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Internationalization of Higher Education in Ukraine: Challenges of the New Era

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Higher Education in Ukraine has experienced a series of changes over the last twenty years as the country gained its independence and became part of the Bologna Process and European Higher Education Area. Dramatic increase in student numbers and pressures to make Ukrainian universities more efficient, more competitive and, therefore, more accountable, are key challenges facing higher education in Ukraine. More recently, the trend for internationalization and participation of Ukrainian universities in strategic multilateral initiatives such as Erasmus Mundus and a subsequent increase in academic mobilities among faculty and students have made it clear that more changes are needed in order to secure Ukraine's position on a global educational arena. Science and research also call for a more strategic and forward-looking approach that would enable their efficient and synergetic development. This paper considers some of the recent challenges that Ukrainian education and research face, such as internationalization, digitization and increasing academic mobility, and discusses a number of potential solutions.