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# EUA Evaluation



## Agenda

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## EUA - Institutional Evaluation Programme

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- EUA, the European University Association, is the largest and most comprehensive organisation representing universities in Europe
- The organisation aims to stimulate the creation of a European Higher Education System and to inform about Higher Education systems in Europe by issuing specific analyses on yearly basis
- In 1993 EUA created the IEP, the Institutional Evaluation Programme, which offers higher education institutions voluntary institutional evaluations, conducted by a high experienced evaluation team on a peer review level





## Aims of the evaluation process

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- One of EUA's aims is to provide higher institutions with support in facing new challenges, in leadership development and capacity to manage change
- Our Institution decided to benefit from an evaluation follow-up visit by an EUA team experts, following to the first evaluation visit, which took place in 2012.
- EUA evaluation represents a very important moment for our Institution both in relation with the adopted strategic policies and with the strenght and weakness points, as well as possible corrective actions to be implemented.
- EUA follow-up visit will take place some months before the ANVUR visit (Institutional quality assurance): it undoubtedly represents an important preliminary activity before the launch and the implementation of the activities for the ANVUR visit.



## Previous Visit Outcomes

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- The previous evaluation process started in the Spring of 2011 with a **self-evaluation report** and with a follow-up visit which took place in the same year
  - In 2012 spring EUA provided us with the **evaluation report** including specific recommendations on the actions to be implemented to solve some criticalities or to foster the strength points of our Institution
  - The evaluation process took place in parallel with all the actions put into effect in accordance with the new Italian Law on Higher Education issues (l. 240/10) and after the approval of the new Statute of Politecnico: in some cases, all this has brought to solutions which are different from those which were suggested (e.g. relationships between Doctorate School and Departments)
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## Next follow-up visit: Documents

- Also this time, IEP consists of a follow-up visit (October 27-30 ottobre 2015) at our Institution conducted by a high experienced evaluation team, which will draft an overall evaluation report of our Institution
- For the preliminary phase, aimed at the self-evaluation report draft, a specific self-evaluation group has been appointed:
  - ✓ Deputy Rector, Prof. L. Montanaro, as chair and coordinator;
  - ✓ Prof. Canavero, Fino, Lombardi, Meo, Moglia, Naretto;
  - ✓ Mr. Nicastro , the student representative in the Board of Governors
  - ✓ The Director-General, Dr.A. Tommasin
- The Evaluation Report was sent to EUA on September 23

### The follow-up evaluation process





## Next follow-up visit: Documents

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- The self-evaluation report is composed of 4 sections:
  1. Context analysis of the period starting from the previous follow-up visit;
  2. Specific answers to the recommendations provided by EUA in the previous evaluation report;
  3. Other reforms/actions which have been implemented over the last years;
  4. New institutional challenges (included in the Institutional Strategic Plan).
- The report also includes those annexes and appendices both required by EUA and those considered to be useful to provide a framework of the actions which are in progress or which have been already implemented.



## The follow-up visit agenda

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- The visit consists of **3 day interviews** of the Evaluation Team with:
    - Rector and Director-General
    - Deputy Rector and Vice Rectors
    - Self - Evaluation group
    - Heads of Areas and Service-Central Administration Offices
    - Quality Assurance Committee
    - Representatives of *Collegi* and educational programs (including both academic staff and students)
    - Heads of Department
    - Academic Senate and Board of Governors representatives
    - Student representatives
    - Outside partners
    - International researchers and graduate students
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## Interviews with the Evaluation team

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- The participants who will take part in the several interviews required by EUA have been selected as the representatives of the overall complexity of Politecnico di Torino;
  1. The interviews will be focused on topics dealt in the self-evaluation report, as well;
  2. The interviews will represent places for discussion: upon EUA 's request, formal sessions and presentations have to be avoided;
  3. During the interviews, an interpreter will support the participants;
  4. Upon EUA's requests, in the interviews the Evaluation Team will meet the participants selected for each interview alone.