

Access and retention in European universities: survey results

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I. Methodology

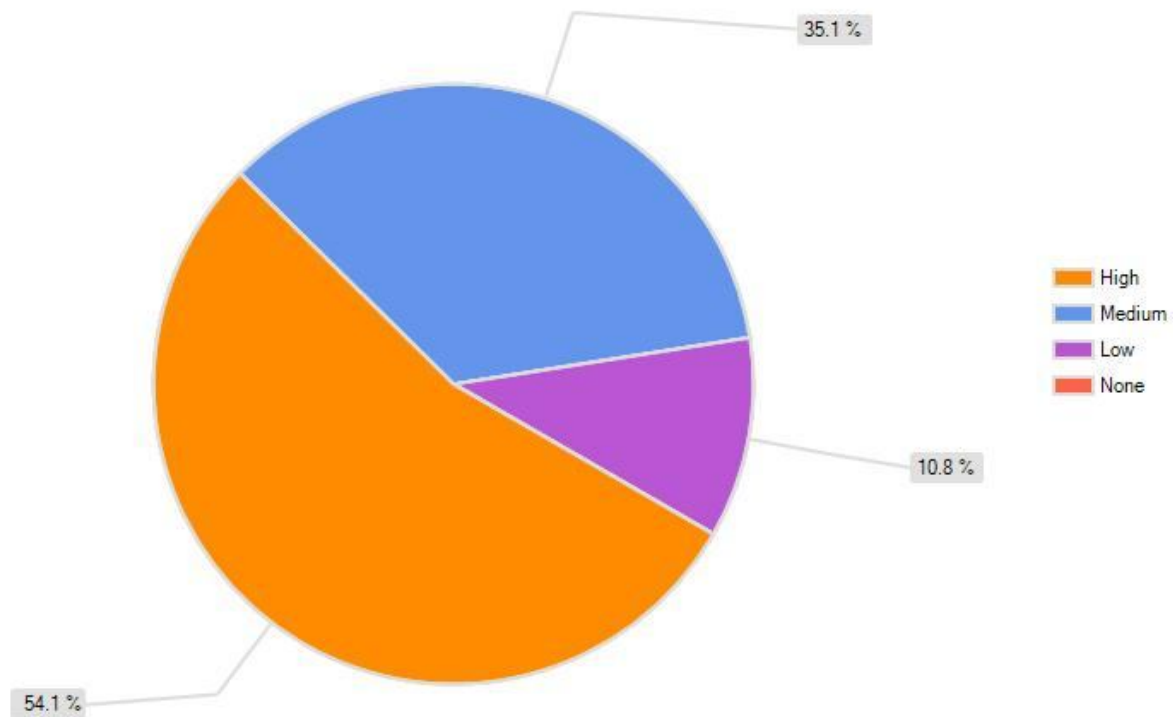
- Small scale survey
- Selection of universities through national rectors' conferences
 - ✓ Interest in collaboration with Africa
 - ✓ Interest in widening participation
- ⇒ unusual sample, but reality on the ground
- 43 universities and university colleges in 19 countries responded, 37 valid responses
- Information on national and institutional practices on access and retention

II. Results

- Political level: equity and access high on agenda(OECD, EU, Unesco)
- But, this hasn't resulted in a consensus on how to respond to from a university perspective
- Other recent reports demonstrated that importance of widening participation is particular to a national context

