

Research and Innovation Dimension of the European University on Responsible Consumption and Production

Science and Innovation-based Life-Long Learning

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The Humboldtian Model of Higher Education – Why are we using 200-years-old thoughts?

Wilhelm von Humboldt and his peers developed an innovative Model of Higher Education in the early 19th Century in order to completely reform the education system. This Model requires that universities govern themselves, have academic freedom, and integrate education and research. All EURECA-PRO partner universities are convinced that the practice of research and science is fundamental to the professional development of their scientists, staff and students. They have research profiles and strategies established by university management.

Learners

- ✓ are focused on their individual learning
- ✓ develop their reasoning capability
- ✓ have free choice of educational opportunities
- ✓ develop their individual personalities
- ✓ interact with other academics
- ✓ use communication as a tool of interaction
- ✓ develop language skills for communication
- ✓ become world citizens

Education System

- ✓ provides academic freedom
- ✓ focuses on education instead of professional skills
- ✓ does not define employability as the only goal
- ✓ integrates education and research
- ✓ unites sciences with all academic disciplines
- ✓ is independent of any state intervention even when funded by the state
- ✓ governs itself

Teachers

- ✓ enable academic study
- ✓ conduct research for the sake of science and are not motivated by financial interests
- ✓ integrate students into research work
- ✓ enable students' and fellows' personal professional development through scientific practice
- ✓ are in constant exchange within the university
- ✓ protect the freedom of education and research

WHAT WE DO ..

We seek to implement many elements of the Humboldtian Model of Higher Education in the current and future activities of EURECA-PRO. Appropriate measures are already envisaged and contained in our work packages, deliverables, and mile stones.

And what do you think? How can we shape and transform our systems of Higher Education?

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