



Reflection of current political, economic and social challenges, impact on higher education.

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It would be good to use the occasion also to address the current political, economic, and social challenges that impact our societies, and the higher education institutions and their members. This discussion could be addressed in different ways.

Some concrete questions that members can use in their discussion are:

1. In view of the current economic crisis, and increased public expenditure in various sectors, defense being one, how is this going to impact the 2023 budgets for higher education?
2. How will/ do measures for energy saving impact the higher education sector?
 - a. Will higher education institutions and related services be kept open during the winter? Do institutions receive financial support, to cope with the increased costs?
 - b. Students are in many countries already in a precarious economic situation. Do you envisage to directly support them? Will they be included in the general relief measures provided for population in general? Do you foresee extra measures?
 - c. To what extent are students included (or indirectly excluded) in relief measures?