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2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development The Roles of University Lifelong Learning through Collaborative Dialogue

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eu cen in short

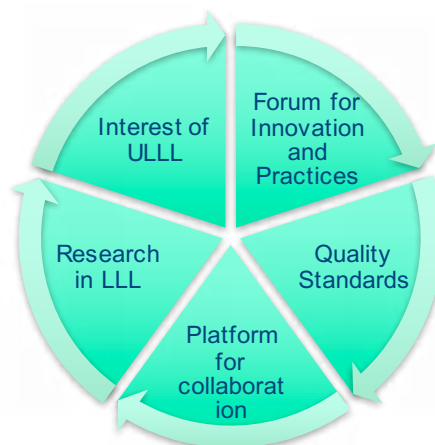
Who ?

- The largest network of European Universities and HEIs dedicated to Lifelong Learning - 185 HEIs > 1991

Why?

- To contribute to the social, economic and cultural life of Europe
- To foster universities' influence in the development of lifelong learning knowledge and policies throughout Europe

How?



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A Common Understanding of University LLL

ULLL is the provision by higher education institutions of **learning opportunities, services and research** for:

- the **personal and professional development** of a wide range of individuals - **lifelong and lifewide**
- and the **social, cultural and economic development of communities and the region**

It is at university level and **research-based**; it focuses primarily on the **needs of the learners**; and it is often developed and/or provided in **collaboration with stakeholders and external actors**.



... a definition embracing 25 years of practices
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In a nutshell, eucen proposes



- **Methodologies**
 - To understand and tackle diversity of LLL
 - To collect data on ULLL
 - To lead research on/in/for ULLL
 - To develop comparative studies and status of the art
 - To develop tools as support to universities
- **Expertise to guide universities**
 - in defining their understanding of ULLL
 - In starting a ULLL strategy process
 - In implementing their action plan
- **Knowledge reservoir – think tank**

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eucen & UN SDGOALS



- SDG 4 EDUCATION: “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote LLL opportunities for all”
 - the social responsibility of higher education in Europe
- LLL Universities have a role to play, modest, but important
- eucen actively engaged ! But “A list, not a recipe” (Lewin, 2015)

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SDG 4 – EDUCATION TARGET – ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



*“By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including ... through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a **culture of peace and non-violence**, global **citizenship** and appreciation of **cultural diversity** and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development”. Target 4.7.*

Link with SDG16: Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies

- ☞ Active Citizenship & Participatory democracy (Peters, 2017)
 - >< populism, xenophobia
- ☞ **Value/impact of research-evidence based knowledge ?**

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SDG 4 – EDUCATION – TARGETS – INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE SOCIETY



“By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the **vulnerable**, including persons with **disabilities**, **indigenous** peoples and children in vulnerable situations.” Target 4.5.

“By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve **literacy** and **numeracy**”. Target 4.6



- ☞ Lifelong and Lifewide learning
- ☞ Pleasure to learn in diverse situations
- ☞ Social responsibility towards specific groups
- ☞ **Equity & inclusive methodologies**

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SDG 4 – EDUCATION TARGETS – WORK SKILLS

“By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have **relevant skills**, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship”. Target 4.4.

Link with SDG 8 Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all”



“By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university”. Target 4.3.

- ☞ Knowledge production & dissemination, CPD courses, jobs for the future, facilitating bridges and access
- ☞ Collaboration with 'employment' actors,
- ☞ **Employability**

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WHY WE INVITE YOU ?

To reflect together on the role of ULLL how to put these SDG into practice



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