

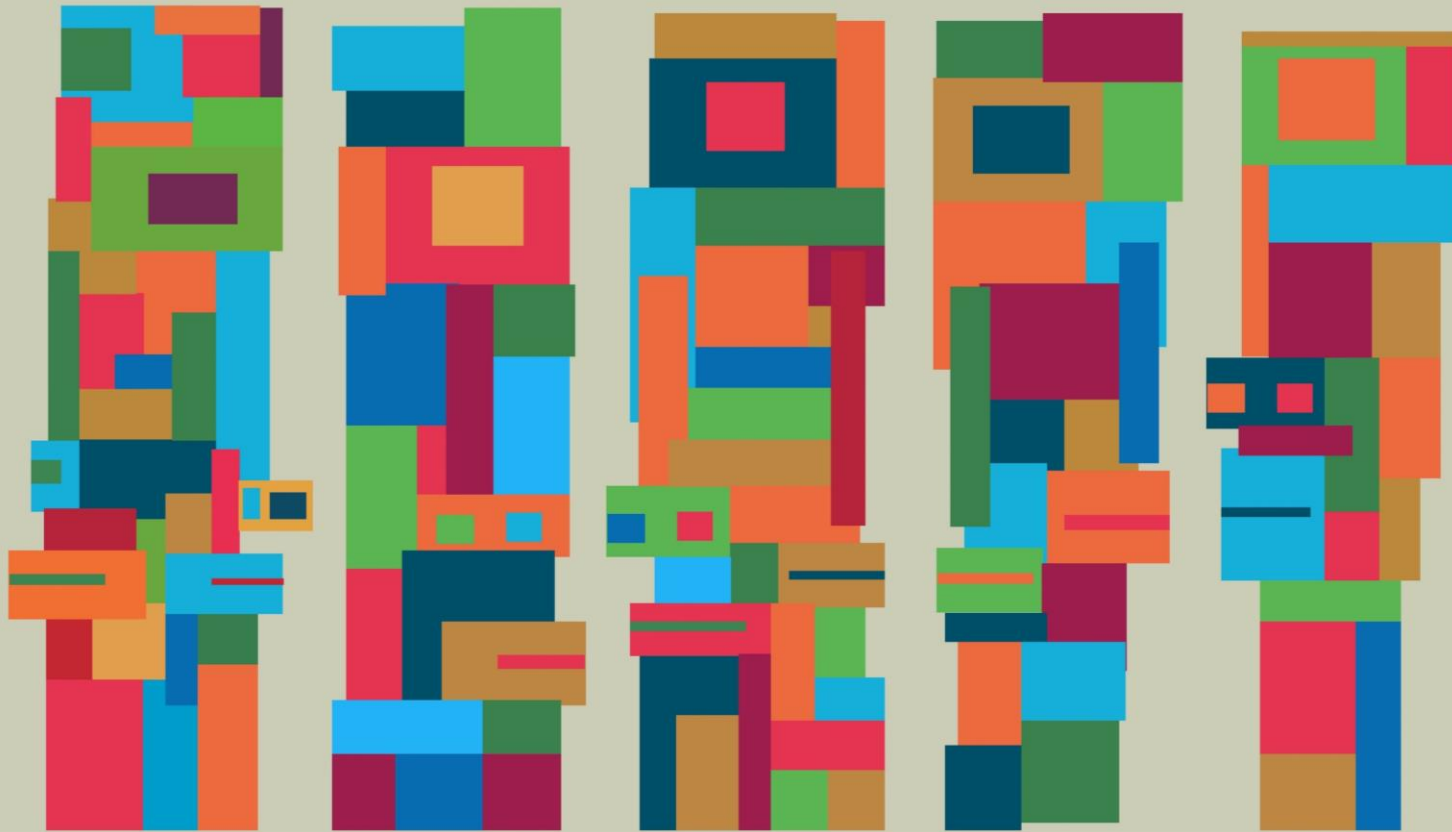


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Reinventing the Role & Place of Higher Learning for a Sustainable Future

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Reshaping ideas and practices in higher education to ensure sustainable development for the planet and humanity

- 1 Opening the door to new, innovative, creative & visionary models of higher learning
- 2 Highlight higher education opportunities & priorities in the upcoming decade
- 3 Anticipate & prepare youth for its role in tomorrow's society
- 4 Pave the way for a future learning community that is inclusive of all lifelong learners
- 5 Define & prepare the **roadmap for a new era of higher education systems**

Organisations

- Member States (& their specialised bodies responsible for HED)
- Higher Education Institutions (public, private, mixed): universities, colleges, institutes
- HED International Organisations (governmental, private, mixed)
- Higher Education Networks
- Research Organisations/Think Tanks
- HED Sponsors & Funders
- Private Foundations (Corporate Social Responsibility & HED)
- Professional Organisations
- Civil Society Groups
- Others

People

- Political Leaders
- Policy Makers
- Professors/Researchers
- Leaders
- Administrators
- Youth/Students
- Entrepreneurs
- Professionals
- Others

WHEC2021: What will happen?

