



GUNi

Global University Network for Innovation

Connecting Higher Education, Social Impact and Innovation

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GUNi is a network currently composed of 210 members from 78 countries, which includes the UNESCO Chairs in Higher Education, higher education institutions, research centers and networks related to innovation and the social commitment of higher education. GUNi headquarters are located in Barcelona. GUNi has regional offices in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Arab States, and Europe and North America (USA and Canada).

GUNi was created in 1999 by **UNESCO**, the **United Nations University** and the **Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC)** within the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme.

Since 2014, the **Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP)** has hosted its secretariat and presidency.

“Higher education and research play a strategic role in the new knowledge society. In this context, GUNi promotes rigorous analysis and debate concerning the challenges for universities and research, in collaboration with UNESCO and the United Nations University and with institutions from around the world”

Dr Jaume Casals,
GUNi President

Our mission

GUNi facilitates dialogue and ideas of emerging issues on higher education and its impact on society, contributing to the **renewal of the visions and policies of higher education** across the world from a perspective of **public service, relevance and social responsibility**.

“The GUNi’s mission is crucial to develop the higher education sector that is able to contribute to new and emerging challenges”

Dr David M Malone,
Rector of the United Nations University

GUNi works to promote innovation in higher education policies and systems worldwide sharing UNESCO’s principles and values.

We take an active role through the analysis and **engagement of the global challenges under the context of Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations 2030 Agenda.**

GUNi also stands for the implication of higher education institutions to achieve these targets.

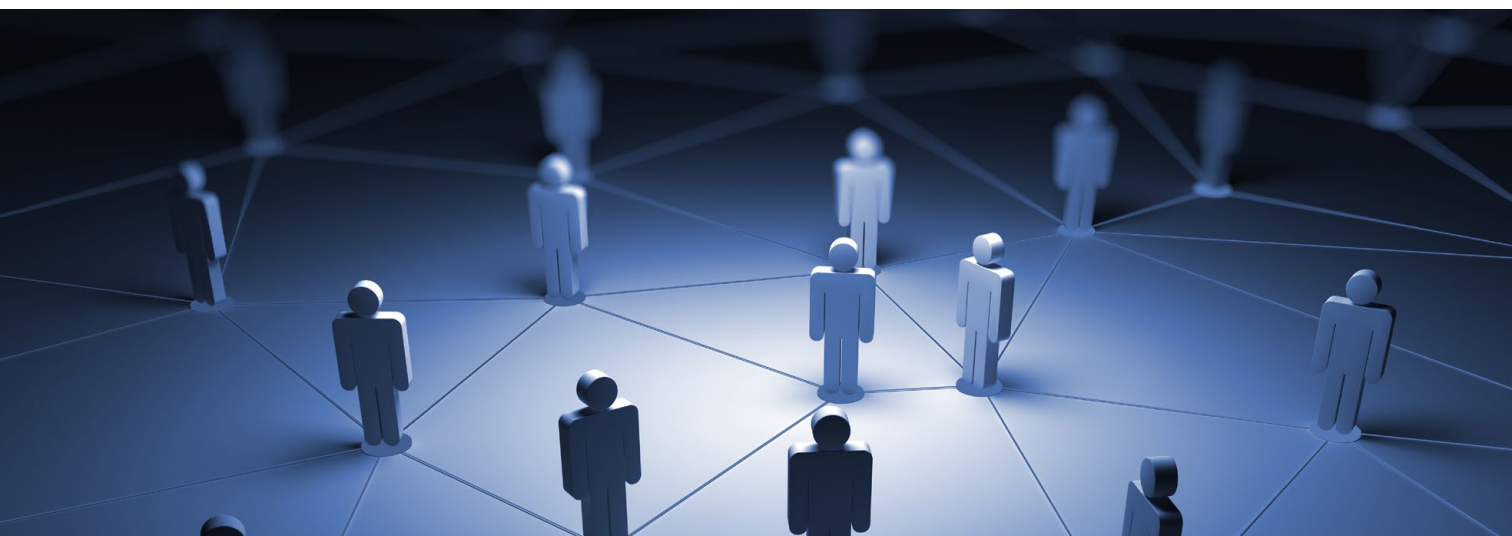
“Higher education is a key sector for taking forward education for sustainable development and science for sustainability”

Irina Bokova,
Director-General of UNESCO

Our goals

GUNi strives to gather knowledge and innovative experiences, from a holistic perspective, in order to help higher education institutions and systems to achieve involvement in and an impact on the development of societies by:

