Origins

**GUNI** was created after the first World Conference on Higher Education in 1999 by **UNESCO**, the **United Nations University** and the **Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya**, where the Secretariat is based.
Mission

Strength higher education’s role in society through the reform and innovation of higher education policies under a vision of public service, relevance and social responsibility.
Main objectives

• Help bridge the gap between developed and developing countries in the field of higher education.

• Foster networking among higher education institutions and cooperation between them and society.

• Promote the exchange of resources, innovative ideas and experiences to facilitate higher education’s role for social transformation.
GUNI Network

179 members in 67 countries, which include:

- UNESCO Chairs in HE
- HE institutions
- HE research centres
- HE Networks
- NGOs related to HE
Institutional Membership of the GUNI Network

Circles proportionally sized according to the number of members by country.
GUNI's activities

• Report **Higher Education in the World**

• **International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education**

• **Universities and Social Commitment Observatory**

• **Communication and Networking**

• **Research activity**
Higher Education in the World Report

The Report is a collective work published as part of the GUNI Series on the Social Commitment of Universities. It is the result of a global and regional analysis of higher education in the world. The Report reflects on the key issues and challenges facing higher education and its institutions in the 21st century.
Higher Education in the World Report
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Brings together experts, researchers, university leaders, administrators and policy-makers.
Identify, disseminate and foster good practices in university social commitment all over the world.

100 good practices from 43 countries.

Become a resource centre for higher education innovation.
University and Social Commitment Observatory
Good Practices

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Research projects

• 3 Delphi studies
• Study of Tertiary Education in Spain
  • Commissioned by the Ministry of Science and Education.
  • Presented to OECD.
• Study on the Higher Education needs in Latin America
  • Comissioned by the Carolina Foundation.
• Higher Education Challenges and Trends
  • Comissioned by UPC
  • Background paper for the project UPC Visió 2020.
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