



CIRCLE U. STUDENT UNION  
**CUSU**

# Ways to engage students

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A dialogue leads to connection,  
which leads to trust which leads to  
engagement

— *Seth Godin* —

- Elisabeth, 24 years old
- Officer of academic affairs – Student Parliament, University of Oslo. Representative in Circle U. Student Union
- Teacher student
- **Dialogue is the way to go**
  - Exchange of views across national borders and across students and staff
  - Students is key

How do **you** work with your students?



# Invite us in as partners

- We want to learn from you!
- We know we are hard to reach!
  - Students are focusing on their studies and part-time jobs
    - Dialogue (and compensation)
  - Students need more knowledge
    - Talk to us about what & why
  - The European feeling
  - We need something recognisable
  - Real encounters with students





# Circle U. Student Union

- 2 democratically elected representatives from each CU-university
- The CUSU have meetings regularly
  - At least 3 physical seminars a year
  - Ordinary meetings once a month
  - Meetings in our own task forces
- The CUSUs participation in Circle U.
  - General Assembly
  - Represented in the Work Packages
  - Seminars with the Management Board
  - National conferences
  - Other: Coordination meetings, Seed funding call, meeting with WP1

## **CUSU's latest work:**

- Vision Paper
- Representation in the WP's

**CUSU is committed to ensuring that Circle U. becomes an accessible, inclusive, and universal European University that provides equal educational opportunities for all students.**





# The Fellow Programme

- CUSU have been working to achieve Student Fellow positions!
- The Fellow programme will include students, associated partners and global partners
- The Fellow programme will ensure that these key actors can effectively **co-create new learning, teaching and research opportunities.**
- **Local engagement, local participation**
- Pilot project at UiO

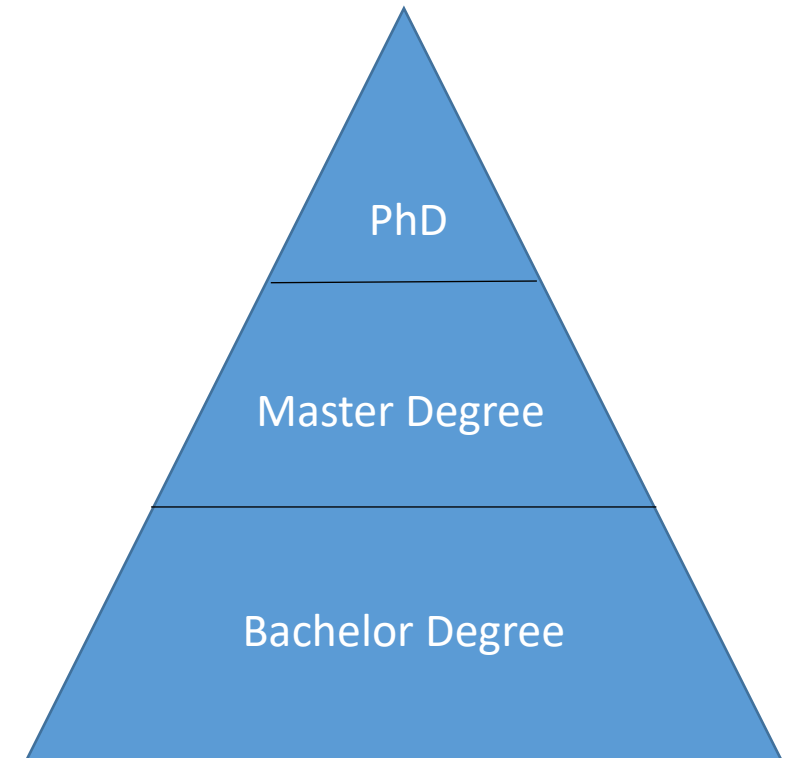
# Invite us in **early!**

- Courses and offers at Bachelor level.
- **The students need to feel ownership and a real opportunity to influence the projects** (Work packages, Student Fellows).
  - Hold us accountable, and we will do the same
  - Don't be afraid of dialogue



Dialogue starts with the willingness to challenge our own thinking, to recognize that any certainty we have is, at best, a hypothesis about the world.

— Peter Senge —







# Accessible, relevant and recognisable offers

- Make it clear to the students that they are your target audience
  - Accessible information. Webpage, joint course database
- Courses and degrees the students wants and needs, and that can be a part of normal studies
- Research-based learning, A pedagogical view on teaching
- The students needs to be apart of both building the offers, and being able to give feedback
  - Continuous dialogue, not only when it's convenient
- Circle U. offers should fill a void.



# In true dialogue, both sides are willing to change!

- Circle U. are talking about joint courses and innovation, CUSU are talking about seamless mobility and inclusive education
- We need to talk about both!
- The students worry (and engage when talked) about:
  - Pre-approved subjects
  - Green mobility
  - Financing
  - Inclusivity
- To engage the student we need recognisable offers for the overall student body.

# Ideas?

- Do you have input or any ideas on how Circle U. or CUSU better can engage a wider range of students?

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# To summarize

- We want to be invited in as partners, but we need you to:
  - Tell us that you exist! Have the information necessary – what and why?
  - Have accessible, relevant and recognisable offers. Make it clear that students are your target audience
  - Hold us accountable, and we will do the same
- Invite us in early!
  - Courses and offers at Bachelor level.
  - Student representation in WP, project groups
- Circle U. offers should fill a void.
- Continuous dialogue, not only when it's convenient
- In true dialogue, both sides are willing to change

Thank you!

