

Transforming agricultural Research & higher education to enhance graduate employability

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Our vision – An Agricultural R & HE System Coherent, Open, Interactive, Producer of Knowledge & Innovation, and Creator of Wealth and Employment for an Efficient, Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Agriculture

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Outline of the presentation

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Highlights on the Agricultural Research and Higher Education System (ARHES) of Tunisia

The strategy of the Institution of Agricultural Research and Higher Education (IRESA) to reform agricultural research and higher education

Projects/Activities for improving quality of education and employment opportunities for graduates

Tunisian agricultural R&HE: More than a Century

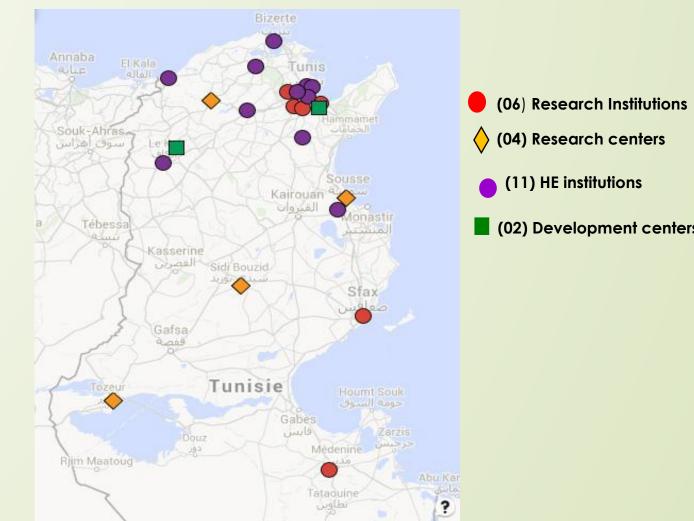


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- 1897: The Breeding laboratory Currently: the Veterinary Research Institute of Tunisia (IRVT)
- 1898: The Colonial School of Agriculture Currently the National Institute of Agronomy of Tunisia (INAT)
- 1913: The Botanical Service of Tunisia Currently the National Institute of Agronomic Research of Tunisia (INRAT)
- 1924: Oceanographic Station of Salambo

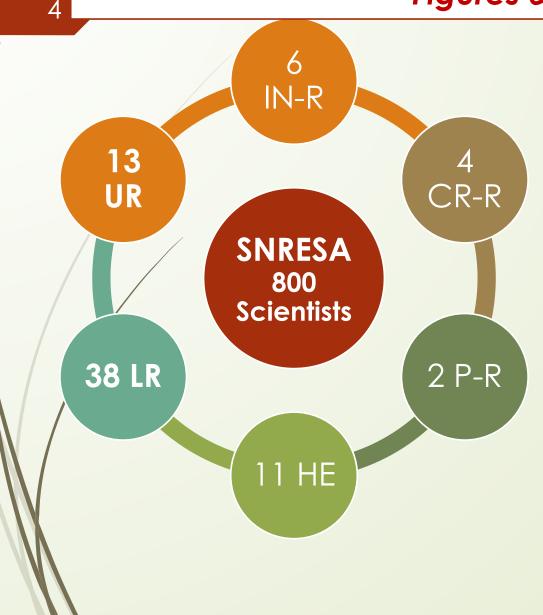
Currently the National Institute of Science and Technology of the Sea (INSTM)

23 institutions of R&HE



The system of agricultural R&HE system (23) Figures & Facts





Fields of Research (07)

- 29% Crop production
- 20% Natural ressources
- 17% Animal Production & Health
- 9% Forestry
- 9% Biotechnologies
- 9% Rural Economy
- 9% Fishery & Aquaculture

Scientific Production

- ✓ 800 publications (12% total national)
- ✓ 0,8 publications/Researcher/Year
- ✓ 220 Improved varieties (130 cereals)
- ✓ 46 Patents (6 international)

Institutions of HE (11): Jointed supervision of Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research & Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fishery



National Institute of Agronomy of Tunisia (INAT, 1898)

