

Vision Paper

The Circle U. Students Union (CUSU) is an autonomous students' organisation within the Circle U. University Alliance. CUSU is committed to ensuring that Circle U. becomes an accessible, inclusive, and universal European University that provides equal educational opportunities for all students. As an independent and non-partisan students' organisation, CUSU is the voice of the students within the alliance, working towards their interests and ensuring that their views and opinions are heard and considered.

Inclusivity

Inclusivity is one of the core values of CUSU. We believe that offers should be available to all students, regardless of nationality, socioeconomic status, religion, sexual orientation, appearance, gender identity, physical and mental health, or any disabilities. CUSU is working towards achieving equal educational opportunities where selection processes are open, fair, and transparent for all students.

Representation

CUSU is represented in all Work Packages and the General Assembly to ensure that the alliance acts especially upon the interests of the students. We are also working towards CUSU's representation in the Management Board, to ensure that students' voices are heard and considered at all levels of decision-making.

Student voice

Dialogue is a crucial component of CUSU's approach. Our aim is to strengthen dialogue between students, local student democracies, the alliance's member universities, and Circle U. boards and committees. CUSU representatives are democratically elected by their local democracies and are thus responsible for delivering and reporting important information to these democracies. CUSU strives to form a bridging/connecting point between the different levels to ensure effective communication.

Education

CUSU demands that the Circle U. Open Campus offers short- and long-term activities, both virtual and physical. This includes summer schools, joint courses, and joint degrees that are equally accessible to all students at the member universities. Further, we strive to establish learning opportunities which are open and easily accessible to the public.

The application processes for Open Campus activities should be fair and inclusive. Through the Open Campus, the quality of teaching and learning should be increased and improved. The aim is to provide students and lifelong learners with the best education possible, with a special focus on interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity, and innovation.

Mobility

Mobility is an essential aspect of Circle U. and a primary objective of CUSU. Mobility should entail access to lectures and other activities at all the member universities. Joint programs require practical and well-executed mobility, including virtual offers. Socioeconomic factors should not hinder students from participating in educational exchange, and credits need to be easily recognized both at the students' home universities and internationally. CUSU demands that Circle U. facilitates sustainable and green physical mobility within the alliance, especially through financial aid.

CUSU's vision is to make Circle U. an inclusive and accessible European University that provides innovative educational opportunities that are beneficial to society as a whole. All this while staying sustainable, green, and student focused.

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