

First announcement

Widening Participation and Opportunities by Lifelong Open and Flexible Learning in Higher Education

'Promoting Accessibility and improving the Quality of Lifelong Open and Flexible Learning'

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Universities aim at increasing their attractiveness to wider groups of students. This can only be achieved on the basis of new approaches to each of these groups. Education has to be changed. Open and flexible learning creates a new and better approach to the attractiveness and competitiveness of European universities.

EADTU invites executives, deans, programme directors and staff of public, private and commercial educational programmes to attend this event on:

- Open Educational Resources, Virtual Mobility and academic cooperation
- Quality assurance in e-learning: new benchmarking and assessment tools
- Responsive models of delivery: student recruitment, assessment and the changing role of study centres
- New business models and new funding structures
- New target groups:
 - profiling the lifelong learning student
 - focus on minority groups

In each of the five strands, new results from substantial research and development will be presented. Participants are invited to contribute also from their expertise in the fields mentioned.

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