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‘Higher aspirations: An agenda for reforming European universities’

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Since the introduction of the Shanghai ranking of the world’s universities it has been clear that European universities are underperforming. In a new report from Bruegel Philippe Aghion, Mathias Dewatripont, Caroline Hoxby, Andreu Mas-Colell and André Sapir, discuss the potential explanations and points at different reform priorities for higher education in Europe.

Three reform priorities are given in the report

1. Increase the funding for universities: it would make sense to raise gradually annual expenditure on higher education by one percent of European Union GDP over the next ten years.
2. Increasing university autonomy: autonomy and funding are mutually reinforcing factors.
3. Increasing mobility and competition: the EU should foster mobility for students and faculty and promote the development of autonomous and competitive graduate schools.

The full report can be downloaded by clicking on this [link](#).

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