

ANNUAL TOPICS AND PROJECTS

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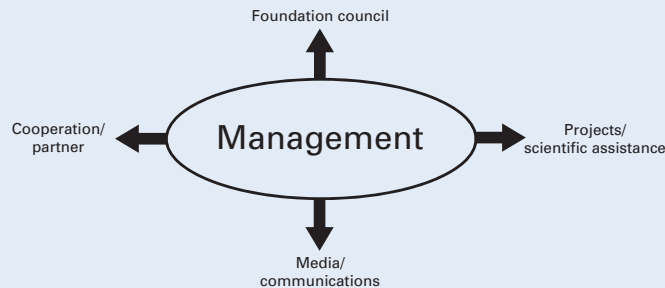
We organize national interdisciplinary events which enjoy international recognition and quality. During the events, the participants eagerly discuss and show how concrete issues can be tackled.

In order to prepare the annual conferences in Engelberg, young people carry out studies which are then thoroughly discussed at the conference. Special and in-depth activities take place regarding specific annual topics. The results of the discussion shall be put into practice through projects. Studies and projects by students (YES Alumni, Study Foundation) shall raise the awareness and contribute to overcome global inequalities.

Financing

Academia Engelberg events have been financed by public contributions (federal, cantonal and municipal governments), the economy and foundations. It is a non-profit organization exempt from tax.

How are we organized? **Lean and efficient organization – collaboration with network**



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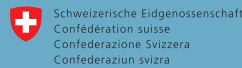
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www.collegium.ethz.ch
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THE ACADEMIA ENGELBERG



BRIDGE BETWEEN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

Academia Engelberg domiciled at the Benedictine Abbey of Engelberg, Switzerland, was founded on September 27, 2001 by Swiss Re, the Conference of Cantonal Governments of Central Switzerland and the Engelberg municipality. The idea was developed by personalities who are actively interested in a global, responsible and sustainable development of our world today.

The Academia Engelberg Foundation makes an essential contribution to the sustainable dialogue on basic values of society when it comes to science, technology and ecology as well as the societal processes of change that are related to them.

AIM OF THE FOUNDATION

Transfer of knowledge

Experts from science, society and economy participate together in interdisciplinary and constructive meetings.



Use of knowledge

The events actively contribute to a mutual understanding between science and society. The findings gathered during the meetings are used in specific projects.

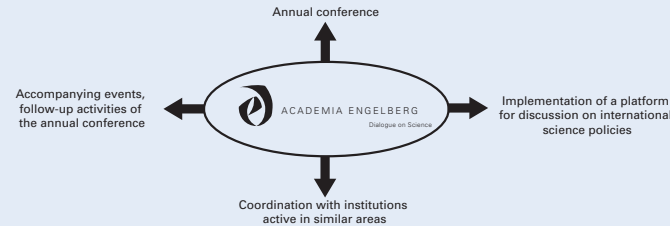
Our mission statement

1. We are an international platform for the dialogue between science and society.
2. We instigate sustainable actions of people in the fields of science, technology and society.
3. We encourage an open exchange of ideas and opinions through dialogue.
4. We foster the scientific understanding of the society.
5. We convey new incentives and food for thoughts through the exchange of experience between generations.
6. The integration of the young generation into our activities is of utmost importance to us.
7. The "Spirit of Engelberg" (abbey, mountain town) is an essential condition for our actions.
8. The findings gathered during our events are put into practice in projects and influence our personal behavior.

OUR PERFORMANCE MANDATE

A network of knowledge transfer and reflection

We have a performance agreement with the State Secretariat for Education and Research in line with the provisions of the Federal Law on Research. The agreement stipulates, on one hand, coordinated actions and cooperation with Swiss Academies of Sciences and associated competence centers at project level. On the other hand, Academia Engelberg shall be active in the following areas:



Our uniqueness: intergenerational platform

Young people

Our conferences are characterized by a high proportion of young participants, especially from YES (Youth Encounter on Sustainability) and the Swiss Study Foundation. We involve young scientists in thinking processes by giving them the opportunity to present projects and by treating them as regular participants we attach the necessary importance to them.

Engelberg Campus

Our aim is to collaborate with national and international companies. For our annual topics, we form working groups comprising young ambitious professionals from different companies and sectors. In addition to professional and sectoral training, we want to make our contribution to improve the participants' social competence and to raise their awareness of problems regarding society.

Conferences

The conferences held in Engelberg benefit from the special spirit of place due to the abbey and the mountain town's location in Central Switzerland.

HOW ARE OUR IDEAS PUT INTO PRACTICE?

Innovative idea: involvement of all levels of society

We invite guests and speakers with different social and cultural backgrounds to establish synergies by exchanging experiences and to find new ideas and solutions to specific existing problems.

Our means

We are a platform for encounters between the younger and older generations (intergenerational dialogue):

- YES Alumni (Youth Encounter on Sustainability) and AGS (Alliance for Global Sustainability)
- Swiss Study Foundation
- Schweizer Jugend Forum
- Partner companies

Academia Engelberg Conference

is an event on a specific up-to-date topic that takes place annually.

Academia Engelberg one-day events

are follow-up meetings that take place after the conferences.

Academia Engelberg Lunch

are 4 to 5 short events that take place at lunch time and deal with issues that bring companies and science closer together.

Academia Engelberg Aperitifs

are short events in the early evening on a current issue.

Academia Engelberg Projects

are practical operations that come into existence during the conferences and are carried out by young people, on an international level.

Academia Engelberg Campuses

are joint workshops comprising members of YES/Study Foundation and young managers from the economic sector.

Academia Engelberg Contact

is a newsletter which is published once or twice a year presenting the results of the events.