COPERNICUS Alliance Charta

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See also https://www.flickr.com/photos/jirkadl/29695686155/in/album-72157672689729730/

Experiences with other CHARTERS:
- Outline of general principles relevant to the (network)
  - In spite of diverse goals and views – need to boil down to few principles
- Reflect broader policies (linked e.g. to the UNECE ESD Strategy)
- Ensure continuity of values and commitments (universities have no memory)
- Perceived differently by those concerned (diversity of understanding)

Charters’ official status:
- Usually guidelines, not binding documents
  - sometimes signed by members
  - or commitment confirmed only by new members etc.
- Can be amended by declaration
- Concrete aims expressed by ACTION PLAN:

Charta should express shared goals – principles of university transition
- Based on redefining quality (related to the role of University) in different fields:
  - Business → human concept
  - Profit sustainability → values in personal development (knowledge is not engine for profit, sustainability is a component of personal development)
  - Transfer of expertise → strategy for resilience shared by actors
  - Global challenges → systemic change in relevant (European) context
  - Reproducing HE system → opening space for new
- New quality should be reproducible
  - Good examples → to draw broader picture

Tools and mechanisms for change:
- Networking (with other networks)
  - To engage people & institutions → express benefits of joining
- Empowerment of actors (especially students)
- Introduce new skills and competences
  - Combined, intergenerational skills
- Universities provide solutions (predictive capacity & supporting resilience)

To contribute to the CA Charta re-drafting process, please insert your ideas here (end of the shared document).