



**THAILAND-EUROPEAN UNION  
Policy Dialogues Support Facility**

## **Promoting new partnerships for university good governance**

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# Context and aims

- To support reform and good governance
- To facilitate partnership links in good governance;
- To identify opportunities for management training or familiarisation visits
- To contribute to university capacity building and professional development

# Potential benefits and outcomes

## *Opportunities:*

- Commissioned projects
- Bespoke projects and tailor-made activities
- Study tours
- International conferences
- Networking opportunities
- Training and professional development programmes

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## *Benefits:*

- Accessing European best practice
- Evaluation by international experts
- Solutions to problems
- High quality study and training materials

# Who can benefit?

- Government bodies and Ministry
- Rectors Conferences/Vice Chancellors Forums
- Senior University Leaders
- Faculty and Middle Management Leaders
- Faculty (teaching and research staff)

# Partnership 1: EUA (European University Association) Solutions

- Opportunity to commission tailor-made services in strategic areas
- Consultancy and expert advice on HE reform topics
- Report and recommendations for improvement.

## Partnership 2: Erasmus + and International Credit Staff Mobility

- Staff mobility for teaching and advanced training; also doctoral study
- Duration 16 or 24 months; application through a European partner university

# Partnership 3: Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

- Intensive five-day course for QA managers from non-UK institutions
- Participants enhance their capability in strategic management of quality
- Delegates with HE management experience (academic or non-academic) develop their knowledge of quality improvement practice



# Partnership 4: Leadership Foundation for Higher Education

- Promoting and supporting good leadership and effective governance
- Programmes tailored to needs of national bodies, universities, or individuals
- Bespoke projects to support modernisation and reform
- Services include:
  - partnerships;
  - consultancy;
  - resources on leadership and governance;
  - support for change and organisational development.

# Partnership 5: European University Association (EUA) Institutional Evaluation Programme (IEP)

- IEP evaluates HEIs in the context of their goals and objectives
- Self-evaluation for improved internal governance and external accountability
- Peer-review of institutional structures, decision-making processes and effectiveness
- Recommendations for improvement
- Extensive experience of sector-level evaluations

# Partnership 6: Higher Education Academy (HEA)

- HEA works globally for enhancing learning and teaching
- Partnerships with:
  - governments and ministries for system development;
  - senior university leaders to develop leadership and coaching skills;
  - managers with responsibility for learning and teaching for skills development purposes;
  - faculty staff for professional development purposes.

# Partnership 7: National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (UK)

- Resources include a self-assessment tool (EDGE)
- EDGE enables a university to assess how well it is supporting public engagement
- EDGE tool focuses on the people, processes, and leadership necessary for improving public engagement
- (What are we doing well? where can we improve? how can we make a difference?)
- Resources to run a change process and to assess impact; (includes an International Framework for Collaboration).

## Partnership 8: Research Councils UK (RCUK)

- Eight research councils across Arts & Humanities; Science, Engineering and Technology; and Medicine
- RCUK exists to maintain the UK's global research position
- Diverse range of funding opportunities
- Primarily for UK universities but facilitates international collaborations and access to the best facilities and infrastructure
- Various partnership opportunities available to international researchers; e.g: visiting researchers; project partners; visits to UK Principal Investigator's institution.

## Partnership 9: Commissioning experts for developmental input on a specific topic or theme

- Opportunities available for KNIT/UGI and/or individual universities or groups of universities to commission services of individual experts or small teams
- Commissioning brief specifies a particular theme or topic requiring expert advice, training, and relevant materials.
- Application process through the PDSF Office; final applicants proposed through, for example, the Rectors Conference?