

INnovative educaTion foR sustainable eNtrepreneurShip In Life sCiences

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Fostering sustainable entrepreneurial attitudes and competences in students a "becoming who you are"-perspective and call for real learner centered universities



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Carl Rogers, 1971

## Who wants what?

- European Union
  - Economic pay-off and development
  - Sustainable economic growth and development
  - Employment
  - Standardized frameworks of competences implemented

- University Teachers & Institutions
  - Status
    - Networks
  - Scientific papers
  - Reward
  - Projects
  - Money

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- Students
  - Career development & life fullfillment
    - Personal motivations
    - Meaning (different well know categories), existential fullfilment
  - Become who they are
    - Social and personal identity
    - Master transitional crises
  - Material security (Maslow pyramid) income
  - Further individuation and constantly becoming who you are along the life span

## What challenges do students face?

- 1. Transition from school to university
- 2. Identity development finding out who they are
- 3. Follow a rigid scheme of ECTS-based examinations
- 4. Develop competences to shape a career
- 5. Develop a life span perspective with regard to their individual goals and ideas
- 6. Motivation, competences AND the possibilities to make real world experiences (apprenticeship, social environment, "affordable loss")
- 7. Having the resources (mostly about earning money) to sustain ones own development according to ones interest

## What is needed to support these?

- Teachers that
  - know about fundamentals of human development and personal growth
  - That are congruent, have unconditional positive regard and accurate empathic understanding towards their students
  - know the process, problems, etc. of being entrepreneurial in the field of sustainable development
  - they need to know the way of becoming entrepreneurial, the pitfalls, the literature & definitions, the didactical approaches to support the adequate development of cognitivie, metacognitive and personal skills and competences in students
- Institutions that
  - honestly and really take a learner-centered approach
  - select and implement the appropriate developmental and educational strategy
  - select the appropriate teachers and support the development of required skills in teachers

How to teach sustainable entrepreneurship and educate sustainable entrepreneurs ?

- Little research on the pedagogy of sustainable entrepreneurship education
- No or a few suggestions for research avenues in relation to sustainable entrepreneurship education
- A key issue : should we integrate it into existing higher education <u>frameworks</u> or should we consider, it would require a transformation of the educational system?

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Or even go for it outside of the system!

Applying the Paulo Freire's educational model to sustainable entrepreneurship education : Three propositions

- Refocus the pedagogical objectives on the personal development and the intellectual autonomy of the learners
- Reshape the relationship and the quality of interactions between educators and learners
- Refine the learning situation through the problem-posing / problem-based learning pedagogy

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