ERA and the Bologna process: implementation problems and the human resource factor


Abstract

The focus of this paper is on the implementation problems of two European initiatives that have a strong relation to higher education – building the European Area of Higher Education (EAHE)/the Bologna process and the European Research and Innovation Area (ERA) – and also the implementation of the Lisbon strategy that has direct connections to both higher education and research.

This paper explores the main tools of policy implementation in the European Union (EU), its strengths and weaknesses and the degree of implementation of those European initiatives.