

# COPERNICUS ALLIANCE

Re-launching an European University  
Network for Sustainable Development

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LENSUS – Lifelong Learning Network for Sustainable Development  
(EU Project – Lifelong Learning)



# COPERNICUS Alliance Overview

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Alliance**  
European Network on  
Higher Education for  
Sustainable Development

**1993:** Establishment of COPERNICUS CAMPUS by „European University Association“ & announcement of CRE COPERNICUS Charta

**2004:** 326 European Universities signed the Charta, but COPERNICUS office closed

**2009:** re-establishment of COPERNICUS by group of European Universities (LENSUS EU Project) & stakeholders; setting of structures & consultation with universities that once signed the charta.

**2010:** Launch conference

# Structure

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COPERNICUS Alliance e.V. – German NGO based  
in Lüneburg

Elected Board for 2 years:

Director: Prof. Dr. Friedrich M. Zimmermann, University  
of Graz, Austria

Executive Director: Prof. Dr. Gerd Michelsen, Leuphana  
University Lüneburg, Germany; UNESCO Chair  
Higher Education for Sustainable Development

Scientific Committee chaired by:

Prof. Dr. Hans van Ginkel (former President of EAU &  
former Rector of United Nations University)

# Vision & Goals

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**VISION:** The vision of the COPERNICUS ALLIANCE is to promote the role of sustainable development in European higher education to improve education and research for sustainable development in partnership with the society.

**GOALS:** The main goals of the COPERNICUS ALLIANCE are

*NETWORK:* to exchange and enhance knowledge on education and research for sustainable development between European higher education institutions.

*POLICY:* to promote higher education for Sustainable Development in European policy

*SERVICE:* disseminate tools for sustainability integration in higher education

*OUTREACH:* to promote sustainable development in European higher education and build partnerships with society

*REPRESENTATION:* to represent European HESD in international committees on Education for Sustainable Development

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