Higher School of Food science of Tunis (1980)

Higher Institute of Agriculture of Chott-Mariem (1975)

Higher School of Agriculture- Mograne (1983)

Higher School of Mateur (1984)

Higher School of Agriculture of Kef (1983)

Higher School of Engineering of Medjez El Bab (1976)

Higher Institute of Sylvo-Pastoral of Tabarka (1983)

Higher Institute of Fishery and Aquaculture of Bizerte

Higher Institute of Preparatory studies of Soukra

National School of Veterinary Medecine (1974)

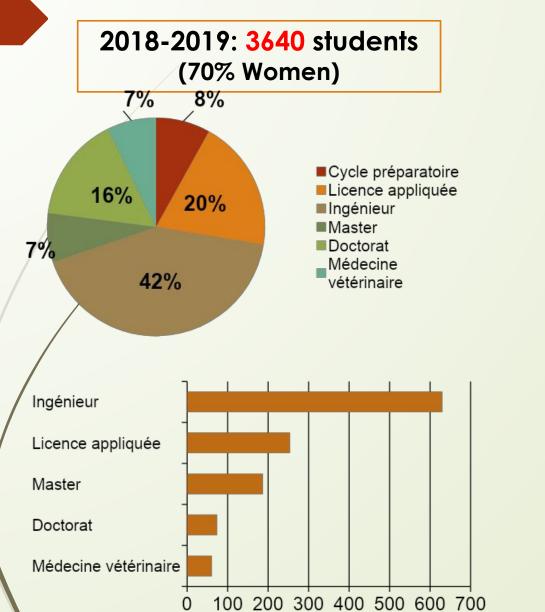
(08) Fields of Education

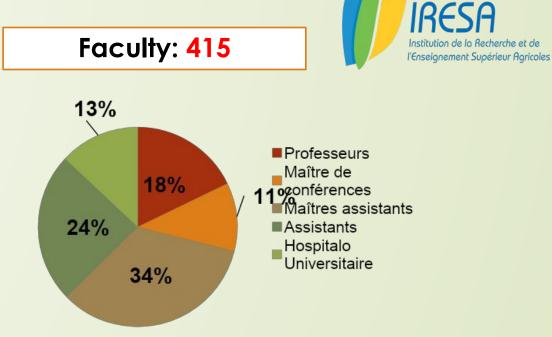
- Crop Production and Environmental Sciences
- Animal Production
- ✔ Crop Protection
- Agricultural engineering, water and Forestry
- ✓ Agricultural Economics
- ✓ Agri-Food Industry
- ✓ Fishery & Aquaculture
- ✓ Veterinary medicine



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The Agricultural Higher Education in Numbers





Average number/year of undergraduate & graduate students (about 1200)

- 600 Engineers in Agronomy
- 300 Technicians (Bachelors)
- 200 Master students
- 🖌 100 PhD
- 90 Doctors in veterinary



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- Agricultural Sciences & Technics and Environment (INAT)
- Agronomy and Environment (ISACM)
- Life Sciences and Environment (ESA-Kef)
- PhD in Agri-Food Industry (ESIAT)

E-learning



Partners:

Université virtuelle de Tunis (UVT)
Agence Universitaire de la francophonie (AUF)

> 2012: VAGDRA

Food valorization and sustainable management of animal resources

Plus de 100 cours scénarisés et numérisés

2008:

MODECO (Ecotourisme)

> Plateforme de gestion des stages SEMSEM

2014:

DEMETER

development

Sustainable Territorial

2015: MOOC ECOTOURISME (1st MOOC in Africa)

Plateforme Moodle



Institution of Agricultural Research & Higher Education (IRESA)

WHAT IS IRESA?

