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A Comparative Regional Analysis

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Internationalization is changing the world of higher education. The purpose of this paper is to 1) highlight new developments and trends related to the international dimension of higher education; 2) introduce an updated definition of internationalization in light of these changes and challenges; 3) examine specific issues and aspects of internationalization from a comparative regional perspective; 4) give more attention to the growth in number and diversity of actors involved in internationalization; and 5) identify key issues and questions. Overall, the picture of internationalization that is emerging is one of complexity, diversity and differentiation. The internationalization of higher education is a process that is evolving as both actor and reactor to the new realities and rather turbulent times facing post-secondary education. While, internationalization at the institutional and national level remains of critical importance, this paper tries to draw more attention to analysis at the regional level and to recognize the dynamic relationship between policies, programs and regulatory frameworks at national, bilateral, regional and international levels.