

COPERNICUS Alliance Charta

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See also <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jirkadl/29695686155/in/album-72157672689729730/>

Experiences with other **CHARTERS**:

- Outline of **general principles** relevant to the (network)
 - In spite of diverse goals and views – need to boil down to few principles
- Reflect **broader policies** (linked e.g. to the [UNECE ESD Strategy](#))
- Ensure **continuity** of values and commitments (universities have no memory)
- Perceived differently by those concerned (**diversity of understanding**)

Charters' official status:

- Usually guidelines, **not binding** documents
 - sometimes signed by members
 - or commitment confirmed only by new members etc.
- Can be amended by **declaration**
- Concrete aims expressed by **ACTION PLAN**:

Charta should express shared goals – principles of university transition

- Based on **redefining quality** (related to the role of University) in different fields:
 - Business → *human concept*
 - Profit sustainability → values in *personal development* (knowledge is not engine for profit, sustainability is a component of personal development)
 - Transfer of expertise → strategy for resilience shared by actors
 - Global challenges → systemic change in relevant (European) context
 - Reproducing HE system → opening **space for new**
- **New quality should be reproducible**
 - Good examples → to draw broader picture

Tools and mechanisms for change:

- Networking (with other networks)
 - To engage people & institutions → express benefits of joining
- Empowerment of actors (especially students)
- Introduce new skills and competences
 - Combined, intergenerational skills
- Universities provide solutions (predictive capacity & supporting resilience)

To contribute to the CA Charta re-drafting process, please insert your ideas [here](#) (end of the shared document).