



THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CITY OF COPENHAGEN

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The International Student City of Copenhagen, ISCC

“Getting to know you when you are young.” That was the philosophy behind the foundation in Paris in the 1920’s of Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (CIUP).

We have a similar vision for Copenhagen today in 2012. An International Student City relatively centrally located in Copenhagen, at Sundby Metro St., Ørestaden.

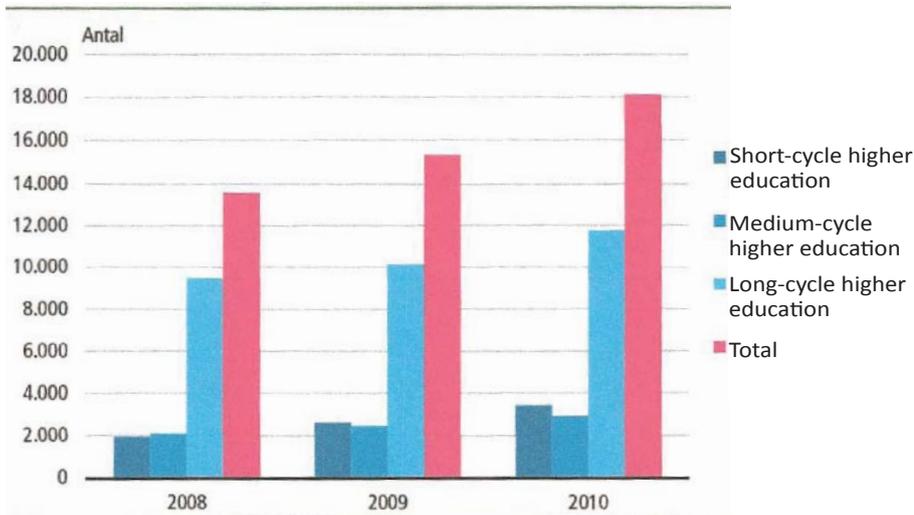
The City should accommodate 4 - 5000 students and have room for many international cultural activities, as at CIUP in Paris. An International Student City of this scope and dimension will strongly contribute in putting Copenhagen on the map of Europe as one of the renowned university capitals.

In 2012 Denmark has about 18.000 foreign students of which the majority are in Copenhagen. According to Statistics Denmark 2500 students are from Norway, 1800 from Sweden, 1500 from Germany, 1500 from The Baltic States, 1300 from Rumania and Bulgaria, 1300 from China, 1300 from Iceland and Finland, 800 from Poland, etc.

What is important for this new student city is a relatively central location with a Metro or S-train station nearby. Of equal importance is that the area is sufficiently large so that the Student City may expand over the next 25-50 years.

The prognosis given by the City of Copenhagen indicates a growth of 25–30 % in the youth and student population towards 168,000 in 2025 including the foreign students. But where shall they live? Where shall they eat? Where to gather...?

International students in higher education in Denmark



“Denmark has throughout the years received a significant and increasing amount of students coming to the country. The amount of international students in Denmark has increased by a vast percentage of 34% in only two years, 2008-2010, from 13,577 to 18,131, and is expected to hit 25,000 in 2020.”

(Influx of international students to Copenhagen; Maaiké Chaix, CBS; Sophus Bonnén Rossen, H.C Rørdam, Ark. MAA, Copenhagen May 2012)

Every year the Erasmus Organisation Programme exchanges 200,000 students with the universities in Europe with about 8,000 students today in Copenhagen. “Erasmus is for me about opportunities and to look at the world with new eyes”, says an enthusiastic Erasmus student.

