

WG1: Strengthening research capacity and priorities

Summary & Reflections

Challenges

- Defining a research agenda: who sets it, how and for what purpose?
- Lack of research/lack of researchers/lack of investment in research
- Brain drain: in all its facets
- Fitness for purpose: PhD affordable?
- Commitment: diverging interests
- Ageing : where's the next generation of researchers?
- Infrastructure vs. Human capital

Solutions

- Partnership: long-term, mutually beneficial & (north-) south-south
- Contextualised research
- Building up a research management machinery
- Advocacy by universities for investment in research – definition of national strategies
- Capacity building measures
 - Sandwich programmes
 - Working with diaspora
 - Post-doc positions: see in wider context of researcher careers