

One of the good practices commended by the review panel was the Annual Seminar which the Programme organises this week at the Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, for the 90 experts who will visit and evaluate the institutions during the 2009/2010 evaluation round.

The review report and further information on IEP is available on the [IEP website](#).

Please note that an information session on the IEP will take place at the [EUA Autumn Conference](#) in Giessen.

Around Europe: Ireland seeks to widen participation through expansion of HEAR scheme

The seven universities in Ireland, together with colleges of education and Dublin Institute of Technology, are seeking to broaden access to higher education for schools leavers from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds across the country by building on the initial success of its Higher Education Access Route scheme.

Under the [scheme](#), colleges and secondary schools are allocated a quota of 'reduced points' places across academic areas. Students who secure places are offered a variety of academic and personal supports whilst at college. Nearly 700 students entered higher education through the 'HEAR' route in 2009.

This scheme is now being expanded from 305 to all 730 secondary schools in Ireland as part of the National Action Plan for Equity of Access to Higher Education 2008-2013 which sets the ambitious target entry rate of at least 54% for all socio economic groups by 2020.

To find out more about the scheme please visit [this website](#).

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