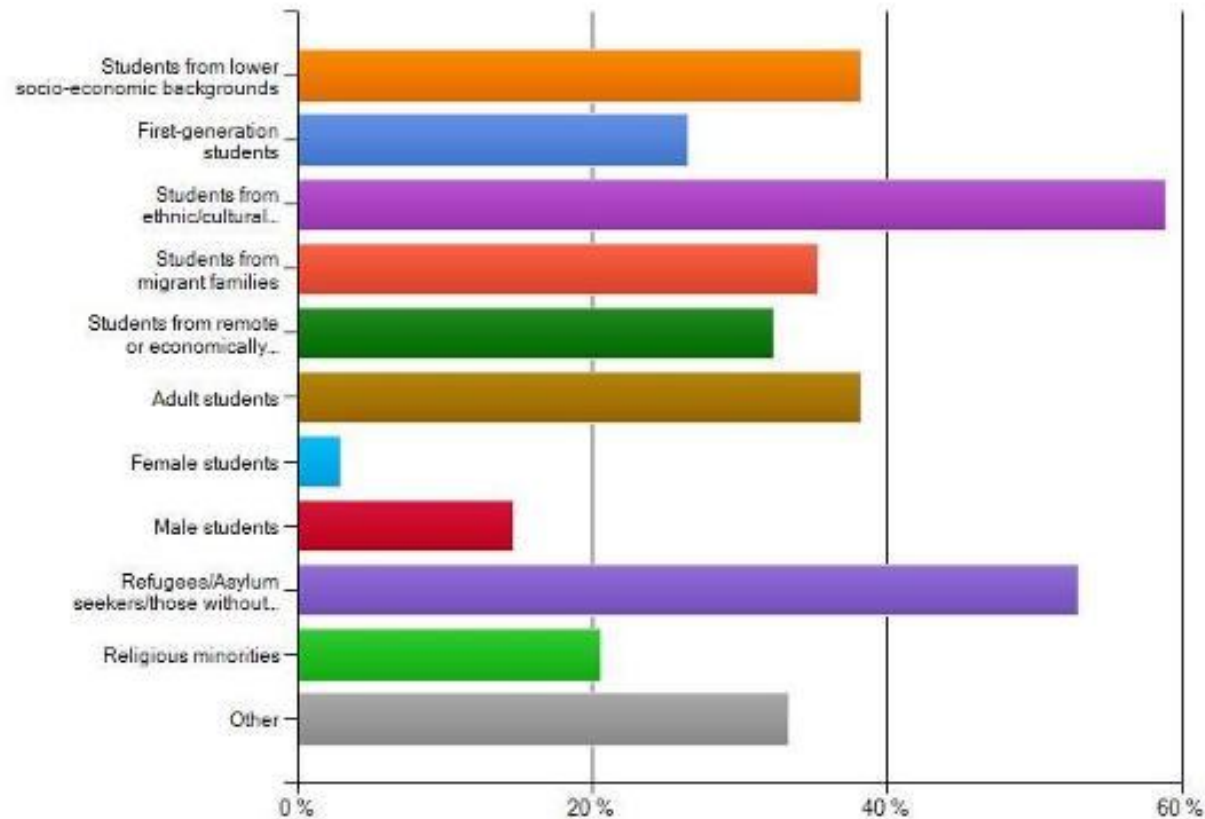
II. Results

In your opinion, what priority does your institution give to improving access (can include both widening and increasing participation)?



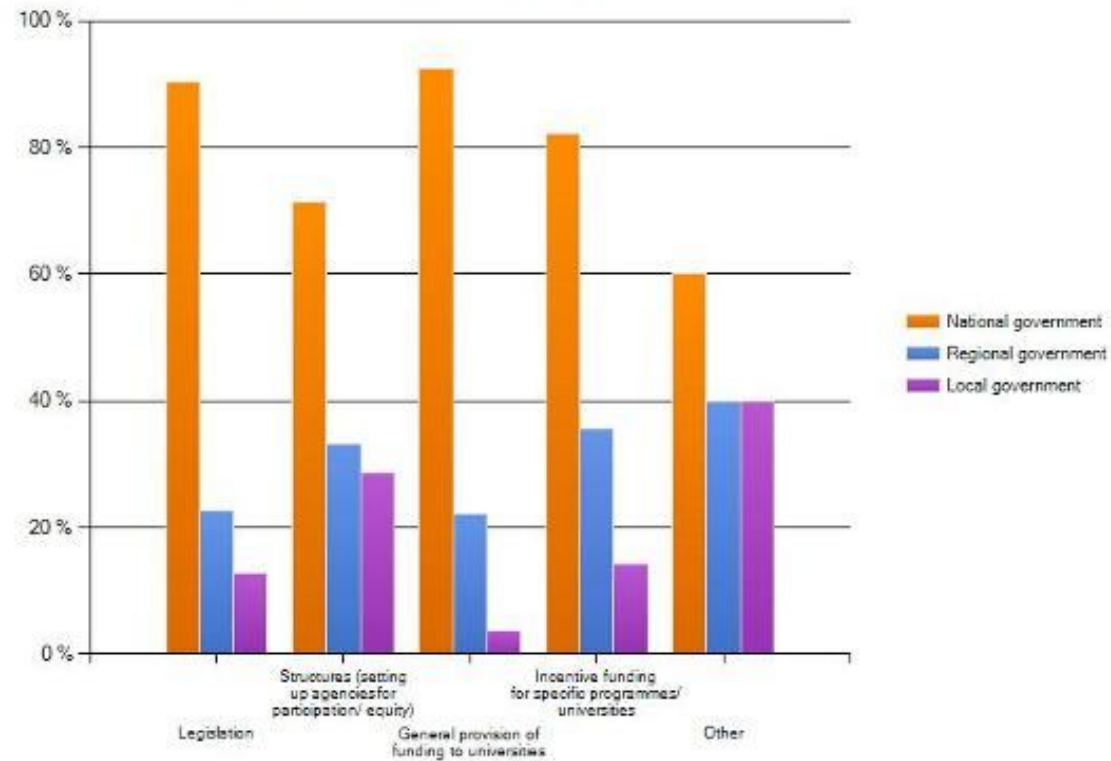
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Which of the following student groups are underrepresented in your institution (you may tick those that you believe to be underrepresented even if their participation is not measured)?



