

Internationalisation of Higher Education in Estonia



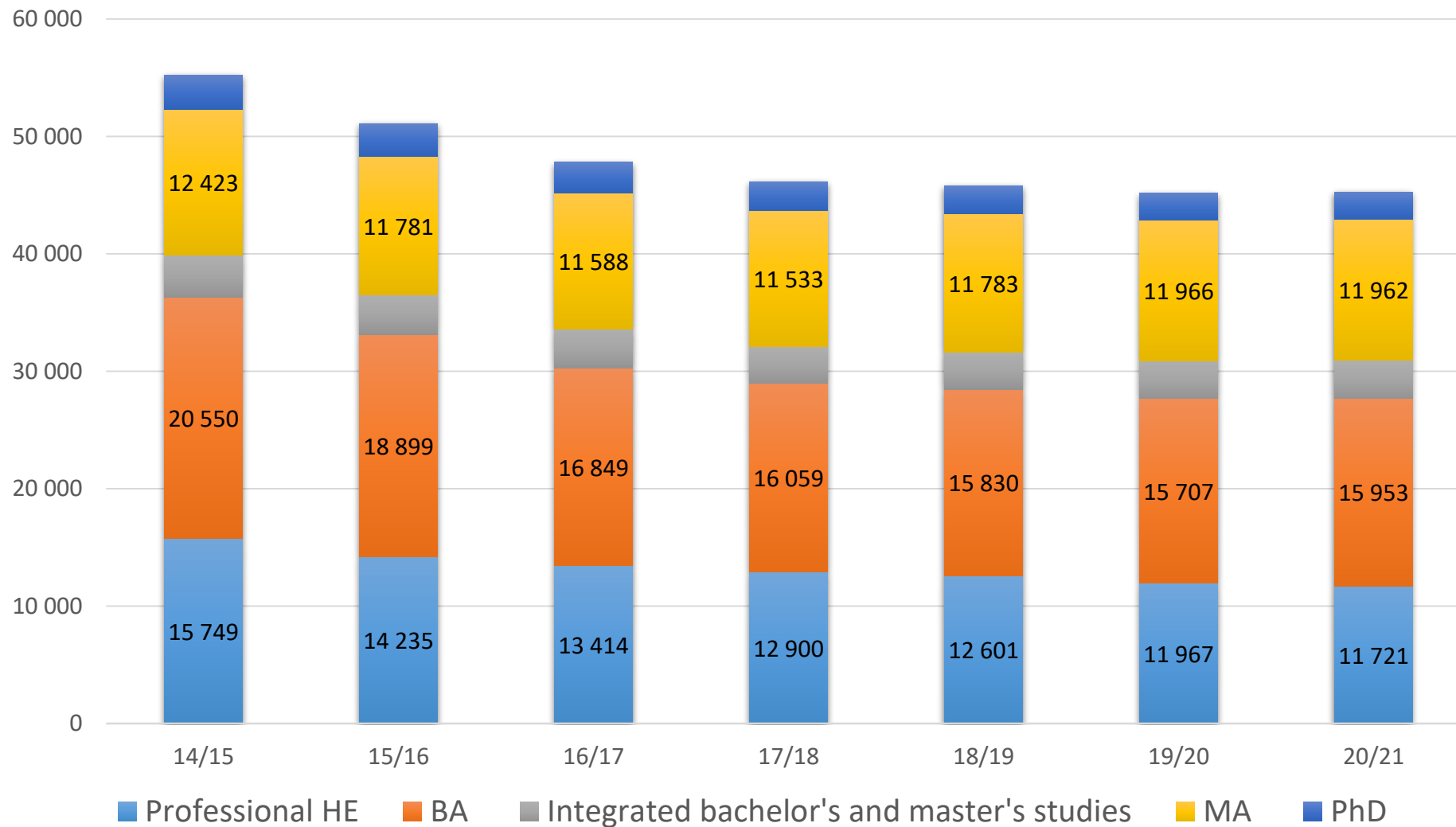
