Regional Networks and the International Dimension

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The Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development (RCE)

- Initiative in the framework of the UNDESD
- Global coordination by the RCE Service Centre based at United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies in Yokahama, Japan

RCE Overall Goals

An RCE is a network of regional institutions mobilised to deliver education for sustainable development (ESD) to local and regional communities.

RCEs aspire to achieve the goals of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014), by translating its global objectives into the context of the local communities in which they operate.

A network of RCEs worldwide constitutes the Global Learning Space for Sustainable Development.

Research and Higher Education for SD are central aims of RCEs
## The Global Learning Space for SD

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- **COPERNICUS (CO-operation Programme in Europe for Research on Nature and Industry through Coordinated University Studies)**

- **1993: The CRE- COPERNICUS Chartra**

- **2006: 326 signatories, impact on Bologna Reform;**

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The COPERNICUS Alliance - European Network on Higher Education for Sustainable Development

Aims:
- NETWORK: to exchange and enhance knowledge on Education for Sustainable Development between European higher education and student organisations that work for sustainable development.
- POLICY: to promote Higher Education for Sustainable Development in European Policy
- SERVICE: to disseminate tools for sustainability integration in Higher Education
- OUTREACH: to promote sustainable development in European Higher Education
- REPRESENTATION: to represent European HESD in international committees on ESD

The COPERNICUS Alliance - European Network on Higher Education for Sustainable Development

VISION
- The vision of the COPERNICUS Alliance is to promote sustainability integration into European Higher Education to improve education and research for sustainable development in partnership with the society

Management
- The president is being elected every second year by the representatives of the full member institutions being present at the Annual Conference
The COPERNICUS Alliance - European Network on Higher Education for Sustainable Development

**Board:**
- Prof. Dr. Hans van Ginkel, former president of UNU, (RCE Network - GLS)
- Prof. Dr. Gerd Michelsen, UNESCO Chair HESD, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, D
- Prof. Dr. Uwe Schneidewind, University of Oldenburg, D
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**Timeplan**
- January 2008: Consultation Meeting, Prague, CZ
- April 2008: 1st Public Announcement, ISCN, Zurich, CH
- April 2009: Public Presentation, UNDESD Halftime Conference, Bonn, D
- Autumn 2009: Launch Conference
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... thank you for your attention!!!

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