The Institution of Agricultural Research & Higher Education (IRESA)



Founded in 1990

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Ensures the scientific and academic coordination between (23)institutions
 Under the supervision of Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulic Resources and Fishery

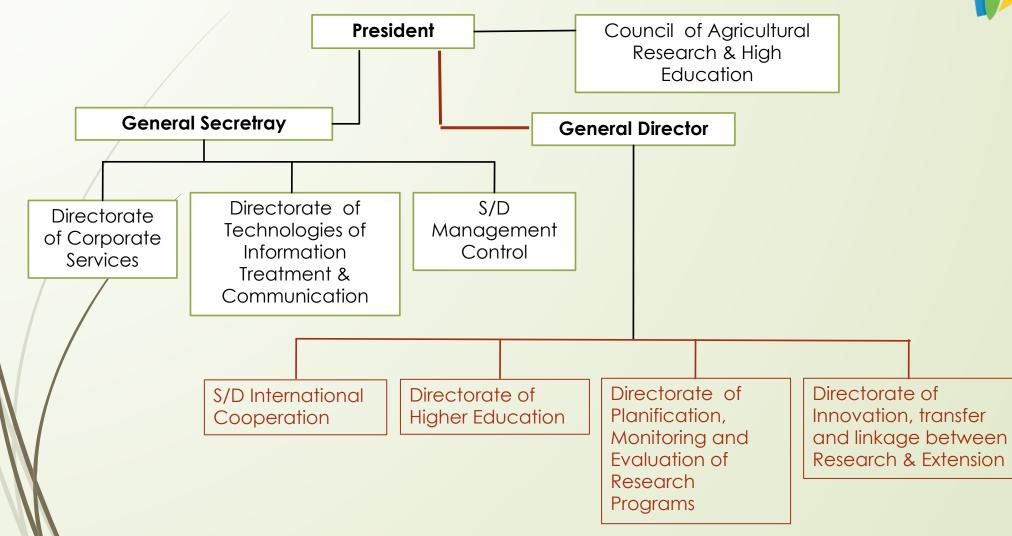


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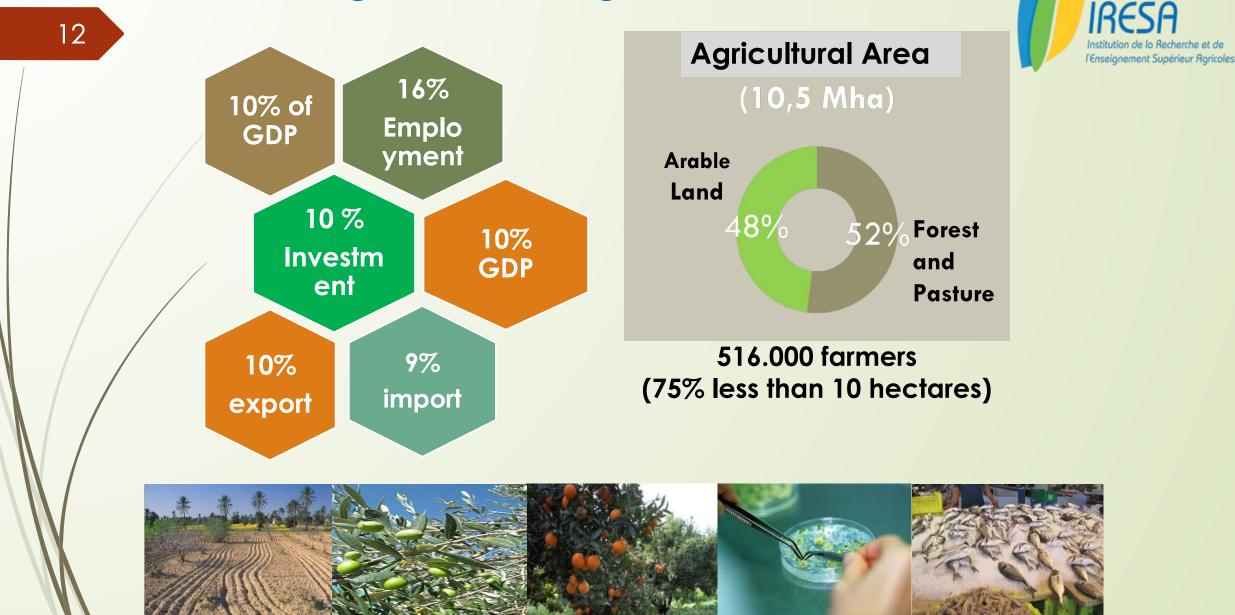
- Promote agricultural research and link research to higher education and extension
- Plan research programs in different agriculture-related fields to address the country's needs, follow-up and evaluation of these programs
- Ensure that research & HE institutions meet the needs of country's agriculture and development

