

Development of the Social Dimension

Stocktaking and Future Perspectives of Student Services/Student Affairs in the European Higher Education Area

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Challenges in Azerbaijan's Higher Education System

Access and Equity

- Tightly controlled student admission quotas
- Very low enrollment rate (15-19 percent)
- Inequitable access to higher education

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Quality and Relevance

- Serious mismatch between the structure of university graduates on the supply side and the structure of economy on the demand side
- Quality and relevance of science and research needs urgent modernization

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Main Determinants of Higher Education Performance

- Low Performance of General Education
- Insufficient Public Spending on Higher Education
- Inadequate University Governance

Student Life in Azerbaijan's Universities

Major challenges:

- Lack of experience and institutionalization in student activities
- University bureaucracy
- Lack of funding for student activities
- Lack of student dorms

Student Life in Azerbaijan's Universities

Private Universities:

- **Khazar University:** The Health Care Center, University Housing team, Student Support System, The Career Center



Qafqaz University:

- University Campus
- Student Body organizing educational, cultural and sport activities
- Student services like supporting student housing and employment, psychological and medical support and etc.



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Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy:

- Full financial coverage of all student activities
- Office of Student Services
- Career Management Center
- Student Government
- Office of International Students
- Campus coming soon!

- Student clubs
- Cultural festivals
- Talent shows
- Country series
- Socializing events
- Study trips
- Public Lectures
- Internships



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