

## Higher Education Institutions & regions

Reflecting on the outcomes and recommendations of the OECD project



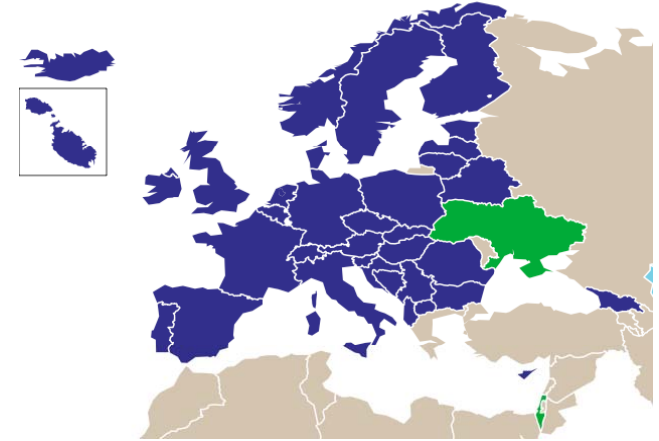
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## European Students' Union (ESU)

47 members

36 countries

Over 10 mill. students



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## HE and regional development

»to become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge—based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion.« (European Council 2000)

»The review project was launched as a response to the initiatives seeking to mobilise higher education in support of regional economic, social and cultural development.« (OECD 2007)



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## HE and regional development

### New expectations on Higher Education Institutions

- teaching in a lifelong learning perspective
- research both basic and applied
- innovation and knowledge transfer for enterprises
- partnering with economic environment to increase employability of graduates
- contribute to an attractive regional environment to attract and retain highly skilled labour force



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## Key messages

- Higher Education Institutions contribute to regional development
- Higher Education Institutions benefit from regional engagement
- Regional engagement and international competitiveness are mutually enhancing



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## Student concerns

- Governance of higher education institutions
- Funding of higher education institutions and students
- Regional development and international competitiveness



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