

Leuphana University Lüneburg and the sustainability challenge: a review and a preview

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Abstract: The presentation is designed to showcase how Leuphana University Lüneburg tries to cope with the sustainability challenge. By way of illustrating two successive research and development projects, Lüneburg's integrative whole-systems transformation approach is revealed. Innovative inter- and transdisciplinary approaches in research and teaching as well as strategic organization of the university policies at large disclose the changes that have been achieved both by interventions of various sub-projects – with broad participation of all members and state groups of the university – and in collaboration with external stakeholders. But the particular sustainable university character reaches even further, as it also attempts to transfer its experiences and findings onto other higher education institutions.

The final part of the presentation sheds some light on further reinforcement of strategic scope and political effectiveness by means of networking and collaboration in the field of higher education for sustainable development – ranging from bi-lateral exchange to global networks.

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