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

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

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:** 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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