

# VISION FOR UNIVERSITIES – A 5 – 10 – YEAR PERSPECTIVE

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## ABSTRACT

At present the institutions of higher education are facing considerable challenges in consequence of the development of communication technology during the last ten years. From the mid-80s and till today there has been a permanent development of new technological tools. The development of the coming years will imply still simpler and more powerful tools for communication and with that also learning. The access to knowledge and with it acquisition of competence gets more transparent and democratic and will, at the same time, liberate qualifying further education from the historically conditioned unified connection to nation states and their institutions.

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### **Introduction**

- Changed patterns of communication
- Changed qualification requirements
- Still an independent function as university

### **Specific challenges for the institutions of higher education**

- Standardising of graduations
- European Credit Transfer System
- Increased international competition
- More focus on communication and learning

### **The readiness of change at AAU**

- 25 years of continuous change and development
- New educational initiatives are born all the time
- The IT Innovation

### **A vision for the university: AAU in 5-10 years**

- The independent and accessible quality
- Global scientific networks
- The local university
- The new tasks
- Vision about being the best in selected areas
- Vision about forming part of international networks
- Increased accessibility of research results and documentation
- More focus on personal resources
- The students and research-based learning in focus
- All documentation and learning resources are documented on the network
- All at the university are "wired" - all the time
- New reviewed media/periodicals on the network

- Differentiation of the research duty
- Beautiful local surroundings with space for physical gathering and being together

## **Conclusion**

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