**Generation of
Data,
Information &
Knowledge**

**Formulation of
Updated Policy
Recommendations**

**Identification
&
Dissemination of
Good Practices**

**Networking &
Strengthening of
Partnerships**

**Broad participation
from diverse
stakeholders
(nationally,
regionally, globally)**

**Adoption of
Commitments &
a Roadmap for the
Upcoming Years**



WHEC2021 Main Themes

**Impact of
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**Higher
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**Quality
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**Academic
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**Higher
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**Financing
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**Data and
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**International
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Synergies**

**Preparing for
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WHEC2021 Knowledge Production & Policy Dialogue

MAIN THEMES & POLICY PAPERS

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HED 2030 ROADMAP

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for a sustainable future

POLICY DIALOGUE & CONSULTATION

Report of the Global Independent
Expert Group on the Universities (EGU) and
the 2030 Agenda (SDG Norway)

- UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs contributions
- Worldwide focus groups reports (stakeholders within and outside HED organizations)
- Youth strategy outputs
- Others

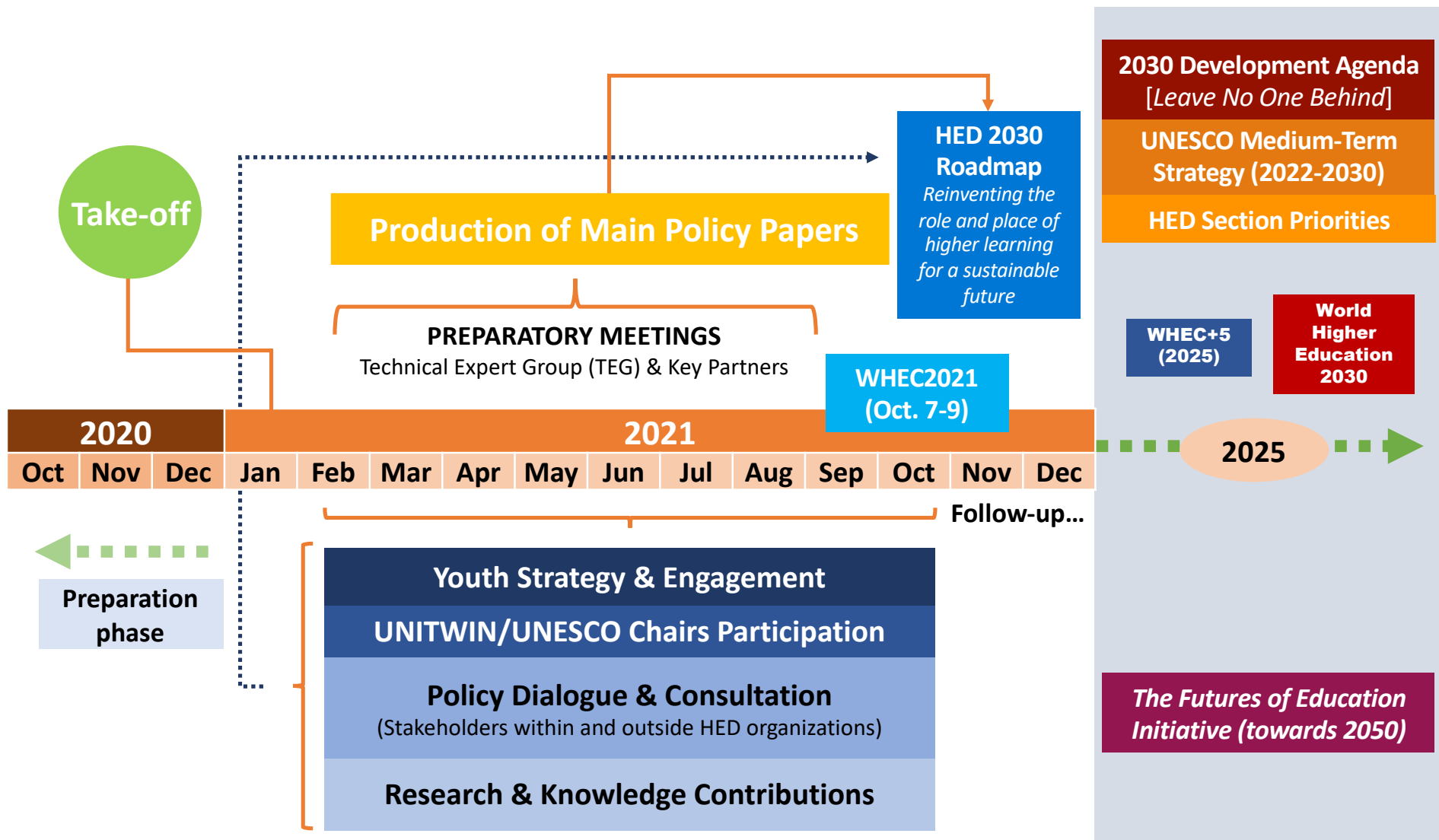
RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE CONTRIBUTIONS

- GUNI Report
- Report on the OCDE/UNESCO Guidelines
- Engagement (Erasmus)
- HED & rural contexts
- Others

SURVEY REPORTS

- HED contribution to lifelong learning – UIL/IAU/IIPE/IESALC
- HED education, SDGs and leaving no one behind – UNESCO Chairs
- Education policy makers, SDG & leaving no one behind – UNESCO National Commission
- Others

WHEC2021 Timeline



WHEC2021: Strengthening HED contribution to the SDGs Agenda and beyond

OUTPUTS

WHEC2021's content produced and/or delivered
[Knowledge, innovation, good practices]

Guidance to Member States and HED relevant stakeholders for strengthening political will, policy and programme development, and capacity building provided
[nationally, regionally, globally]

Coalition among HED international community in favour of the 2030 Agenda and The Futures of Education reinvigorated

OUTCOME

Capacities of HED institutions, leaders and relevant stakeholders to create/adapt/improve their policies, programmes, and practices reinforced

IMPACT

Contribution of HED to the SDGs agenda (well-being of humans and sustainability of the planet) strengthened
[HED ecosystem transformed on the basis of quality, equity and inclusion]

Thank you!

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