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Universities without walls –
A vision for 2030

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A vision by the sector
and for the sector about
what Europe's
universities should be
like in 2030

Situations vary across Europe, but some overall challenges and goals can be identified.

Major challenges and trends: sustainability challenge; disruption through technology, democracy under pressure, social disparities, changing geopolitics, underfunding, pandemic as accelerator of change

Main goals:

- **Open, transformative and transnational universities**
- **Sustainable, diverse and engaged universities**
- **Strong, autonomous and accountable universities**

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Turning the vision into practice

Factors for success

- Enabling frameworks
- Adequate investments
- Strong leadership

(Selected) priorities for action

- Reform academic careers
- Promote interdisciplinarity
- Strengthen civic engagement

→ Not a blue print for European policies, but a basis for dialogue about system transformation!

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Examples of what Europe can do

Promote exchange and cooperation at policy level (EHEA, EEA, ERA) and institutional level (EU programmes);

Support diversity as a strength of European HE;

Encourage the removal of obstacles to transnational collaboration → improvement of framework conditions!

Encourage and support reforms, capacity building, infrastructure development (→ European semester process, national recovery and resilience plans)

Promote better alignment of EU and national level efforts, where appropriate

→ Focus needs to be on supporting and enabeling, not top-down steering!

Thank you for your attention

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