IRESA's Organizational Chart





Tunisian agriculture: Figures & Facts



Global challenges facing the world Agriculture

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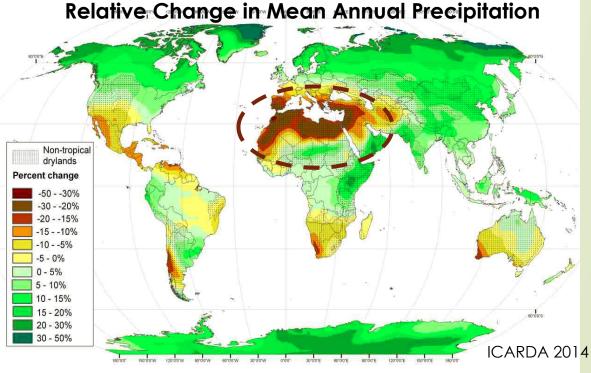
« There is no security on an empty

stomach » (Norman Borlaug)

- Food security
- Scarcity and degradation of natural ressources (soil, water and biodiversity)
 Climate changes

Vulnerability, resilience, sustainability.... of production systems

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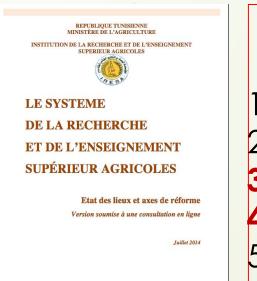


Based on IPCC Scenario A1B, Average of 21 GCMs (1980/99 to 2080/99)

Environmental and sustainable agricultural development: Major issues to be addressed and incorporated in agricultural education and research

A **strategic diagnostic** conducted by IRESA and its institutions...



