

***Finances and Cooperation
in Higher Education
(in Poland)***

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The system of higher education in Poland

Some general facts

- Poland
 - Over 38 million inhabitants
 - 61.5% in 886 towns and urban areas
 - 312685 square kilometres
 - 16 provinces, 379 districts, 2478 local communes
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education
 - Initiation and control over education policy
 - Often changing configurations
 - Schools, tertiary education, science, sport
- Local authorities
 - Many responsibilities

Some general facts, cont.

- Education on all levels
 - public (state), pseudo-free of charge
 - non-public (civic, church or private), financed by fees
- The Constitution of the Republic of Poland (1997)
 - Public higher education at *full-time day courses* is free of charge
 - In certain cases (e.g. extramural or full-time evening classes) a fee can be charged
 - About 50% students of public HEIs pay tuition!
- At present
 - Over 425 HEIs (TEIs)
 - About 25% of them are public
 - Almost 2 million students

Tertiary education

- Two types of HEIs
 - Schools of higher vocational education
 - University-type schools
 - Universities, technical universities, agriculture schools, medical academies, academies of physical education, schools of arts, schools of theology, pedagogical academies, schools of economics, ...
 - Different mixtures of some of them
- Out of 425 HEIs only 18 are universities, yet educating about 1/3 of all students!

New legislation

- Law on Higher Education
 - Approved by the Parliament on 27 July 2005
 - A compromise after a long and difficult negotiations
- For both public and non-public HEIs
- Many aspects of Bologna Process taken in account
- Painful process of introduction
 - Some 40 implementation regulations were needed
 - Mixed feelings within the HEI society
 - Already a revision is under preparation

Rectors Conferences

- CRASP – The Conference of Rectors of the Academic Schools in Poland (www.krasp.org.pl)
 - Founded 1997
 - 106 members + 4 associated
- Other Conferences
 - *KRUP – Konferencja Rektorów Uniwersytetów Polskich*
 - KRUE – Konferencja Rektorów Uczelni Ekonomicznych (5 schools)
 - KRUM – Konferencja Rektorów Uczelni Medycznych
 - KRPUT – Konferencja Rektorów Polskich Uczelni Technicznych
 - KRZaSP – Konferencja Rektorów Zawodowych Szkół Polskich (212 schools; founded 2005-12-15)

Finances – basic information

- Sources (in case of public schools)
 - ~ 1/3 Ministry of Science and Higher Education
 - ~ 1/3 own activities (e.g. tuition)
 - ~ 1/3 research grants
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education
 - Old algorithm
 - Degrees, students, PhD students, last year
 - New algorithm
 - Positions, students, PhD students, last year
 - The future: ???

MUCI
Multi-University Centre
for Informatization

MUCI — some facts

- History
 - UPI (by KRUP, 2000-04-03), to control the Tempus project NET UM-JEP-14461-1999
 - LADOK Model
 - UCI (by KRUP, 2001-11-10) => MUCI (by KRUP, 2003-11-14)
- Structure
 - A Council (by KRUP)
 - A Board of Directors (5-11; by KRUP)
 - Project Commissions
- Plans

MUCI full members

- (1) *Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan*
- (2) Catholic University of Lublin, (3) Jagiellonian University in Krakow
- (4) Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz
- (5) Maria Curie-Sklodowska University in Lublin
- (6) Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, (7) University of Bialystok
- (8) University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski in Warsaw
- (9) University of Gdansk, (10) University of Lodz
- (11) University of Opole, (12) University of Silesia
- (13) University of Szczecin
- (14) University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
- (15) University of Warsaw, (16) University of Wroclaw
- (17) University of Zielona Gora

MUCI associated members (Non-university USOS users)

- (1) Academy of Physical Education Katowice
- (2) Agricultural University in Krakow
- (3) Bialystok School of Economics
- (4) Bialystok Technical University
- (5) Czestochowa University of Technology
- (6) Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa
- (7) Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw
- (8) Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education
- (9) Rzeszow University of Technology
- (10) State Higher School of Vocational Education in Elblag
- (11) University of Podlasie in Siedlce

Thank you!