New Combining institutional ranking (whole institutions) and field rankings provide a snapshot of performance

Three rankings contribute to the myth of an ideal type of university and disregard differences in mission across HEIs

Multi-dimensional ranking

> 60,000 students completed a student satisfaction study (giving judgments on their teaching and learning experience)

Web-based design is based on Feasibility study (CHERPA consortium, 2011) financed by European Commission

Over 1000 students are included (510 with comprehensive self-reported data; 360 with bibliometric and patent data only)

> 850 universities are included (physics; electrical and mechanical engineering; business studies)

> 5000 study programmes within these departments are included

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Launched on 13 May 2014 by European Commission

No summing across indicators (no single “winner”); no predefined weights on individual indicators

Users first use the web-tool to select the characteristics of institutions they would like compare, and then “rank”

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A user-driven multi-dimensional international ranking of HE institutions

The U-Multirank web-tool

U-Multirank covers five dimensions of performance: teaching and learning; research; knowledge transfer; international orientation and regional engagement.

Performance in each dimension is assessed through 30+ indicators, with institutions ranked separately on each individual indicator. On each indicator institutions are ranked into five groups from “A” (very good) to “E” (weak).

Web-tool offers four main tracks:

Compare Track: allows users to compare HE institutions of similar profiles or make comparisons with a specific institution in mind

Student Track: allows students to compare study programs or universities of their choice, and has a special focus on teaching and learning.

At a Glance: allows users to view the entire performance profile of a selected institution.

Three Readymade Rankings: (1) Research and Research Linkages; (2) Economic Involvement; and (3) Business Studies programmes ranking (below)

30 universities from the total sample of 879 achieved a score in the top five on at least one of the 30 indicators.

8 of these 30 universities achieved a score in the top five on three or more indicators (the highest is one university with six such scores)

4 of these 8 universities have not been visible before in global rankings:

- An Australian University of Applied Science
- A private US Christian University
- A private German Business School
- A French Management Grande Ecole

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Multirank's driven ranking

Users compare university performances

RESULTS and FUTURE PLANS

U-Multirank demonstrates for the first time the diversity of university profiles in an international context

The findings indicate that it is not possible to meaningfully identify “the world’s top 100 or 200 universities overall”

U-Multirank offers a wealth of information and the potential for many comparative analyses

Over 1000 universities will be included in the tool in 2015

Psychology, computer science and medicine will be added as new subject fields in 2015, with more fields to follow

New edition of the ranking to be published in 2015

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