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***National rankings as an
integral part of the global
university landscape***

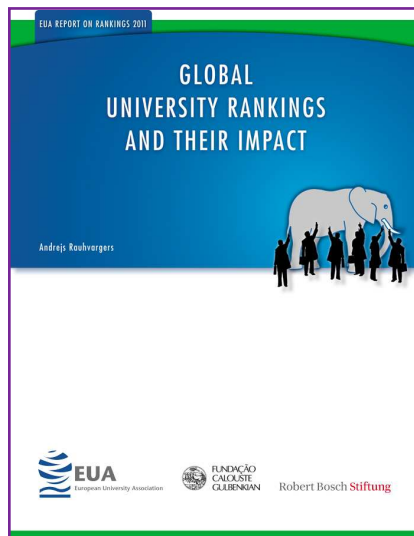
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„Despite their many shortcomings, biases and flaws rankings enjoy a high level of acceptance among stakeholders and the wider public because of their simplicity and consumer-type information. Thus, university rankings are not going to disappear; indeed, the number of rankings is expected to increase although they will become more specialised.”

prof. Andrejs Rauhvargers
European University Association Report

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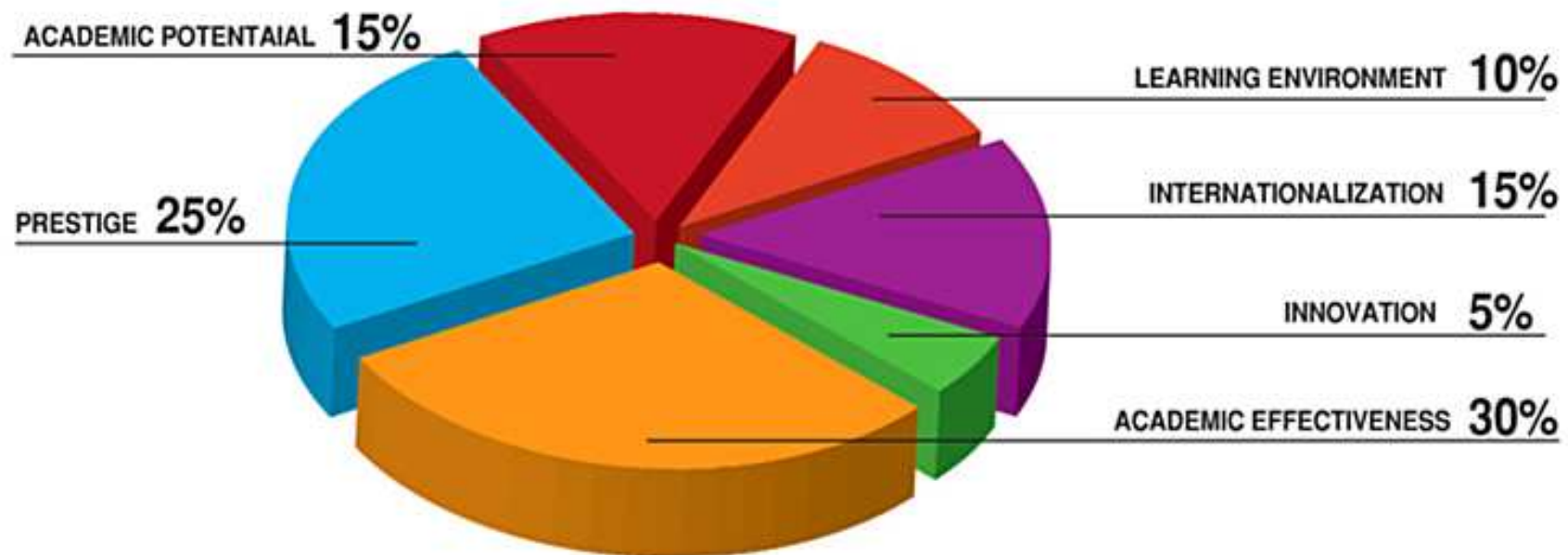
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Thesis:

In order for a country to efficiently use the innovation potential of its higher education system, it **must have a national university ranking** (NUR), professionally prepared by independent organization.

National ranking stimulates competition among universities for students, academic staff and funding.

Perspektywy Ranking of Polish Universities 2011



Ranking criteria

Perspektywy Ranking 2011



Evolution of criteria

Announcement of the Perspektywy Ranking 2011





President Bronisław Komorowski:
„Perspektywy Ranking is a reliable and valid measure of teaching and research capabilities of Polish universities.”



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Percentage Distribution of Top 100 Universities by Country

1. United States	54
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3. Germany	5
4. Japan	5
5. Canada	4
6. France	3
7. Australia	3
8. Sweden	3
9. Switzerland	3
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11. Denmark	2
12. Belgium	1
13. Israel	1
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1.	United States	54	US News & World Report
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5.	Canada	4	Macleans
6.	France	3	L'Étudiant
7.	Australia	3	The Good University Guide
8.	Sweden	3	–
9.	Switzerland	3	SwissUp (last results 2006)
10.	Netherlands	2	Keuzegids Hoger Onderwijs
11.	Denmark	2	–
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Accreditation is not enough to assure competitiveness...



