

LESZNO DECLARATION  
UNIVERSITIES IN THE SERVICE OF IDENTITY AND SOVEREIGNNESS OF NATIONS

We, the rectors of universities from Europe and Asia, gathered at the monument of Jan Amos Komensky (Johannes Amos Comenius), creator of modern pedagogy, patron of the State Higher Vocational School in Leszno, declare the following:

1. We are in agreement that the idea of a university as a scientific and educating institution stemming from the spirit of humanism is a universal value recognized by all nations among which our universities operate.
2. We declare that we are aware of the immense significance for the development of the societies of our countries to seek the truth on the path of reason and to pass it on to the younger generations.
3. We believe that universities play a significant role in shaping national identities in a spirit that respects the identity of other nations, tolerance and respect for others' culture, traditions and social life practices.
4. We confirm our attachment to the ideals of freedom, equality and brotherhood of all people in which we see the foundations of the national being and peaceful coexistence of societies around the world.
5. We express our support for all educational projects aimed at propagating ideals of goodness, beauty and truth, of which the great publisher was Jan Amos Komensky in Leszno.
6. We declare that we will make efforts that the universities managed by us strengthen the sense of love of the fatherland among academic youth as a special obligation to share with other nations the heritage of their own culture and civilization achievements.
7. We commit ourselves that our universities will work for the common good, which is the peaceful coexistence of free nations, striving to preserve sovereignty and identity as a historical heritage of past generations.
8. We will support the education of young people who, in acquiring knowledge and skills at our universities, see the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations to live in a national community, but open to a creative dialogue with other nations, cultures and religions.
9. We want our joint declaration to become the beginning of international cooperation of universities for crossing interpersonal barriers and the mutual enrichment of nations by drawing on the achievements of others.
10. As rectors signing this Leszno Declaration, we invite other universities to join our initiative focused on the humanistic ideals proclaimed by Jan Amos Komensky (Johannes Amos Comenius).

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