How innovative is your higher education institution?

Being an entrepreneurial higher education institution depends upon individuals, and innovative ways of doing things. There is no 'unique' approach, but a variety of ways in which HEIs behave entrepreneurially, for example, in how they manage resources and build organisational capacity, involve external stakeholders into their leadership and governance, create and nurture synergies between teaching, research and their societal engagement, as well as knowledge exchange. This also includes recognising and building on what already exists.

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Outline

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Why a Guiding Framework?
The “entrepreneurial agenda” of HEIs

- Promoting self-employment and start-up as viable career option (64% Important/Very important, 28% Somewhat important)
- Assuming a leading role in the local development agenda (75% Important/Very important, 19% Somewhat important)
- Developing entrepreneurial competences in students (83% Important/Very important, 15% Somewhat important)
- Co-operation between HEI and local firms (87% Important/Very important, 11% Somewhat important)
- Generating revenues for the HEI (60% Important/Very important, 19% Somewhat important)
- Commercialising research results (65% Important/Very important, 17% Somewhat important)
- Supporting start-ups by staff (40% Important/Very important, 30% Somewhat important)
- Supporting start-ups by students (65% Important/Very important, 24% Somewhat important)

Effectively implementing the entrepreneurial agenda requires ...

• Strengthening organisational capacity for
  – Innovative teaching and learning (student-centred, experiential, digital etc.)
  – Relevance & impact of research
  – Stakeholder relationships
  – ...

• “Making room” for stakeholder participation in
  • Priority setting
  • Identifying opportunities and areas for improvement
The innovative & entrepreneurial HEI described in seven dimensions

- Leadership and Governance
- Organisational Capacity: Funding, People and Incentives
- Measuring Impact
- Entrepreneurial Teaching and Learning
- The Internationalised Institution
- Preparing and Supporting Entrepreneurs
- Knowledge Exchange and Collaboration
Elements of the Guiding Framework

Online self-assessment tool

Country reviews

International
National
Universities

Policy learning network (coming up next!)
Purpose and benefits of the online self-assessment tool
Online self-assessment tool

• For all higher education institutions
• Online & free, no benchmarking, no ranking
  • Systematic self-assessment for individual users and user-groups
  • Diagnoses areas of strengths and weaknesses
  • Opens up discussion and debate on the entrepreneurial/innovative nature of the HEI
• Compares and contrasts evolution over time
• Gives instant access to results and learning materials
  • Provides a community of practitioners with 800+ HEI users worldwide, LinkedIn Group
How to use the online self-assessment tool?

- Register online at [https://heinnovate.eu](https://heinnovate.eu)
- **Individually** - any individual can create a personal account and complete the self-assessment
- **As part of a group** - the self-assessment has a group function where individuals can be invited by an assigned group administrator to complete the tool for the purposes of internal comparison
- Anyone can set themselves up as a group administrator and invite others to complete the self-assessment as part of a group
How to use the statements to assess the HEI?

- Under each statement, there is a sliding bar which moves from n/a to 5

- Click or drag the bar from the left to the right to indicate the score on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest score

- The bar can be left at n/a (not applicable) if the statement is unanswered

- When finished, the results of the self-assessment are displayed showing the average result for each of the seven areas and your detailed results i.e. the scores given for the individual statements
What happens to the results in a group?

The group results are displayed for the group administrator in a chart that can be downloaded. If you are part of a group, HEInnovate displays your results compared to the group average.
Organisational capacity:
Good practice statements
Findings from the HEInnovate country reviews
1. Entrepreneurial objectives are supported by a wide range of sustainable funding and investment sources.

2. The HEI has the capacity and culture to build new relationships and synergies across the institution.

3. The HEI is open to engaging and recruiting individuals with entrepreneurial attitudes, behaviour and experience.

4. The HEI invests in staff development to support its entrepreneurial agenda.

5. Incentives and rewards are given to staff who actively support the entrepreneurial agenda.
Funding sources for entrepreneurship support in HEIs

Rewarding staff for excellent performance in core functions of the HEI

Formalised processes to identify and reward excellent performance in teaching
- Yes: 73%
- Discussed in the HEI's governing board: 16%
- No: 11%

Formalised processes to identify and reward excellent performance in research
- Yes: 64%
- Discussed in the HEI's governing board: 19%
- No: 17%

HEI rewards outstanding achievements in areas other than research and teaching
- Yes: 56%
- Discussed in the HEI's governing board: 19%
- No: 25%

Incentives for staff, who support commercialisation of research
- Yes: 44%
- Discussed in the HEI's governing board: 23%
- No: 33%

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- Administrative leader
- Central management
- Dean/Head of School/Faculty
- Other
- Professor/Teacher
- Post Doc / Researcher & Students
Where to look for learning models?

• **CPD teaching & learning:**
  – National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Ireland
  – EdLab at the University of Maastricht

• **Recognising staff deployment for third-mission:**
  – OKMR model developed by the Esterhazy University of Applied Sciences in Eger, Hungary
  – Valorisation competences defined by the VSNU, the umbrella organisation of Dutch research universities ...
Forthcoming:
OECD-EC (2017),
Supporting Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Higher Education
• Ireland
• Poland
• Hungary
• The Netherlands
Making Higher Education More Innovative

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Thank you for your attention!

Questions? Ideas? Critical feedback?

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Additional slides
What is an innovative and entrepreneurial higher education institution?

HEInnovate uses a concept developed by A. Gibb (2013), which describes the entrepreneurial & innovative HEI as an organisation that is:

– **Designed to empower** students and staff to demonstrate enterprise, innovation and creativity in teaching, research and the third mission.

– Its **activities are directed to enhance** learning, knowledge production and exchange **in a highly complex and changing societal environment**.

– It is **dedicated to create public value** via processes of open engagement.
The innovative & entrepreneurial HEI as a response to calls for change & impact:

- **Students**: Experiential learning, digitalisation, part-time and life long learning, employment & careers
- **Research, Knowledge & Technology**: Grand challenges, societal relevance, impact, quadruple helix
- **Territory & Community**: HEIs as hubs for local development, from knowledge transfer to knowledge exchange
- **Business**: HEIs as innovation partners, absorptive capacity, engagement in education
- **Public Policy**: HEIs as engines of innovation, growth, social mobility
- **Competition**: Globalisation, rankings