European University Networks (EUN)
National Initiative

Vision of Circle U.

Circle U. is the collaboration of seven European universities aiming at building an inclusive, research-intensive and interdisciplinary European campus with shared degrees and PhD programmes. The network, consisting of over 300,000 students and 30,000 academic and scientific staff members, is focusing on three main topics: climate, global health and democracy. The main goal is to establish unbureaucratic modes of mobility as well as a vast network of non-university institutions. Furthermore the partners are building three knowledge hubs concerned with the aforementioned topics, a School of Public Governance plus a Think and Do Tank under the project’s guideline. The hubs will work as interdisciplinary spaces where the public and the universities will engage and where students and researchers will conduct research-oriented learning together.

Circle U.’s mission is to bring together students, researchers and the public sector to lead the way in dealing with our time’s great challenges and to further health, peace and democracy for our planet’s future.

• Promotion of young researchers concerned with the main topics by ensuring research and teaching opportunities (graduates and post-docs) combined with courses for key competencies with digital components
• Fostering community building and the third mission by locally anchoring the European university and by engaging the public sector
• Strengthening the European dimension of German universities and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin by increasing mobility, intercultural competence and multilingualism
• Simplifying the recognition of studying abroad with the aid of an effective communication network for staff
• Europeanization of higher education through integrating international researchers of all academic levels into current and newly developed curricula