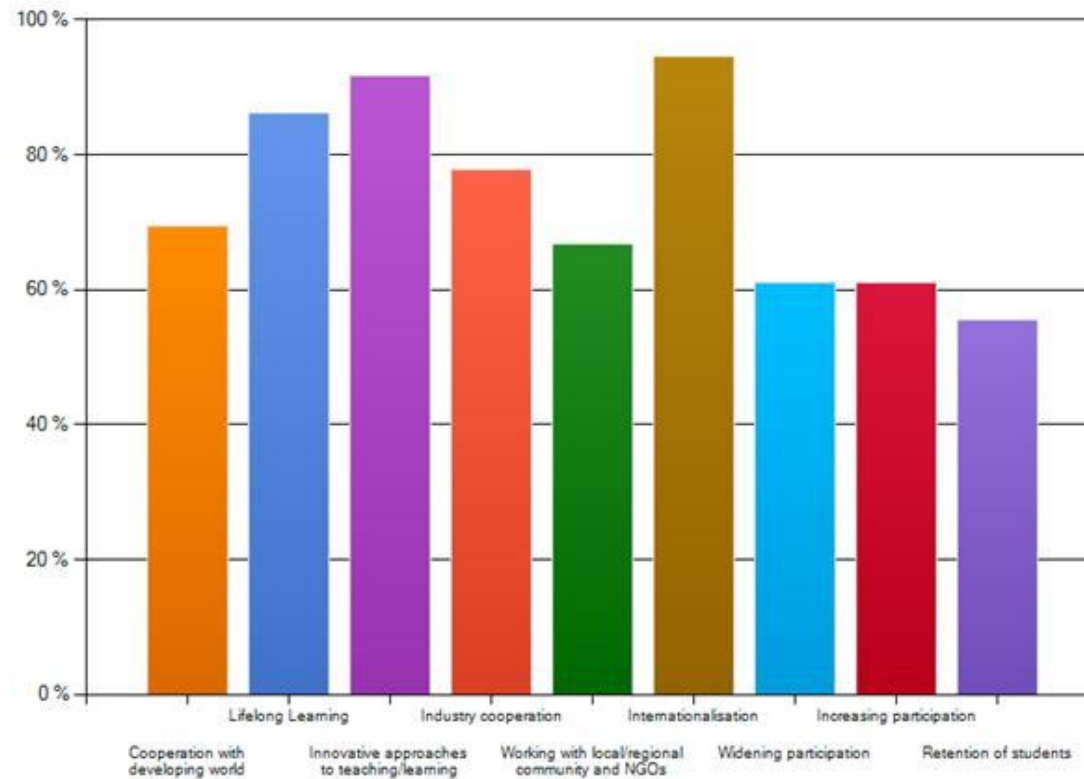
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What are your national, regional and local governments doing to support access and widening/increasing participation in higher education?



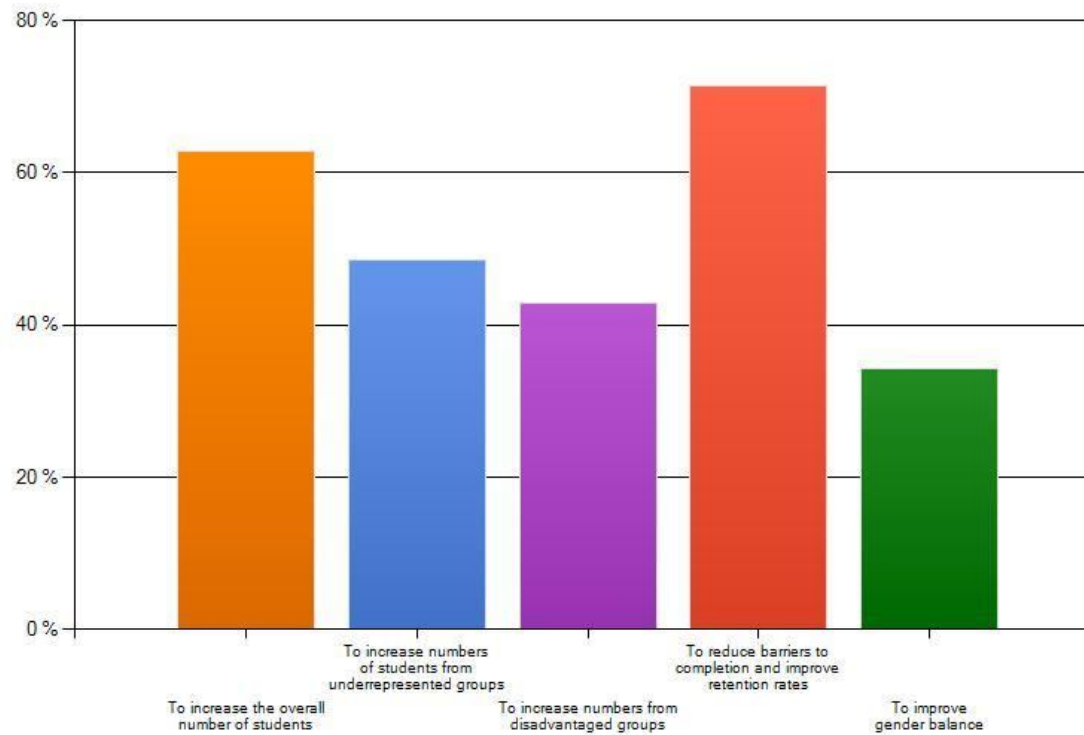
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Does your institution have a policy on the following issues?



