



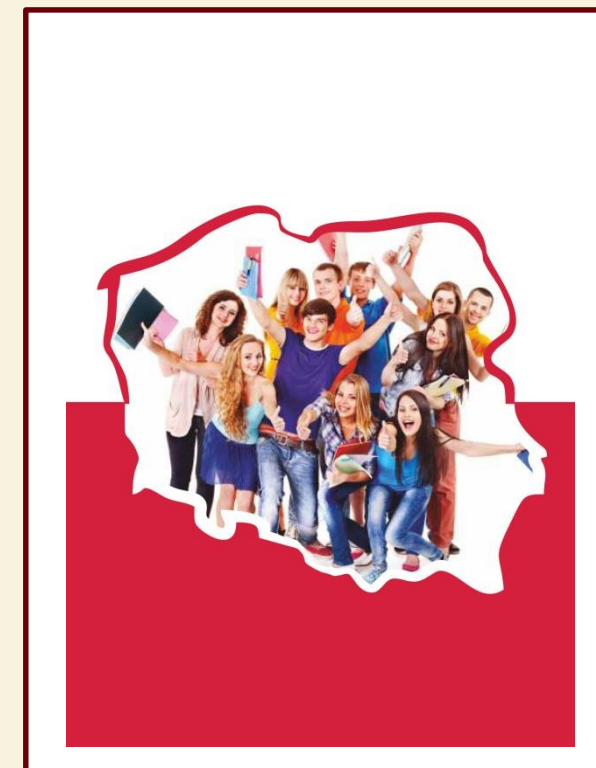
Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland



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Higher Education System in Poland

- **1.2** million students
- **85** thousand foreign students
- **93** thousand academic teachers
- **349** HEIs
- **130** public HEIs account for 70% of students



CRASP - Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland

- founded in 1997
- formed by Polish institutions of HE with the right to award doctoral degrees in at least one scientific discipline
- institution representing higher education and science community
- basic rights and obligations defined in Act - Law on Higher Education and Science (2018)
- 109 members (including 10 non-public schools)
- 8 associate members

Law on Higher Education and Science

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- University-type higher education institutions may form **Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP)**
- Public non-university-type higher education institutions may form **Conference of Rectors of Public Professional Universities**
- Non-public non-university-type higher education institutions may form **Conference of Rectors of Vocational Schools in Poland**

Representative institutions of higher education and science community

- General Council for Science and Higher Education
- Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland
- Conference of Rectors of Public Professional Universities
- Conference of Rectors of Vocational Schools in Poland
- Students' Parliament of the Republic of Poland
- Polish National Association of Doctoral Candidates

The public authorities shall consult the representative institutions on:

- principles of operation and directions of development of the system of higher education and science, management of higher education institutions
- (doctoral) students and academic staff
- drafts of
 - state budget in the field of HE & science
 - legislation on the system

The conferences:

- cooperate with public authorities in matters concerning higher education, science and culture
- have a legal personality
- for the composition of General Council elect 14 academic teachers among candidates elected by HEIs, with a distribution of this number among the conferences in proportion to the total number of students in the member institutions of each of those conferences

The minister shall be the body supervising the conferences

CRASP may propose candidates:

- for the Polish Accreditation Committee membership
- to become members of the international expert team with significant scientific or artistic achievements to assess the application of university-type HEI to participate in the competition under the “Excellence Initiative – Research University” programme

The minister may:

- commission a representative institution to perform a specific task within the scope of its statutory activity
- ensure that adequate resources are available for the implementation of this task

In case of law violation of a:

- **rector** - the minister may dismiss him/her
- **HEI council** – the minister shall request the senate to shorten the term of office of the council after consultation with (General Council and) the relevant conference

Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland

More or less formal groups of conferences of rectors of the various types of HEIs:

- Universities (20)
- Universities of Technology (21)
- Universities of Agriculture and Life Sciences (6)
- Universities of Pedagogy (5)
- Universities of Economics (5)
- Medical Universities (9)
- Universities of Fine Arts (19)
- Universities of Physical Education (6)
- Military Universities (5)
- Non-public Universities (10)
and Theological Universities (3)

Internal governance, mandatory staff and decision-making

The Supreme body in CRASP:
Plenary Assembly

The Management body in CRASP:
Presidium

Other bodies: groups, committees formally and informally established

- (Permanent/standing) Committees and some other bodies are statutory.
- Temporary committees and groups/other bodies are not formally regulated in the Statutes, the Statutes just give the possibility to establish task force committees and groups.
*New Statutes were adopted in 2011
- The rules to establish a new body (e.g. a committee): Presidium establishes such a body.
- The committee members are rectors of member institutions (active or former rectors).

Type of organizational structure

Network hierarchical management - authorities:

- Plenary Assembly
- Presidium (includes presidents/chairs of the committees)
 - President
 - Auditing Committee

CRASP Presidium

- **President**
- **Vice-Presidents (2)**
- **Honorary President**
- **Presidents of Conferences of rectors of the various types of HEIs (10)**
- **Presidents of Permanent Committees (10)**
- **President of the temporary committee**
- **President of the Bologna Group**
- **Persons who are not members of the Presidium, participating in the works of the Presidium in an advisory capacity:**
 - **Presidents of temporary groups (3)**
 - **President of the Auditing Committee**
 - **Secretary General**

***26 voting rights**

The rules of representation in each of the governance bodies

Plenary Assembly includes:

- rectors of member universities
- Presidium members (some of them are former rectors)

A rector of a member institution may authorize (in writing) a vice-rector to represent (them)him/her at meetings of Plenary Assembly.

Presidium includes:

- President
- Honorary President
- two Vice-Presidents
- presidents of conferences of rectors of various types of institutions (universities, technical universities, medical universities, etc.)
- presidents/chairs of the (permanent/standing) committees (active or former rectors)
- president/chair of the Bologna Group

CRASP Office

- Permanent staff members: 4
- Functions they perform: Office head (& Acting Secretary General), 3 (senior) officers
- Is it not required by law to have permanent staff members.

The leader of the Rectors' conference: President

- Elected by Electoral Assembly consisting of rectors elected for a new term of office out of their group in a secret/confidential ballot by an absolute/qualified majority of (valid) votes at the presence of more than a half of authorized members within 4 months of the running term.

*It also applies to two Vice-Presidents

- The Electoral Assembly is convened by the running President.

Functions performed by the leader

The president leads the activity of CRASP and of the Presidium as well as represents CRASP.

*CRASP Statutes

Type of decisions that CRASP takes

- resolutions
 - position statements
 - proposals
 - opinions
 - appeals
 - open letters
- (sometimes common)

The quorum and majority conditions for decision-making

When adopting resolutions and decisions, the CRASP bodies and committees strive to reach consensus.

If reaching consensus is impossible, resolutions are adopted by

a two-thirds majority vote

**with at least half of those eligible to vote present*

Also a two-thirds majority vote of CRASP Plenary Assembly for:

- **termination of CRASP**

**in the presence of at least three-fourths of CRASP members*

- **adopting and amending the Statues**

**in the presence of at least half of those eligible to vote*

The quorum and majority conditions for decision-making

**Absolute (50% + 1 vote) majority for secret ballot
of CRASP Plenary Assembly**

- **President and Vice-Presidents**
 - **Audit Committee**

Thank you for your attention



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