

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION
Vision for universities &
implications for quality
assurance

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Universities without walls

A vision for 2030

A vision by the sector
and for the sector about
what Europe's
universities should be
like in 2030

Situations vary across Europe, but some overall challenges and goals can be identified.

Main goals:

- **Open, transformative and transnational universities**
- **Sustainable, diverse and engaged universities**
- **Strong, autonomous and accountable universities**

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Turning the vision into practice

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Factors for success

- Enabling frameworks
- Adequate investments
- Strong leadership

(Selected) priorities for action

- Reform academic careers
- Promote interdisciplinarity
- Strengthen civic engagement

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University missions in 2030

In service of society and grounded in academic
core values...



- uniquely combined in universities
- equally important
- intertwined and mutually enhancing

The backdrop



Quo vadis, quality assurance?

- **Diversity of quality assurance approaches**
 - **Limited contribution to trust between systems?**
- **International collaboration**
 - **The future of detailed national regulations and procedures?**
- **Interlinkages between different institutional missions**
 - **How useful is it to examine only one mission at a time?**
- **Institutional autonomy and capacity**
 - **Future of programme accreditation?**
- **Flexible, hybrid & blended learning**
 - **Redefining good quality in curriculum and in qualifications?**
- **Fitness-for-purpose approach to quality**
 - **Re-defining the purpose of higher education?**
- **Diversity of purposes for quality assurance?**
 - **Diluting its effectiveness?**

Thank you for your attention

