

Global Challenges & Cooperation in Professional Higher Education

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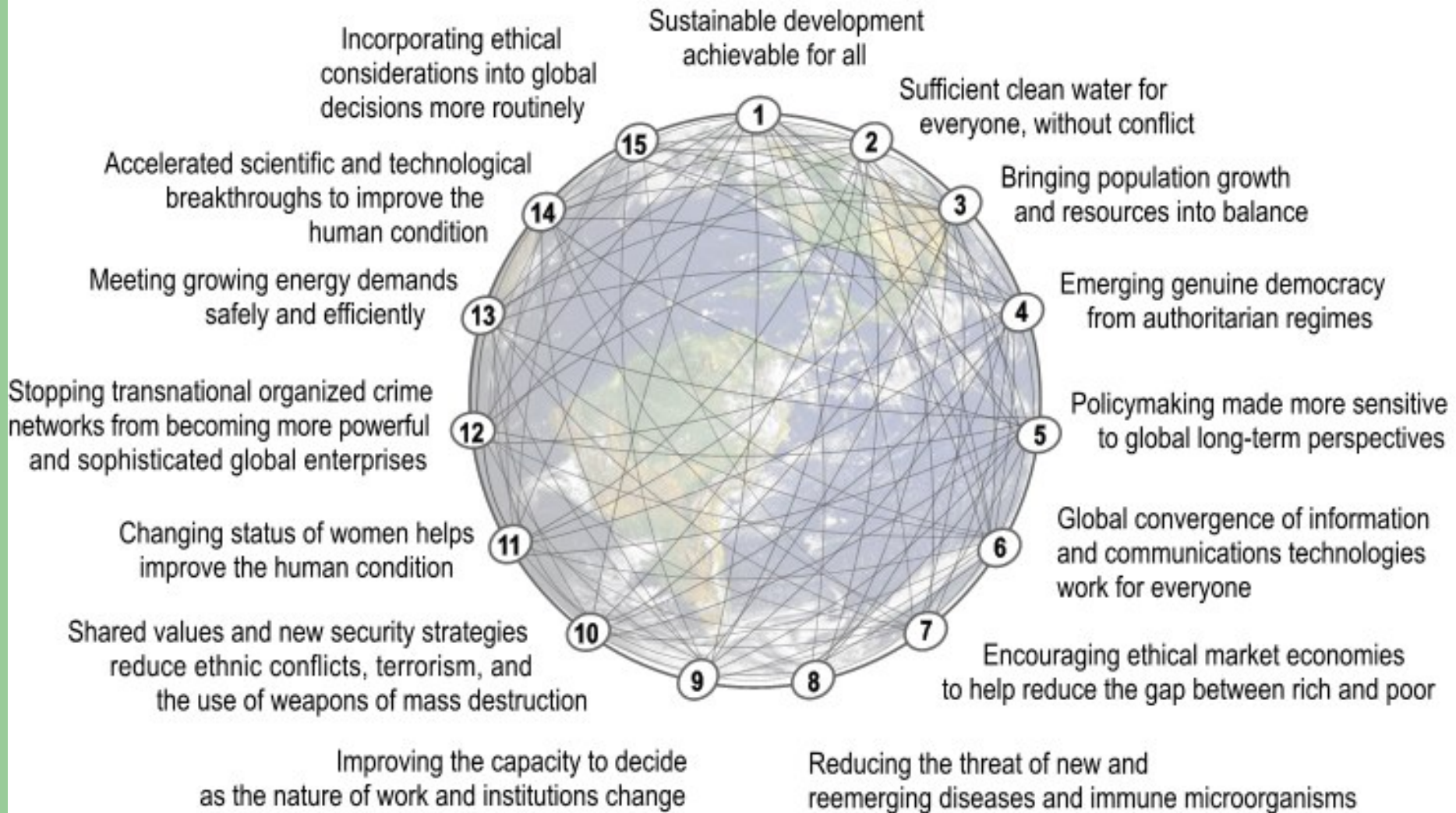
EURASHE – European Association of Institutes in Higher Education

- Founded in 1990 to represent professionally oriented sector of higher education in Europe
- Members of EURASHE are:
 - national associations of higher education institutions
 - individual higher education institutions
 - professional associations & networks
 - stakeholder organisations
- More than 700 members in over 30 countries in the EHEA and associate members in partner countries
- Represents Professional Higher Education within the Bologna Process

What are Global Challenges?

- Sustainable development
- Clean water
- Population growth and limited resources
- Autocracy vs. democracy
- Long-term policy views
- Ethics
- Ethnic conflicts & terrorism
- Organised crime
- ...

15 Global Challenges facing humanity



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Response ?

- Research & innovation
- Policy
- Common international action

...based on and reflected in education



Local Solutions to Respond to Global Challenges



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Challenges ahead of European PHE

- Common market & labour market
- Technological developments
- Qualification requirements & re-qualification
- Social responsibility & values
- Access to HE
- Regional coherence & development

- ... “preparing students for the jobs that don’t yet exist using technologies that haven’t yet been invented in order to solve the problems we don’t even know are problems yet”

Professional Higher Education

- Teaching / learning – student centred
- Regional community & development
- Applied research & innovation
- Life-long learning activities
- Flexible access to tertiary education & paths (RPL, WBL...)
- Labour market & employers' links
- Flexibility & Transparency

Some reflections

- Is there a discrete, clear impact of globalisation x societal changes x European integration x national developments...?
- Teaching/learning & regional role makes institutions of PHE to focus on local level and be less visible in global developments ...
- ... yet, international developments & co-operation are reflected in any single activity in schools

Key issues of European co-operation for PHE sector

- Bologna process and participation of stakeholders
- Qualification frameworks (European & national), learning outcomes
- Diversity – programmes, institutions, missions, roles
- Quality assurance and co-operation at European level
- Focus on life-long learning – impact on institutions and their methods of work
- Regional role, development & innovation
- Mobility

Challenges for next period

- Full, systemic implementation of the goals
- Co-ordination of development within entire educational systems developments
- Balancing stakeholders' expectations (students, employers & labour market, society, ...) – understanding motives
- Sharing, learning, inspiring

Conclusions

Professional higher education

- faces global challenges
- seeks for translation into local level implementation
- based on international experience, mutual learning & new inspiration
- Basis for further EU – Thailand/ASEAN/Asian collaboration and exchange in higher education?

Thank you!

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