MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Perspectives from the research universities

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All Dutch research universities have honours programmes.

The Deans have a (still quite informal) national network.
Diversity: organization, duration, scale.

Common ground: fundamental goals, willingness to learn from each other, joint interests.
Aspects of diversity

- Extracurricular and/or embedded.
- Balance between university-wide and departmental components.
- Selectivity rate, number of participants.
- Et cetera.
Offer opportunities to able and motivated students, *in the context of their academic studies*, to realize goals that go beyond the regular graduation requirements of their programmes.
Honours programmes and honours communities facilitate such goals.
Largely demand-driven.
Not set in stone! Open, innovative, experimental.
Honours is not the same as having University Colleges, offering double degree programmes, facilitating top talent outside academia, highly selective graduate programmes, et cetera.
Learning from each other.
Benchmarking and quality assurance.
Joint (national) honours initiatives.
A common voice in matters of HE policy.
Both the challenges and the opportunities of a research-intensive environment.

Highly internationalized.

Undergraduate and graduate domain.
A counterpart in the UAS network would be very helpful.

RIU’s and UAS: diversity and common ground.