



Spain - Good practices in Social Dimension implementation in Higher Education



Collections of good practices and national experiences in defining core indicators used for measuring and monitoring the relevant aspects of Social Dimension in Higher Education.

One of the main goals of our Ministry of Education is to improve equity, efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and transparency in our University System. In order to ensure the best allocation of resources within our grant system and so as to analyse the impact of all kinds of grants and financial aid on the students' performance, our Ministry of Education launched the "Observatorio Universitario de Becas, Ayudas al Estudio y Rendimiento Universitario" ("University Centre for Grants, Financial Aid and University Performance") in November 2010" (cf. *Royal Decree 1220/2010*). This agency is a consultative body within our Ministry, its composition also including students, representatives of regional governments, universities and social agents (trade unions and business representatives). Its main task is to provide advice, draw up reports and provide statistics related to grants and financial aid for students and to find ways to improve the social dimension in tertiary education.