

Mission and key messages on CARPE's areas of collaboration

Our universities excel in providing added value to the regions we belong to, by training our students and delivering applied research and by working closely with businesses, public organisations and other institutions. We offer all our regional partners a chance to innovate. Globalisation is a strong trend that presents new opportunities. We make the international perspective an essential part of all our educational and research programs therefore preparing our students so that when they enter the labour market they have been exposed to the global dimension of the new and rapidly developing world. Consequently the five members united to achieve our joint mission on a European level.

What is the mission of CARPE?

The CARPE partners cooperate to enhance the quality of their education, their research and the contribution they make to regional and international entrepreneurship and innovation in a European context. In addition, they benchmark their management facilities and services and collaborate on an equal footing, respecting their own identity as well as the responsibility of each party.

Key messages on CARPE's areas of collaboration

Research: In order to enhance the quality of their research and of the contribution they make to regional and international entrepreneurship and innovation, CARPE-partners collaborate on European research projects and programmes. There are regular joint academic activities among the partners including courses, conferences, seminars, symposia and lectures, research publications and materials are also shared. These activities increase the exchange of information between staff and students.

Education: In order to enhance the quality of their education and of the contribution they make to regional and international entrepreneurship and innovation, CARPE-partners develop joint study programmes, such as Master, Bachelor and non-degree programmes. Partners update each other on the study programmes they have developed and share best practise to develop new programmes.

Staff: For the purpose of collaboration in research and education, the CARPE partners work together to increase the exchange of research and teaching staff. Expertise is shared in order to develop new organisational strategies and to support each other in addressing organisational, managerial and financial challenges.

Students: CARPE partners promote both the exchange of students and the collaboration between student associations at their respective universities.

Regions: CARPE partners have strong roots and play a substantial role in the economic, social and cultural life in their respective regions. The partners collaborate to disseminate, implement, commercialise knowledge in these regions, particularly focusing on small and medium enterprises. Promoting and supporting entrepreneurship and innovation and developing artistic and cultural activities within their regions is also a key focus.

Social responsibility: CARPE partners work together as socially responsible partners and exchange knowledge and experiences including the consideration of facilities management within their own Universities and the impact this may have on the environment, the key stakeholders: students, staff, businesses and industry.

Internationalisation: In order to improve awareness of international developments in higher education programmes CARPE work together to keep each other informed on their international partnerships and projects and where relevant and appropriate they will adopt a joint position on European higher education issues.

Other Areas: In addition to the above areas of collaboration, parties may agree to collaborate in any other area.

More information

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