1. Encouraging Higher Education Institutions to **reorient their roles** for broadening their **social value and contribution** and strengthen their critical stance within society.
2. Helping bridge the gap between developed and developing countries in the field of higher education, fostering capacity-building and **cooperation from all over the world.**
3. Promoting the **exchange of resources**, innovative ideas and experiences, while allowing for collective reflection and the co-production of knowledge on **emerging** higher education **issues, innovation, and social responsibility on a global scale.**



GUNi Activities

1. GUNi reports
2. GUNi seminars, workshops and conferences
3. International projects
4. International Summer School on Higher Education and Research Leadership
5. GUNi global network and regional networks
6. Keeping knowledge up to date

1. GUNi Reports

Higher Education in the World is a collective work published as a result of global and regional analysis. Each edition reflects on the key issues and challenges facing higher education and its institutions in the 21st century to overcome societal issues.

HEIW 1 The Financing of Universities

HEIW 2 Accreditation for Quality Assurance: What is at stake?

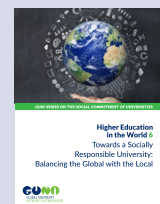
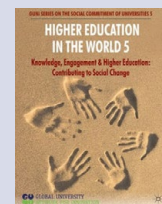
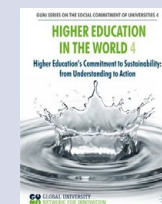
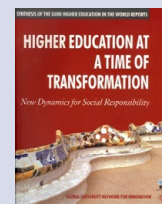
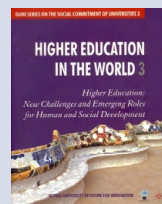
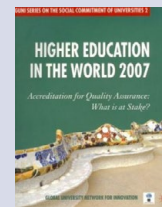
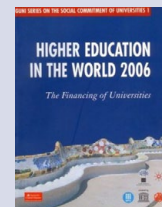
HEIW 3 Higher Education: New Challenges and Emerging Goals for Human and Social Development

SYNTHESIS HEIW 1-3 Higher Education at a Time of Transformation: New Dynamics for Social Transformation.

HEIW 4 Higher Education's Commitment to Sustainability: From Understanding to Action

HEIW 5 Knowledge, Engagement and Higher Education: Contributing to Social Change

HEIW 6 Towards a Socially Responsible University: Balancing the Global with the Local



2. GUNi Seminars, Workshops & Conferences

GUNi promotes international events linked to higher education that address innovative proposals and ideas.

Global projection through different issues:

- » The social commitment of universities
- » Transformative knowledge to drive social change
- » Education's commitment to sustainability: from understanding to action
- » Higher education: new challenges and emerging roles for human and social development
- » Accreditation for quality assurance: what is at stake?



3. International projects



GUNi also carries out projects and actively collaborates with third parties on emerging issues of higher education.

4. International Summer School on Higher Education and Research Leadership

The International Summer School on Higher Education and Research Leadership consists on different activities related to Higher Education and Research at an/the international level.

A variety of activities (seminars, courses and a conference) take place in Barcelona.

The Summer School wants to be a leading international meeting for the analysis and debate between all national and International actors actively involved in higher education, especially universities, governments, cities and public agencies.

The Summer School holds a practical and multidisciplinary approach, and gathers experts and high level practitioners from around the world.

The International Summer School, promoted by GUNi in partnership with different Catalan and international institutions, aims to become an annual meeting point for anyone with an interest in the world of higher education and research in its broadest sense: not just university institutions and their managerial boards, but also governments and public agencies, stakeholders and international institutions.

5. GUNi global network and regional networks

GUNi Network's main function is to work as a facilitator among its members to enable a multidimensional information flow on higher education trending issues.

Our network involves more than **200 institutions worldwide**, including UNESCO Chairs in Higher Education, higher education institutions, research centres and networks related to innovation and the social commitment of higher education.

Asia and the Pacific

Latin America and the Caribbean

Sub-Saharan Africa

Arab States

Europe

North America

6. Keeping knowledge up to date

A quarterly newsletter is published in order to keep the higher education community and our network updated on the latest news and activities in higher education worldwide.





Facts & Figures

GUNi Reports

- » **320** authors from **53** countries
- » **20,000** reports distributed in **130** countries
- » Launched in **30** countries worldwide
- » Published in **4** languages

An international network comprising over **200** institutions in **78** countries

More than **100** collaborative articles

Around **80** interviews with different experts

Around **10,000** monthly visitors to GUNi's website

More than **6,000** subscribers to our newsletter

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