



The Europe Unit is a sector-wide body which aims to raise awareness of the European issues affecting UK higher education and to coordinate the UK's involvement in European initiatives and debates. Launched in January 2004, the Unit seeks to strengthen the position of the UK higher education sector in debates on the Bologna Process and EU policy. The Bologna process aims to create a European Higher Education Area (EHEA) to help students, graduates and staff to become more mobile, prepare for their future and give them broader access to Higher Education and Academic exchanges. It is jointly funded by Universities UK, the three higher education funding councils of England, Wales and Scotland, GuildHE and the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).

A High Level Policy Forum (HLPF) and officer-led European Co-ordination Group (ECG), comprising representatives from key HE sector organisations, inform the policy positioning of the Unit. HEFCW is represented on both groups, and hosted the HLPF in Cardiff in 2005 and 2008.

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