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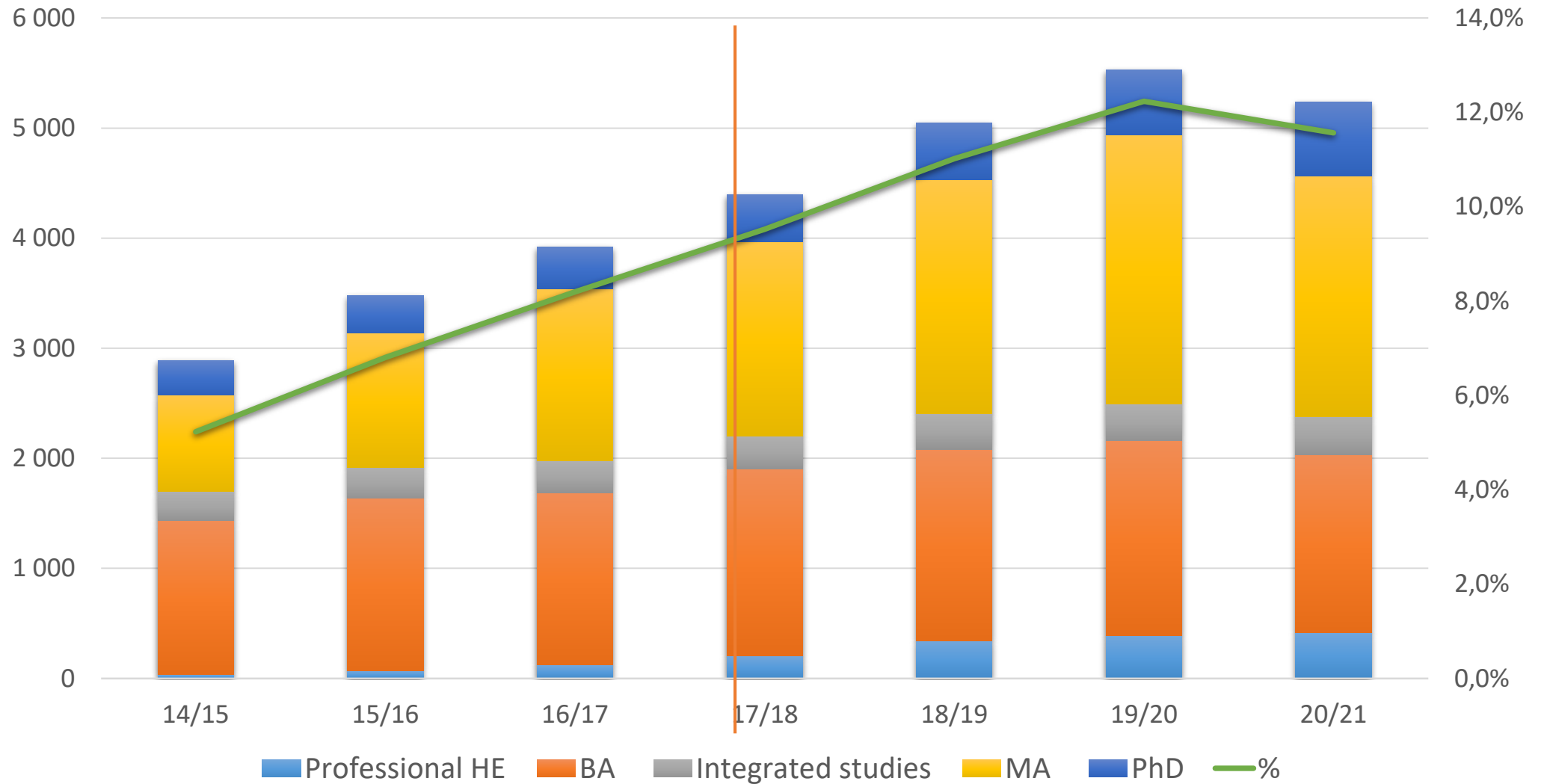
My agenda