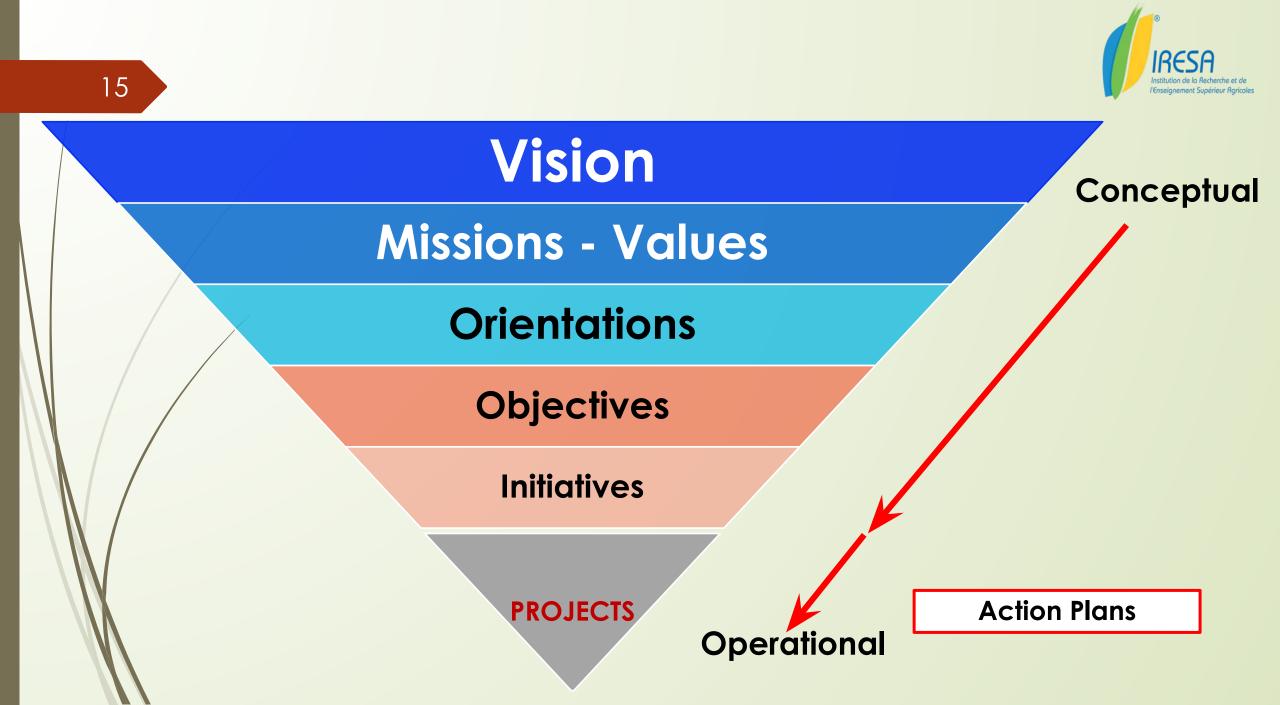


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05 major problems identified

- Committment to the system
 Coherence of the system
 Valorization of research's results
 Employability of graduates
- 5. Efficacy of support services

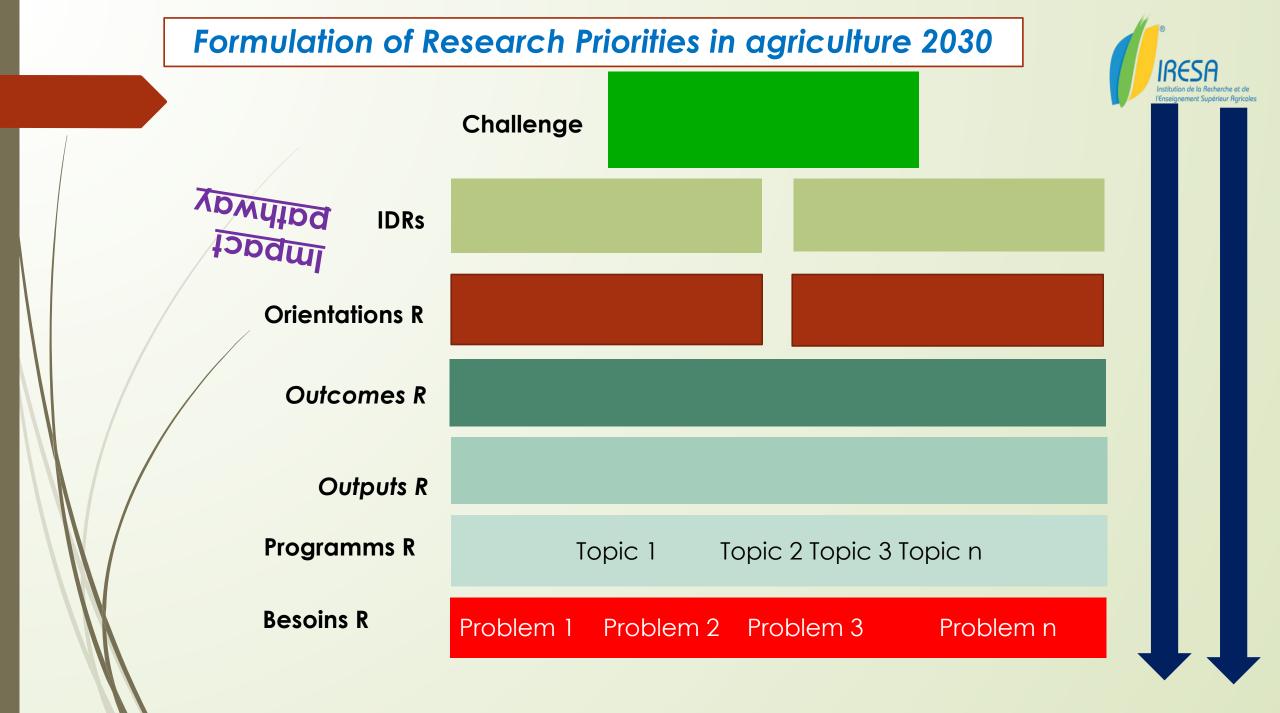
IRESA, developing a new strategy of agricultural research and Higher Education 2030





