



EPICUR Statement on Commitment to Multilingualism

The EPICUR alliance of European universities confirms its commitment to Multilingualism in higher education.

On the occasion of an event on multilingualism, organised by the University of Amsterdam on Thursday 15 October, the rectors and presidents of the 8 member universities signed the letter of intent of the language policy within the EPICUR alliance.

The event, which took place both physical and online, was also an opportunity to discuss issues related to linguistic diversity, the preponderance of English in institutional relations and solutions to preserve and promote European languages in universities. With the interventions of:

- Karen Maex, Rector of the University of Amsterdam
- Michel Deneken, President of the University of Strasbourg, EPICUR Coordinator
- Bogumila Kaniewska, Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan
- Prof. Dr. Bernd Kortmann, Albert-Ludwig University, Fribourg
- Representative of DG-EAC, European Commission
- Flora Platteuw, EPICUR student council member
- Fabian Götzmann, member of the EPICUR student council

"Our language is our soul and we must preserve it. English has an important role, but we must support multilingualism and commit ourselves to it. This is a challenge for all university alliances." Michel DENEKEN, President of the University of Strasbourg and the EPICUR alliance.

EPICUR's ambition is to become the preferred supplier on Multilingualism in Europe. The alliance is working hard to safeguard and strengthen European linguistic diversity in European Higher Education. The Multilingualism event focuses on one of EPICUR's core themes, multilingualism, and will touch upon topics such as linguistic diversity, good practices in developing institutional language policies and inclusive governance. During the event, the EPICUR Statement on Multilingualism will be officially presented and signed by all EPICUR rectors and presidents, underpinning EPICUR's commitment to multilingualism and the importance of safeguarding European linguistic diversity.

If you have any requests or questions, please contact:

You can watch the event on YouTube :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVj1A6xYeDY&feature=youtu.be>

The EPICUR Alliance

EPICUR (European Partnership for an Innovative Campus Unifying Regions) is a university alliance funded by the European Commission under the ERASMUS+ programme. It is composed of 8 higher education institutions (more than 300 000 students) and represents 6 European countries. The project is led by the University of Strasbourg.



EPICUR's mission is to create a truly innovative, interdisciplinary and multilingual European university, both in terms of teaching and research. EPICUR will enable university members to take part in a unique European experience within an inter-university, multilingual and inclusive European campus. Students will be able to discover new pedagogical approaches, follow online courses in the 8 universities, strengthen their language skills and benefit from adapted mobility throughout their studies.

The member universities of the alliance:

Adam-Mickiewicz University of Poznań (Poland),
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece),
University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Austria),
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany),
University of Haute-Alsace (France),
University of Freiburg (Germany),
University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands),
University of Strasbourg (France).

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