

Issues and news

From English UK:

- UK ELT is in recovery, showing 14% increase in student numbers during 2017, and is continuing, albeit more slowly in 2018.
- Major concern is the impact of Brexit upon EU recruitment: no reassurance yet on whether short term students will need visas, although we believe it is unlikely
- Well coordinated and coherent collaboration with the HE sector in terms of government messaging.
- Powerful economic impact evidence submitted to MAC on behalf of UK ELT [see infographic for facts and figures See the [Download *What do English language students contribute to the UK*](https://www.englishuk.com/facts-figures) infographic available on <https://www.englishuk.com/facts-figures>.

Updates from the EAP sector

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) & BALEAP related:

The British Council in Turkey and BALEAP are collaborating on setting up a National Minimum Standards Scheme for Turkish Higher Education English preparatory programmes. External consultant reviewers including assessors from the [BALEAP Accreditation Scheme](#) and [Accreditation UK](#) are participating in the pilot.

The EAP community continues to offer a range of **opportunities for sharing professional knowledge and best practice**, including the first [EAP in Ireland](#) conference held on October 6th. A number of EAP and BALEAP related events are already planned for the academic year:

[BALEAP Testing Workshop, Luxembourg](#) (University of Luxembourg Language Centre, 17 November, 2018).

A language testing workshop hosted by the University of Luxembourg Language Centre and organised in conjunction with the BALEAP Testing Officer (free).

[BALEAP PIM – Academic Literacies and EAP: Same or different?](#) (University of Essex, 24 November 2018).

A Professional Issues Meeting (PIM) run jointly with ALDinHE (Association for Learning Development in Higher Education) to explore areas of contrast and overlap in our remits, roles, and practices).

[Masters Dissertation Award](#)

Applications are invited for the ninth BALEAP Masters Dissertation Award. The award aims to showcase and encourage Masters dissertations which make a significant contribution to the field of EAP. The deadline for applications is Monday, November 26, 2018.

Further information is available on the BALEAP webpages.

[BALEAP PIM: Assessing the Assessors: Reviewing Assessment Practices in \(and Beyond\) EAP](#)
(the Birmingham International Academy @unibirmingham, 23 February, 2019).
[Call for papers open](#): deadline for proposals: Monday 7 January 2019.

[BALEAP Conference: Innovation, Exploration and Transformation](#) (University of Leeds,
12-14th April 2019).

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