Ongoing Projects/Activities to improve quality of research and higher education and employment opportunities for graduates

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A participatory method for identifying problems & constraints to agricultural development



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Problem identification by farmers in workshops



Matrix of problems families & priorization



Research programs 06)

P1. Sustainable production systems in the context of degraded NR & CC P2. Sustainable managemen t of fish farming systems & fisheries resources P3. Exploitation and promoting natural resources under the context of CC

P4. Sustainable managemen t of forest & rangeland resources

P5. Agriculture politic and inclusive promotion of rural world P6. Food industry value chain & social innovations



Improving the quality of higher education (1/4)

Commission Qualité de l'Enseignement Supérieur Agricole (CQUESA) at IRESA





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Evaluation en ligne des cours par les étudiants

TELEDIO DE	COULESA
	enseignement par les étudiants
Ensemble, nous progressons plus rapidement	L'évaluation des modules d'enseignement par les étudiants vise l'amélioration de la qualité de leur formation. Elle est facile, rapide et anonyme.
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Improving the quality of higher education (2/4)

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Implementation of QMS in agricultural education (ISO9001V2015)
 Institutional self-assessment and quality audits (with collaboration of AUF;
 IRESA-AUF Framework Agreement signed in 2017)
 Accreditation of HE programs (by 2023)



Meetings Workshops Capacity development









(Framework of agreement IRESA-AUF)

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Capacity development (training the trainers)

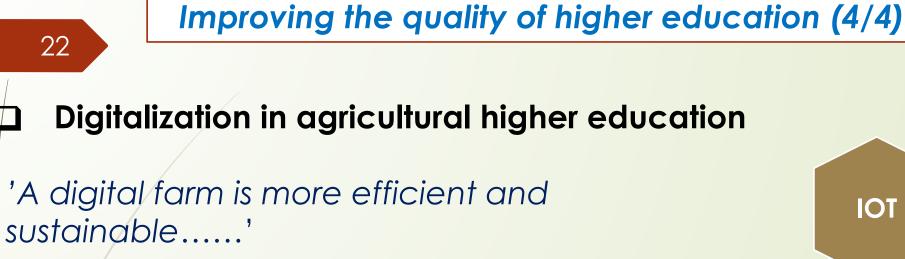
Active learning methods
 Soft skills (ECO-C certification)







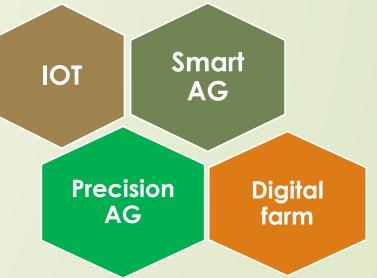




New Master PRO « Informatique appliquée à l'agronomie » (Institut Supérieur d'Informatique & Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture du Kef) (25 students)

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Project « Réseau International de campus numériques en Agrobiosciences »









Improving Employment Opportunities for graduates (2/3)



Learning outcomes are

statements specifying what student will learn or be able to do as a result of a learning activity

Learning outcomes refer to knowledge, skills and attitudes

> (American Association of Law Libraries: http://www.aallnet.org)

Steps to establish Learning outcomes

WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES Essential knowledge, skills and attitudes required by program graduates

> CURRICULUM DESIGN Mapping of content and course sequence

> > **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES** Learning outcomes for individual courses within a program

Improving Employment Opportunities for graduates (3/3)







- Curricula focusing on abilities of students to solve problems relevant to societal needs (outcome)
- Student-centered approach
- Development of learning outcomes and competences



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