

Student Message of Paris

The Student Council for Open and Distance Learning urgently calls policy makers to try to get back on track with the aims of the Agenda 2020 concerning 15% adult participation in learning.

You hear the term „Life Long Learning“ on the European level and beyond.

At the same time national and federal laws and ways of financing universities aim to shorten the time students need to graduate.

This forces all the universities – Presence and Distance Teaching – to find inducements for the students to graduate earlier.

Motivation and situations of distance learners are very heterogenous.

Students enrolling at a distance teaching university need time and flexibility.

Life Long Learning is a crucial contribution to a knowledge based society.

Only life long learners can cope with a changing world.

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