

## THE EUROPEAN LAW FACULTIES ASSOCIATION

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Considering that,

- legal studies are one of the areas of knowledge that have among their objectives the education of young generations in the defense of the rights of citizens and social progress.
- in the preparation of jurists it is essential to deepen their education both in the fields of different disciplines of legal science, as well as in the competences and abilities that are necessary to guarantee respect for the rights of citizens.
- in this education it is necessary to reaffirm, together with the most classic legal training, the possibility of offering students a plural and diverse understanding of science that allows them to combine their legal training with the acquisition of skills from other disciplines of knowledge, both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- it is convenient to explore the possibility of creating jurists specially prepared to carry out their activities in supranational and transnational legal contexts. The study on the feasibility of common curricula between law schools of different legal systems could contribute to this preparation of future professionals.
- the advance of knowledge, scientific development and social complexity demand that a close scientific dialogue be carried out between the different spheres of knowledge, always for the benefit of society and all its members.
- in this objective universities, public institutions and entities must continue to promote multidisciplinary research in order to prepare future generations in the challenges that scientific progress imposes at all times.
- jurists, and with them the Faculties of Law and their researchers must have a relevant role in multidisciplinary research insofar as they must guarantee the balance between the scientific advance and the guarantees of the citizens in all areas.
- in all of this the Faculties of Law have the responsibility to enable the incorporation of young jurists to the profession prepared to respond to all the challenges that are generated in a plural, global and constantly evolving environment.

Calls upon its members to:

1. Consider the possibility of educating lawyers with knowledge in other disciplines besides the legal ones through the establishment of double degrees or dual masters degrees.
2. Alternatively, consider and, where appropriate, increase the offer of joint degrees of law among universities belonging to different countries, and especially to different legal systems.
3. Work together with associations and professional associations in the legal field to train future jurists in the basic competences and skills that future promotions should hold.
4. Collaborate with associations and professional associations of the legal field in the continuing education of legal professionals to guarantee society the adequate protection of the rights and guarantees of citizens in the face of constant evolution of technology and knowledge.

- 5. Promote and increase global agreements between law schools to facilitate the exchange of students, faculty and administrative staff and facilitate their interaction with other systems and societies.**
- 6. Require the competent administrations better economic endowments, especially for students, to facilitate exchanges.**
- 7. Collaborate in the debate for the eventual organization of transnational and common curricula for the training of lawyers specially qualified to work in a regional or global space.**
- 8. Consider participation in transversal or multidisciplinary projects, an added value in research.**
- 9. Prepare future jurists under the principles of scientific rigor, constant study, service to society and adaptability to an evolutionary world.**
- 10. Educate law students in the values of respect, tolerance, coexistence, and in the guarantee of the rights of all in a plural and diverse society.**