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Key highlights

The QS Higher Ed Summit: Europe 2025 focused on how European universities can remain globally relevant while navigating policy pressures, demographic shifts, and technological change. With a strong emphasis on leadership, innovation, and inclusion, the summit explored the role of universities as both anchors of stability and agents of transformation.

Across two days in Porto, delegates from over 50 countries exchanged ideas on how European higher education can respond to changing expectations and lead with purpose, partnership, and impact.

Thank you to all speakers, delegates, our host, the Agência Nacional Erasmus+ Educação e Formação, our co-host, the University of Porto, and our sponsors, for their contributions and vision in shaping the future of education.

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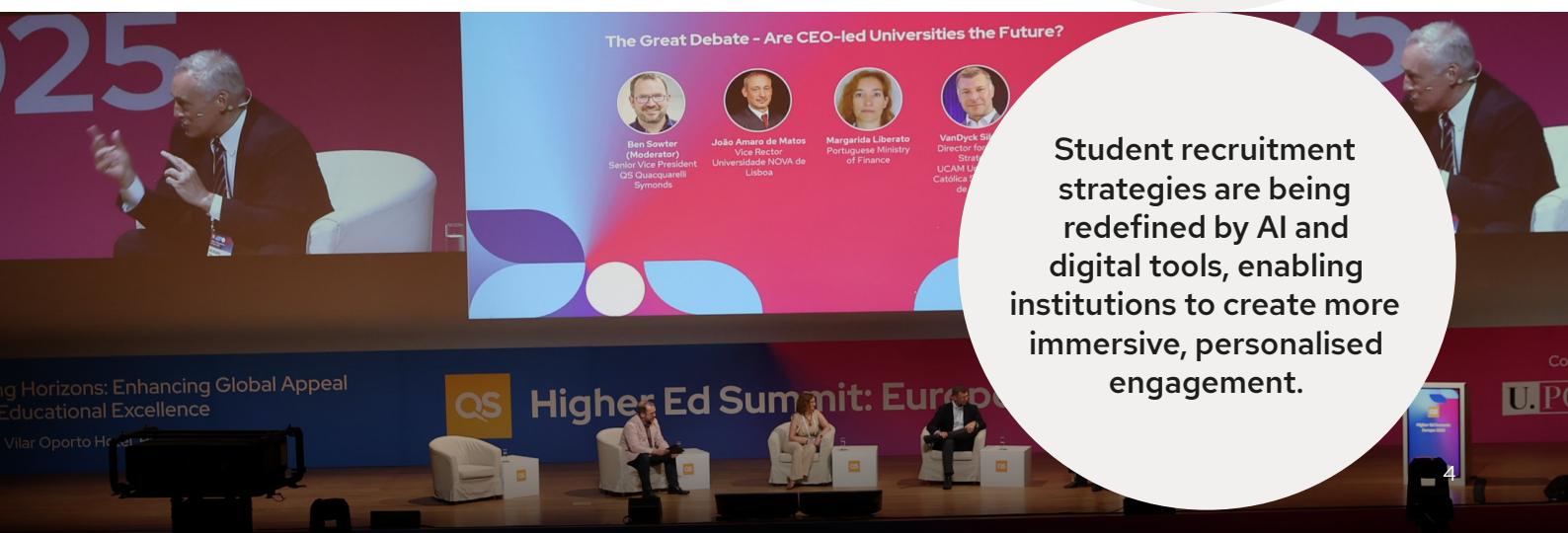
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To stay globally competitive, European institutions must champion innovation, develop critical thinkers, and nurture student resilience in an uncertain world.

Policy debates across Europe—on immigration, visas, and student finance—are reshaping how universities demonstrate their value to society and national economies.

University leadership must evolve, with calls to shift from mentorship to active sponsorship, especially to support women and underrepresented groups into decision-making roles.

Student recruitment strategies are being redefined by AI and digital tools, enabling institutions to create more immersive, personalised engagement.





Key Statistics

501

Total number
of attendees

44

Total number
of countries

90

Total number
of speakers

Feedback from attendees:

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Master of
ceremony

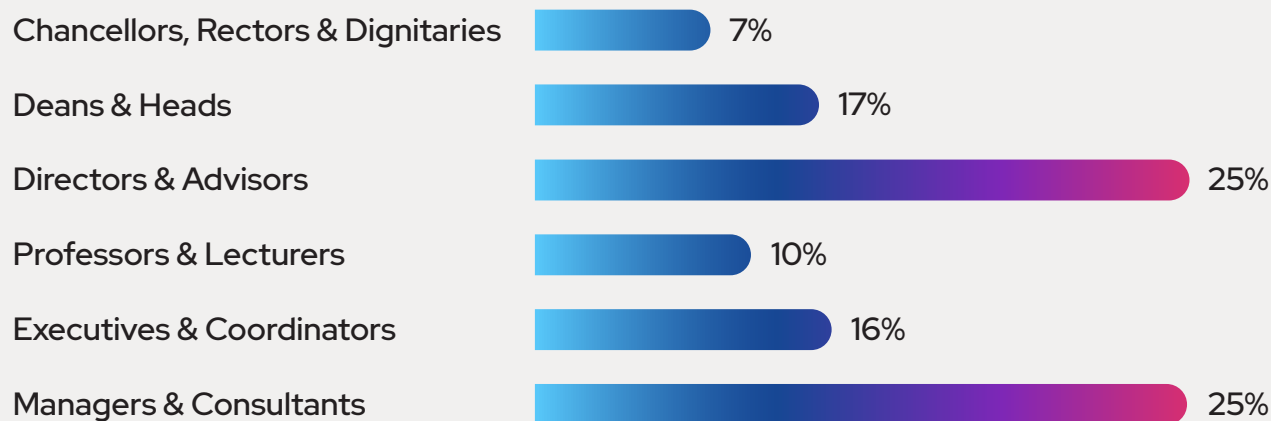
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networking

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Key speakers

We would like to thank our esteemed speakers.



Anna-Sophie Hartvigsen
CEO and Founder
Female Invest



Prof. Svetoslav Spassov
Director, Nuclear Security
Support Center



Dassos Alexandrou
Head of Education Sector
Coverage
Barclays



Jacqui Jenkins
Global Lead on Student Mobility
British Council



Dr Janet Ilieva
Director and Founder
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Iris Kimizoglu
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