BENCHMARKING HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM PERFORMANCE: MEASURING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WIDER WORLD

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Enhancing higher education system performance

• New work on higher education in the Directorate for Education and Skills
• Commencing in 2017
• Addressing key policy questions:
  • How well are our higher education systems performing in a range of areas?
  • Why are some systems performing better than others?
  • What can we learn from each other in order to improve our own higher education systems?
Benchmark three key functions of higher education to get holistic picture of higher education systems

- Education (teaching and learning)
- Engagement with the wider world
- Research

Determine how and why some higher education systems perform better in some areas than others

- Data on stages of performance in three functions:
  - Inputs
  - Activities
  - Outputs
  - Outcomes
- Three types of benchmarking:
  - Metric
  - Policy
  - Practice
Collecting data will be more challenging

Focus on processes

Attempt to collect data for all stages

A note on engagement

Mapping indicators

Preliminary mapping exercise

Alternative sources, such as EU and Bologna Process

National data

Collaboration with INES Working Party and its Networks, STI, CFE/LEED, ELS, GOV...
Results from the mapping exercise of international comparable data

Governance  Resources  Education  Research  Engagement

We will use the data that already exists.

Benchmarking higher education system performance: Timelines

2015-16: Development

- Develop conceptual framework
- Map existing OECD and international data
- Survey countries on national data
- Publish conceptual framework report at end of 2016

2017-18: Implementation

- Collect and analyse data on participating countries in 2017-18
- Produce short country reports on higher education system performance
- Publish synthesis report with policy lessons and recommendations in 2018
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Keep up to date on the OECD’s work on higher education:
http://www.oecd.org/edu/skills-beyond-school/higher-education.htm