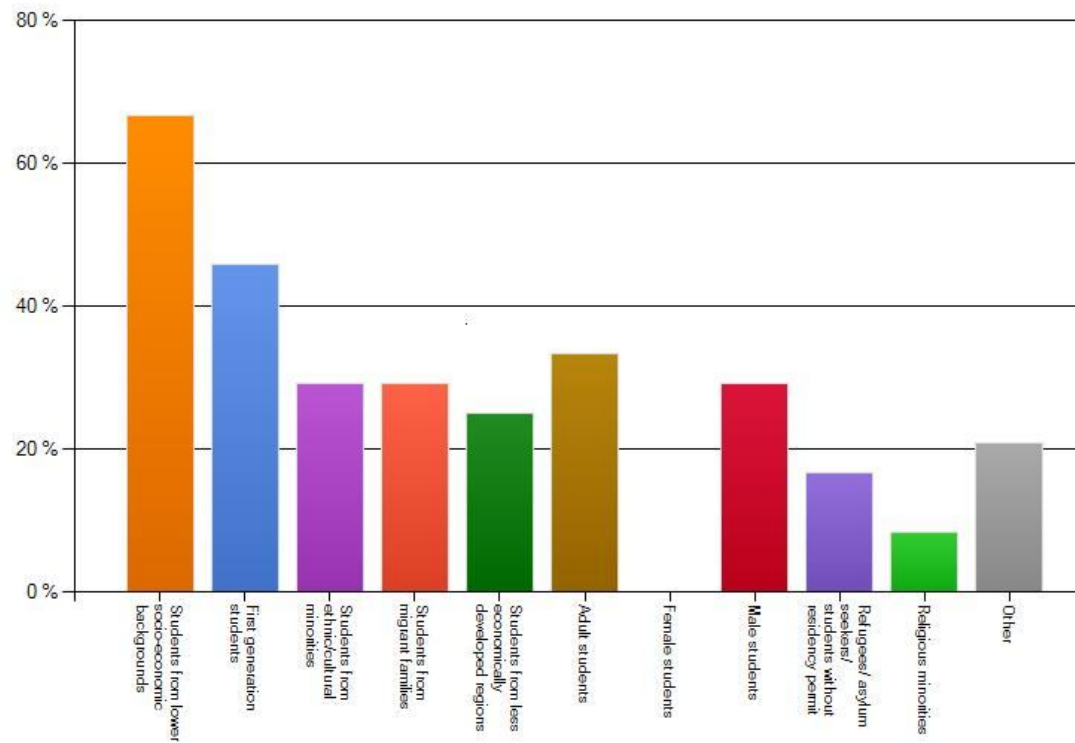
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What are the main objectives of your institution in widening and/or increasing participation?



II. Results

In your opinion, is there a correlation between the student groups below and drop-out?
Please tick if so.



III. Analysis

- Data collection – difficult
- Absence of autonomy to select students:
=> Felt lack of responsibility?
- Role of other education sectors/levels
- Increased attention to student retention

IV. Case studies

- Asked some interesting survey responses to produce a number of case studies:
 - ✓ Kingston University, UK
 - ✓ Edge Hill University, UK
 - ✓ Uppsala University, Sweden
 - ✓ Aarhus University, Denmark
 - ✓ Graz University of Technology, Austria
 - ✓ Tallinn University, Estonia
 - ✓ Roskilde University, Denmark
- Contributions are in the reader and they shed more light on the issues than the survey material...