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Tuning USA the context, and the *EU-US* *Tuning Project.*

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USA HE Systems:

- State not Federal
- Types of institution: public (flagship), private not for profit, private for profit, religious, gender, historically black, 2 year, 4 year, doctoral, etc. etc..
- Accreditation (regional, specialised etc.)
- Much educational development over time



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Tuning Europe

- 2nd Education Policy Forum (Brussels)
- Need for evidence based assessment/evaluation
- Ideal opportunity to use the 'mature' experiences of Tuning Europe with the developing experiences of Tuning USA

Tuning USA

- Need to evaluate
- Opportunity to establish a robust methodology at an early stage
- Ideal opportunity to link with the 'mature' experiences of Tuning Europe
- Establish benchmarks



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How to develop a robust methodology?

- Open dialogue to develop the proposal
- Formation of Teams with the requisite skills and experience
- Exchange of materials and ideas
- Agendas agreed
- Exchanges of ideas, clarification of aims, agreed objectives and timescale

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Possible Approaches

- Purpose (test or question)
- Evaluation methodologies:
 - Developmental
 - Formative
 - Summative
- Stages to be evaluated include:
 - Awareness
 - Implementation
 - Outcomes and Review

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Agree core activities (regardless of geographic area or specific model)

For whom is the information useful?

- Institutional (researchers, senate, department chairs, faculty, students, alumni)
- Business & industry
- State, states, ministeries.

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What areas need to be addressed?

- Starting out – decisions to “*Tune*”.
- Impetus for action (drivers).
- Collaboration (with whom for what?).
- Development of Student Learning Outcomes.
- Awareness.
- Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes



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- Iterative Process & Reflection.
- Outcomes:
 - Institutional benefits
 - Department benefits
 - Course descriptions, materials, curricula, syllabi, pedagogy, assessments
 - Benefits to students
 - Job descriptions and hiring decisions
 - Communications, websites and other materials.



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Where now and what next:

- 3 Survey instruments drafted, reviewed and re-drafted
- Small pilot testing of the instruments followed by re-drafting
- Establishing protocols for use, pilot test 2, evaluate, re-draft
- Move to scale
- Analysis