization processes

- Harmonization & standardization vs. diversity & competition.
- Harmonization in a complex and dynamic world
- Emerging alternative educational options
- Tertiary sector as important economic sector

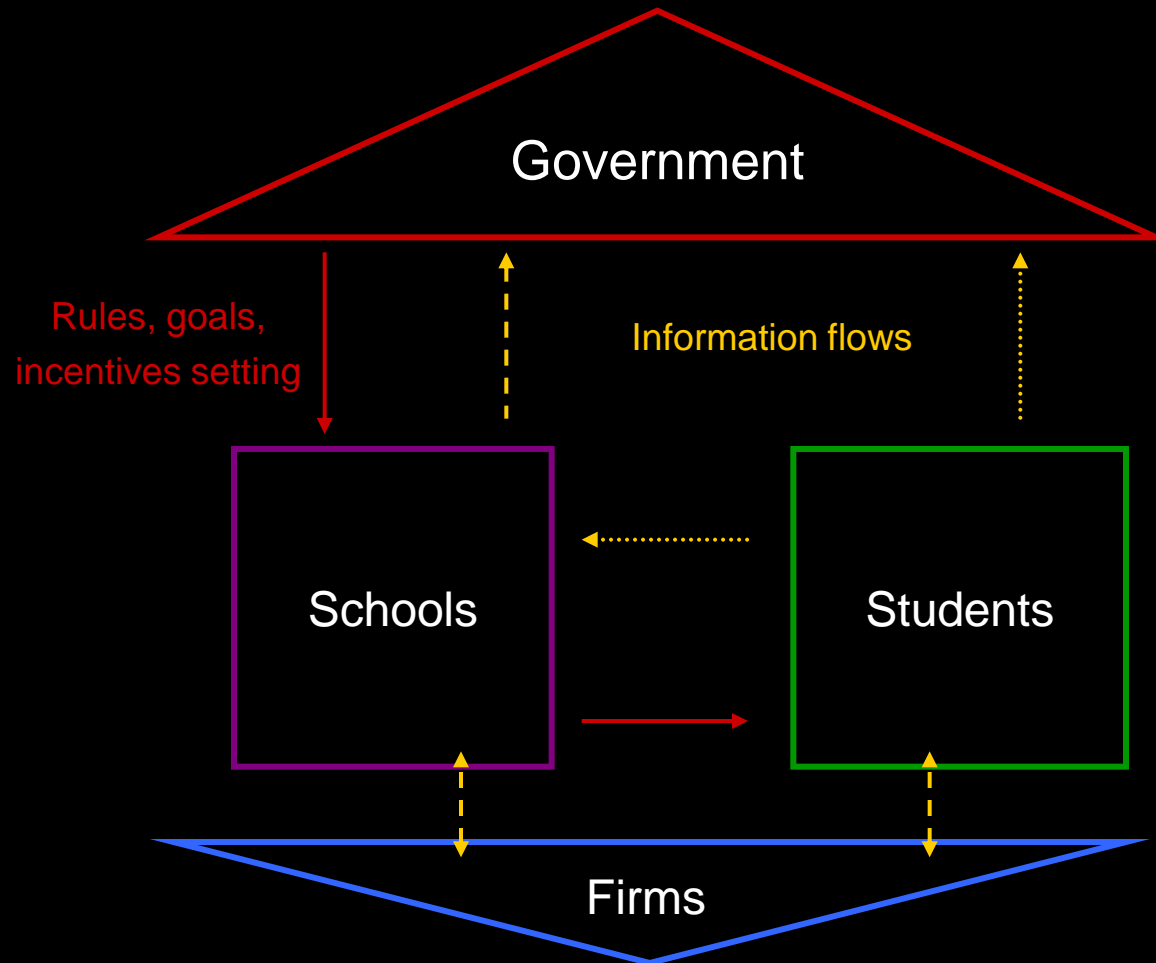
How this might change in the future?

- Globalization and Bologna
- Provision of better information
- Forecasts and planning
- Smart administrators and guidelines
- Incentives
 - Financial
 - Institutional
 - Forced vs. voluntary restructuring

Governance, teaching style, study paths, alternate periods of work and study

- Growing need for diversity and flexibility in study content and arrangements
 - various demographic groups demanding education (age, location, Life-long learning, study aptitude, etc.)
 - demand by various sectors and professions

FINDING A SET-UP FOR RIGHT INCENTIVES, INFORMATION USE, COMPETITION



Where is the optimal balance between smart administration and competitive self-regulation?