



An Analytical Review of Ukrainian Higher Education within the European University Alliance Framework

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Impact, Constraints, and a Strategic Call to EUA

From Leadership Pilots to Systemic Scale-Up

- **11 universities** operate as a **Leadership Vanguard**, piloting European standards inside Ukraine
- Proven impact:
 - Joint degrees, micro-credentials, digital campuses
 - Stronger institutional capacity and global visibility
- Persistent constraints:
 - Staff overload (“double burden”)
 - Legal and financial misalignment with EUA models
 - Sustainability beyond project funding
- **Strategic ask to EUA:**
 - Treat Ukrainian HEIs as co-architects, not beneficiaries
 - Use Ukrainian cases to test and refine alliance governance models
 - Jointly scale successful pilots to the national level
- **Next phase:** *from participation → system-wide impact*



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