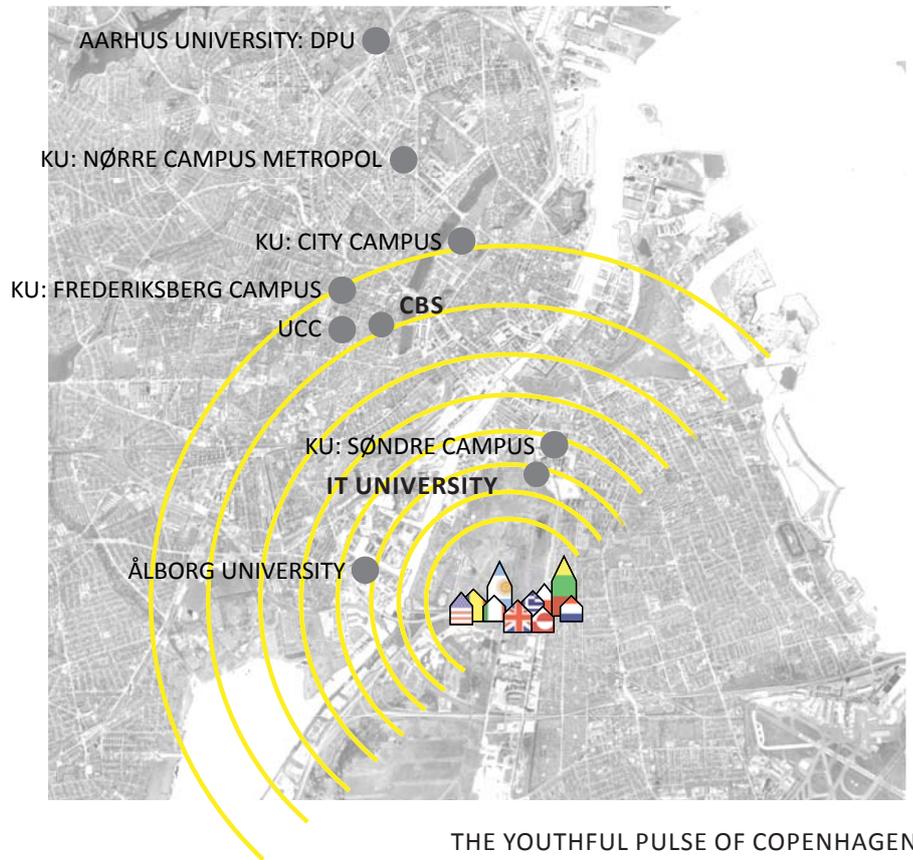
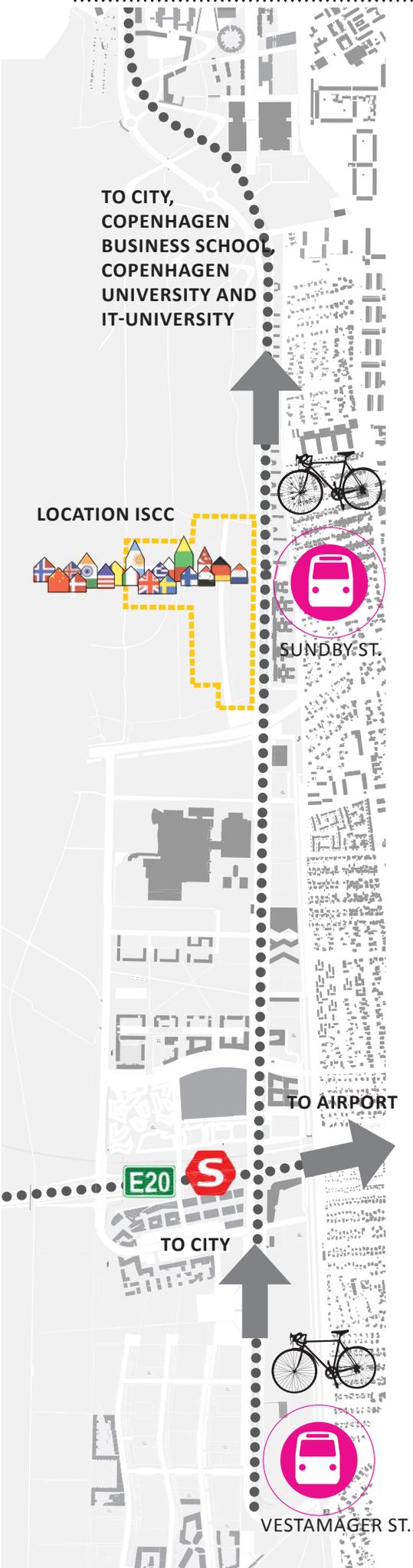
CIUP in Paris has been successful since the 1920’s and continues to be a success today with its 40 residential buildings of different nationalities for 10 – 12,000 students annually from more than 120 nations.

Today in 2012 CIUP, Paris plans 6 new student houses for China, Russia, South Korea, Columbia, India and one more French house.

CIUP has its own Metro station in southern Paris and is situated on a 36 ha. park territory donated by the City of Paris. The main house “La Maison Internationale” with its 10,000 m² floor space including library, theatre and concert halls, swimming pool, sports facilities, cafés, restaurants and saloons were donated by John D. Rockefeller Jr. while the 40 national residential buildings were donated by the various nations over the years. La Maison Danoise was inaugurated in 1932 and La Maison de Suède in 1931.

The students are lodged in the different houses in such a way that the nations are mixed. And this is an important tradition in the Cité. In this way the dream of the nations’ youth materialize through common participation in theatre and music events, sports activities, lectures and debates.

Danish universities have many subjects to offer in higher education such as the natural sciences, nuclear physics, pharmacology, climatology, environmental research, education in general, medical and health, all the aspects of the welfare state, Greenland and arctic related research, political sciences, international management and marketing, economy and others.



THE YOUTHFUL PULSE OF COPENHAGEN

We have already contacted some embassies in Copenhagen to get a feel for the interest in our project. And we do feel the interest is there!
 The British Embassy Denmark says: "It does sound like an interesting project and we would be very happy to hear more about your ideas and plans".

