## EUA research and innovation strategy group – call for nominations

Following the approval by the EUA Board of terms of references for its new Research and Innovation Strategy Group (RISG), formerly known as the Research Policy Working Group (RPWG), EUA has opened a call for nominations. The call is also addressed to EUA members who do not have National Rectors’ Conference (NRC) representation in the EUA Council. EUA is seeking to fill three seats in the RISG reserved for this category of membership. These will complement the 25 other seats which will be filled through a separate call to NRCs.

**Remit**

The RISG will have a broad remit for developing EUA research and innovation strategy and policy for all topics of relevance to European universities. It will provide advice and support to the EUA Board based on strategic horizon scanning and policy review, and by formulating and drafting EUA positions, statements and recommendations on European research and innovation policies. The group will be established as a long-term EUA strategic group, with a review of its activities by the Board every two years. Every four years the RISG will propose to the Board a new agenda setting the scope, specific aims and the topics/areas it will be focusing on for the subsequent four-year period. Further details regarding its areas of activity and responsibility are outlined in the attached Terms of Reference.

**Membership and selection procedure**

RISG membership will comprise 28 members, with 25 members proposed by NRCs and 3 members proposed by EUA member institutions who do not have NRC representation in the EUA Council. RISG members will be nominated for a term of two years with the possibility of one two-year extension to ensure continuity. Nominees must be senior university leaders (e.g., Rectors or Vice-rectors) with expertise and experience in research and innovation. Balance will be sought in terms of gender, geographical, regional and disciplinary representation, as well as diversity in the types of universities.

Institutions can put forward two nominees (one woman and one man) by completing this [online form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a5d967bff70b4e318281276724c4e0fc) (one per nominee) and uploading a 1-2-page CV of their candidates based on the attached template. Thedeadline is **31 May**. The selection will be made by the Board and only one nominee per institution can become a RISG member.

**Meetings**

The RISG will begin its term in autumn 2022 and its first meeting is scheduled for 14 October. The group will hold a minimum of three meetings per year, including a minimum of one onsite meeting to take place in Brussels (circumstances allowing). EUA covers subsistence during the meetings, whereas travel and accommodation expenses should be covered by nominating institutions or any other suitable arrangements.