- Overview of higher education in Estonia
- Internationalisation of higher education and rapid growth of it
- Strategic principles of the internationalisation of higher education and research in Estonia

Number of students in Estonia is decreasing



Growth of foreign students has been rapid



International students by study fields

Field of study	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Agriculture	17,4%	18,8%	21,4%	22,3%	22,0%	21,9%
Business, administration and law	14,2%	16,2%	18,2%	20,3%	19,3%	18,1%
Social sciences, journalism and information	13,0%	15,6%	16,6%	18,6%	17,6%	17,8%
Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	6,8%	9,8%	11,6%	14,0%	15,6%	15,9%
ICT	9,1%	10,7%	12,8%	14,4%	13,8%	14,2%
Humanities and arts	8,3%	9,5%	11,9%	12,9%	12,5%	12,5%
Engineering, production and construction	6,4%	6,8%	7,8%	9,0%	7,2%	7,0%
Education	1,0%	2,4%	4,1%	5,3%	5,0%	5,6%
Health and well-being	2,5%	2,7%	3,1%	3,4%	3,5%	3,9%
Service	0,1%	0,1%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
Sum	8,2%	9,5%	11,0%	12,2%	11,6%	11,4%

How did it start?

- HE Internationalisation strategy 2006-2015
- International Marketing Strategy of Estonian Higher Education 2015-2020



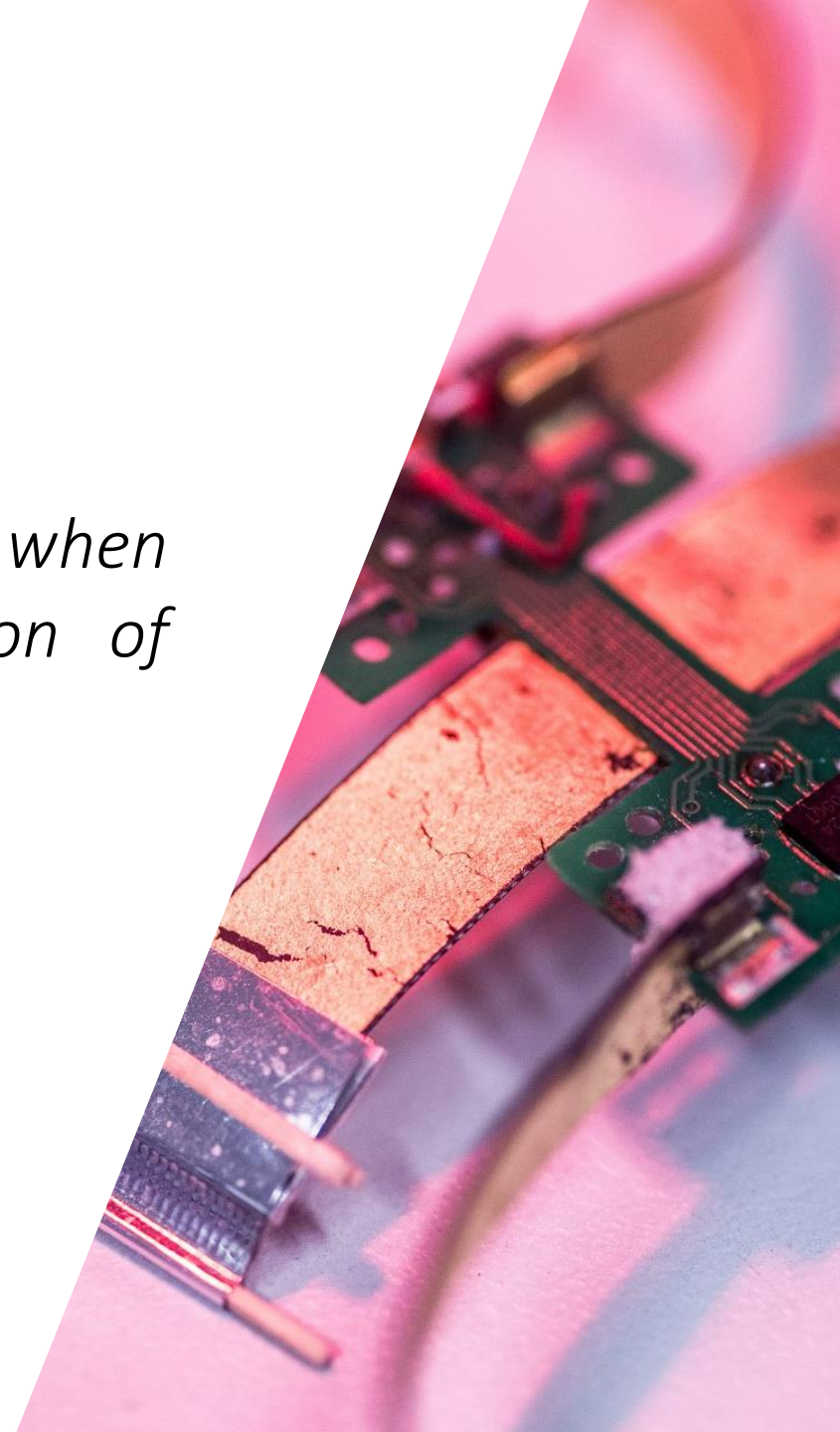
The Strategy for the Internationalisation of Estonian Higher Education over the Years 2006-2015 has been considered by experts consulted informally for this report as “a classroom example of how things should be done and was indeed very effective (while it lasted).

(World Bank Group & Boston College Center for International Higher Education , 2019).

„Principles of the internationalisation of
Estonian higher education and research
2021-2035“

What is it?

- It is not an official strategy.
- Agree on the main directions
 - *starting point to be taken into account when shaping the field of internationalisation of higher education*
- Assumptions:
 1. *Tool to achieve high quality*
 2. *Institution specific*
 3. *Development of society as a whole*



What are the main principles?

1. Internationalisation supports the quality and excellence of Estonian higher education and research;
2. Estonian higher education and research are based on the principle of balanced internationalisation;
3. Internationalisation contributes to the transformation of the Estonian economy into a knowledge-intensive and innovation-based and supports the solution of socio-economic challenges;
4. Internationalisation contributes to solving the challenges facing Estonia, Europe and the world;
5. Research cooperation with third countries shall be planned and carried out strategically and systematically.

How is it implemented and monitored?

- Not an official strategy. Every institution needs to take responsibility
 - *Ministry of Education and Research as the main owner*
- Regular monitorings.
- Does not include action plan and indicators at the moment.



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