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Research, Innovation and Enterprise Situation

An overview

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Introduction



- The context
 - Research programmes/projects
 - Innovations
 - Enterprises
- The research projects by themes
- Key issues
 - Data gaps
 - Coordination challenges
 - Gaps in post-graduate research synergies
 - Weak internationalisation
 - Limited profiles
- Conclusions: what should be done



Introduction



- Wide range of projects undertaken by different departments
 - Social science departments have more projects than in humanities
- The projects cover several themes Social sciences
 - Sociology
 - Political science
 - Social and economic geography
 - Public management and services
 - Others: Social development
- Humanities
 - Communication and journalism studies
 - History and archaeology
 - Language and literacy
 - Philosophy, ethics, and religion



Funding: who is funding research



- Research partnerships with other universities in Europe
 - Mainly Northern Europe
 - **BUT** Limited number of partners from US, Canada, and Australia
 - **BUT** Limited partnerships with newly industrialized countries (China, South Korea, Malaysia and Singapore)
- Multilateral agencies
 - World Bank
 - JICA
- Bilateral agencies
 - Mainly development partners



Research – key issues



- Websites do not tell a complete story
- Data gaps
 - Who is doing what? From when to when?
 - What are the key outputs?
- Coordination challenges
 - Departments have stand projects
- Gaps in post-graduate research synergies
 - PhD work is part of research but rarely captured in data
- Weak internationalisation
 - All projects have potential for internationalisation and profiling through communication - profile



Post graduate students



Arts and Social Sciences – Postgraduate students

Department	PhD	%	Masters	%	Total	% share
Diplomacy & International Relations	117	27	36	4	153	11
Philosophy & Religious Studies	17	4	44	5	61	4
Psychology	17	4	163	17	180	13
Literature	24	6	28	3	52	4
Library & Information Science	12	3	27	3	39	3
History & Archaeology	12	3	113	12	125	9
Economics & Development	117	27	182	19	299	21
Journalism & Mass Communication	60	14	204	21	264	19
Linguistics & Languages	27	6	0	0	0	0
Political Science & Public Administration	28	6	176	18	204	15
Total	431	100	973	100	1404	100

NB: awaiting completed data from Kiswahili, Geography, Sociology, DAGAS



Note on findings



- Disproportionate enrolment of PhDs and Masters
 - Psychology has 17% share of Masters BUT 4% share of PhDs
 - Political science has 18% share of Masters BUT 6% share of PhDs
 - Economics and development studies has high share of PhDs(27%) compared to Masters (19%)
 - Diplomacy has more PhDs (27%) than Masters



What should improve



- Communication and profiling
- Rebranding websites
- Updating websites on daily basis at the department, faculty, institutes, and University wide level
- Seminars at departmental, faculty and institute level
 - PhD seminars
 - Staff seminars
 - Guest lectures



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