“The outcomes of the Perspektywy Ranking of Polish Universities fully correspond with the results of accreditation process carried by the State Accreditation Committee. In fact the ranking provides even a fuller picture of universities, since it takes into account more factors and indicators, and analyze them deeper. Rankings, updated annually, are also more actual.”

Prof. Marek Rocki

the head of the State Accreditation Committee (Poland)

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The screenshot shows the ARWU website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Rankings, Universities, Initiative, Conferences, and Resources. Below the menu, a banner for the 'Academic Ranking of World Universities 2011' is visible. The main content area displays the 'Academic Ranking of World Universities - 2010' for Poland. A table lists the top Polish universities, with Jagiellonian University and University of Warsaw circled in red. The table has columns for National Rank, Institution*, World Rank, Region, and Regional Rank. Below the table, a note states: '* Institutions within the same rank range are listed alphabetically.'

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In Poland exist some **40** fine universities.

National ranking

Perspektywy Ranking of Polish Universities 2011

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Wielka gala już za nami!

Z udziałem elity polskich rektorów i przedstawicieli najwyższych władz naszego kraju odbyło się 19 maja w Warszawie uroczyste ogłoszenie wyników **Rankingu Szkół Wyższych 2011** przygotowanego przez Perspektywy i Rzeczpospolitą.

Ranking best academic HEIs in Poland

	Ranking 2011	Ranking 2010	Ranking 2009	Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007		
1	University of Warsaw	100	100	94.9	55.6	70	100
2	Jagiellonian University	99.27	85.0	100	49.5	83.6	96.6
3	Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań	91.32	81.8	87.8	27.6	83.8	93.2
4	Warsaw University of Technology	82.1	84.4	69.3	100	63.7	78.6
5	Wrocław University of Technology	75.23	63.2	78.5	84.3	62.2	60.9
6	University of Wrocław	69.69	38.6	90.7	14.3	58.4	51.6
7	AGH University of Science and Technology in Cracow	66.02	38.8	69.5	92.4	62.1	34.8
8	Warsaw School of Economics	60.06	6.6	96.1	9.6	71.9	66.2
9	Technical University of Lodz	59.84	1.3	59.9	89.5	62.5	61.2
10	Poznan University of Medical Sciences	66.36	10.9	72.0	27.2	84.7	66.4
11	Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń	54.90	21	77.4	18.1	63.1	20.8
12	Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin	54.85	2.0	79.1	4.0	92.9	30.0
13	Medical University of Białystok	62.71	4.0	77.9	0.8	94.5	14.1
14	Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice	61.73	26.8	60.9	28.8	68.9	41.1
15	University of Lodz	60.73	20.9	66.0	8.3	83.6	46.8
16	Medical University of Warsaw	60.69	18.3	67.7	4.4	66.3	34.9
17	Medical University of Gdansk	60.60	4.7	66.5	7.6	93	34.3
18	Wrocław Medical University	49.95	8.3	60.8	33.8	100	29.4
19	University of Silesia in Katowice	49.68	20.0	67.7	11.1	63.4	20.2
20	University of Gdansk	49.67	16	63.3	20.9	60.2	41.1
21	Medical University of Silesia in Katowice	49.58	4.1	71.9	9.2	64.8	18.2
22	Medical University of Lodz	49.16	8.6	64.3	18.4	96.7	23.6
23	Medical University in Lublin	48.24	1	66.5	9.9	84.9	32.9
24	Warsaw University of Life Sciences	48.20	12.9	64.4	27.1	46.9	27.2
25	Poznan University of Technology	48.72	12.3	59.8	62.6	64.2	23.6
26	Poznan University of Economics	47.74	19.6	63.2	14.6	44.1	40.2
27	Gdansk University of Technology	47.69	25.2	67.7	67.1	44.8	26.0
28	Koźminski University in Warsaw	44.1	13.3	48.3	14.1	48.6	36.6
29	The John Paul II Catholic	43.77	9.8	64.8	10.1	47.8	18.1

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*“There is no reason to exclude the potential for a **“turn towards high quality ranking”** scenario. The methodological optimism may turn out to be right in saying that those who are involved in the production of rankings and those who are involved in the funding of rankings or the other information systems on which rankings are based, are willing to strive for a higher complexity of rankings, as well as for a broader concept of “validity” than those which are now in place.”*

Ulrich Teichler

“The Future of University Rankings” Chapter

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6. New database facilitate creation of **better national rankings.**
7. Appearance of **new national rankings.**

Starting question:

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Answer:

A country to have an innovative competitive higher education system needs an independent, professional National University Ranking.

QED.

New question:

**How to ensure the development of national rankings,
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Answer:



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Thank you

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