

Updates from UKÄ

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13

EUI university alliances

37

Higher education institutions

17,000

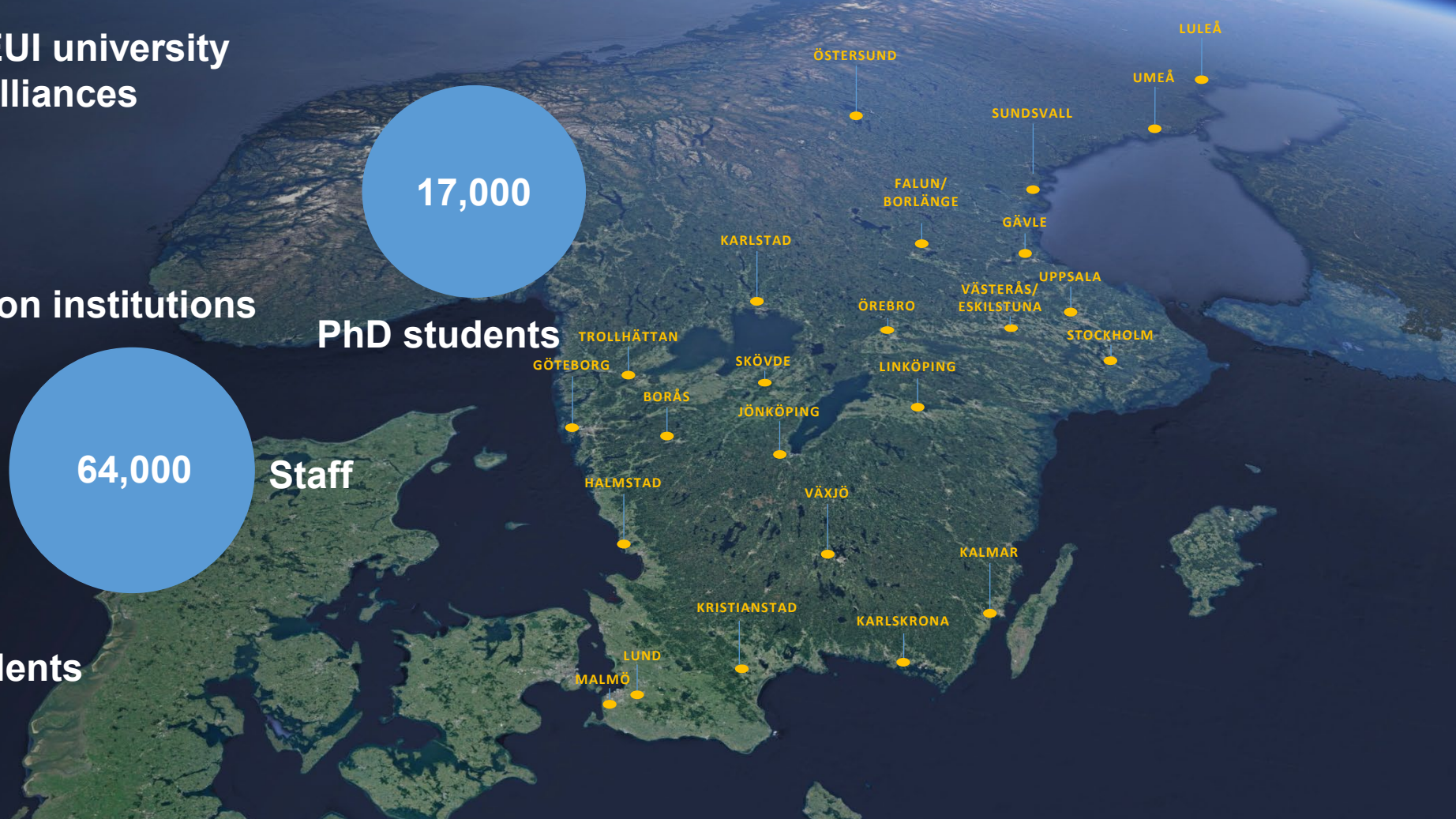
PhD students

64,000

Staff

360,000

Students



Autonomous universities within a public system



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Swedish Research
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The Swedish Higher Education Authority

- Analysis of the higher education sector, including official statistics and effectiveness studies
- Legal supervision of universities and securing students rights
- Quality assurance of HEI
- Government assignments

The national QA system – an overview

- **Institutional reviews of HEI's QA system** being the corner stone
- Programme evaluations for specific gov't needs or if special requirements
- Review of applications prior to starting new degree programs
- Thematic evaluations as sector enhancement efforts



The national QA system 2016-22

- **We are getting close to an end:**
 - Institutional assessments: 10 decisions pending
 - Thematic evaluation of widening participation with a Scandinavian outlook (Feb)
 - Thematic evaluation of nursing programmes (Oct)
 - Programme evaluation of specialist nursing programmes
- **We elaborate on new ways of working**
 - Institutional assessment of research
 - UKÄ takes a greater role in report writing
 - Enhanced dialogue in the planning phase
 - Workshops halfway into the SER-writing

We are more active on the European arena and we are getting new types of assignments – the establishment of a new unit

- ENQA
- EQAR
- BFUG/BICG
- EUI:S - 13
- EQAF
- ERA
- NOQA
- QAN
- INQAAHE
- ECA
- ELIA

Examples of assignments:

- Developing a model for follow-up and evaluation of innovation offices
- Part of a Swedish internationalisation platform for HE
- Network for enhanced coordination of authorities working on follow-up and evaluation of HEI activities
- Contribute to enhanced coordination of work-based training in nursing pr.

We are refining our methods for a new QA framework (no change in instruction)

Through dialogue and interaction we aim to develop:

- A transparent framework with fewer overlaps
- Flexible and accurate reviews
- Complementary and resource-efficient quality assurance

Some questions for you

We aim to base the selection of themes/subjects/review focus more on knowledge that we have access to.

- How to balance flexibility with the HEI:s need for foresight
- How are your thoughts on length of cycle?

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