Maison des Étudiant Suédois, Paris, dir. Vivi-Anne Lennartsson : "I wish you great success with your project in Copenhagen".

Carine Camby, délégué générale CIUP, Paris: "Je vous souhaite un plein succès dans ce travail »

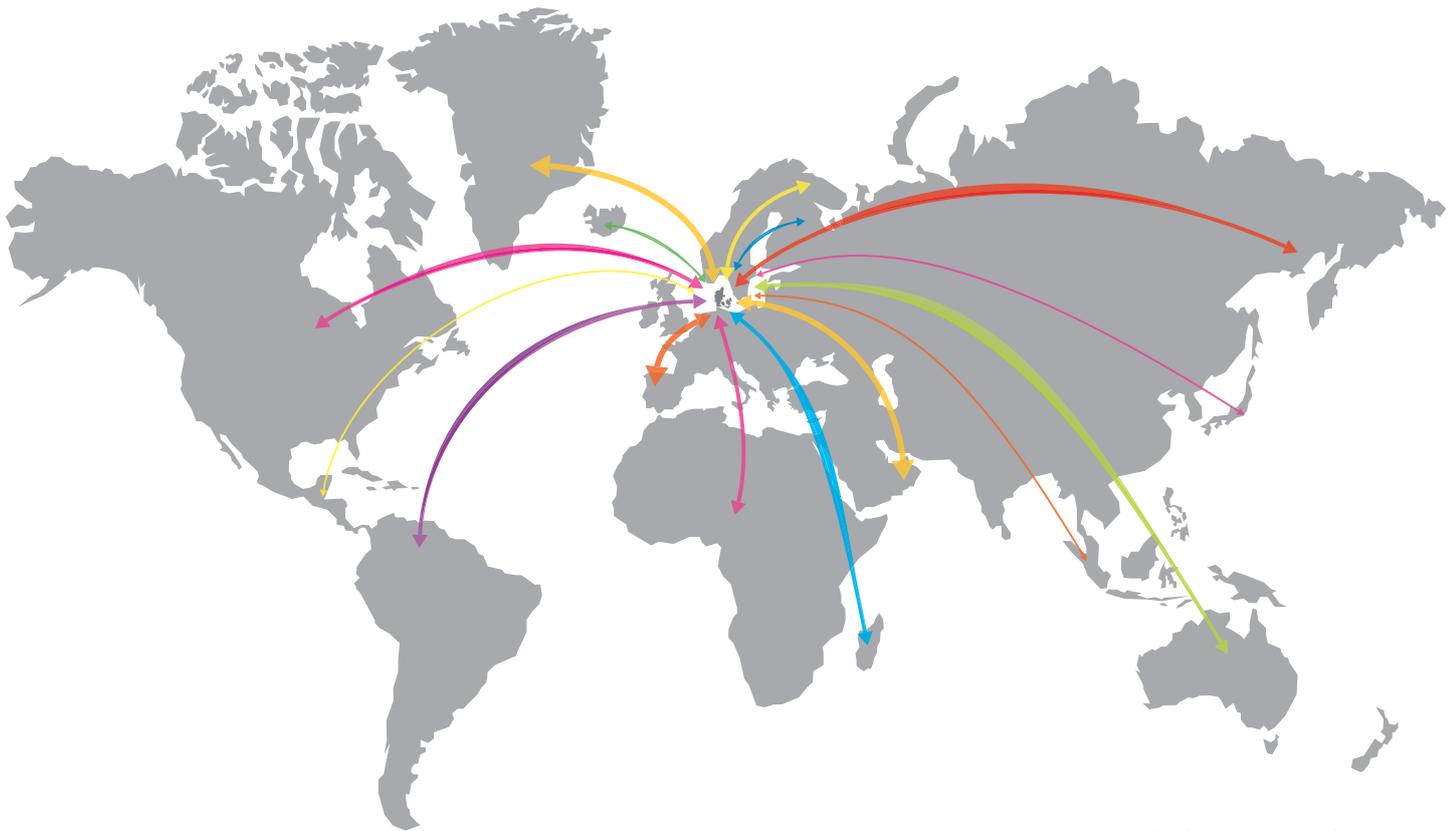
Dir. Du Collège Franco-Britannique, CIUP, Paris, Francois Brunet : « Yours is a wonderful idea »

Rektor for CBS, København, Per Holten-Andersen : "We would like to participate with CBS representative".

Deutsche Botschaft Kopenhagen: "You have a real exciting project!"

Youth Accomodation I/S, Iben Koch: " We find this project very exiting it will meet growing demand for apartments for national and international students.

"With this growing amount of incoming students to Copenhagen throughout the years, the municipality of Copenhagen has a unique opportunity to position itself as the leading city of knowledge, study and research in the northern European area. This, by meeting the greatly increasing demand for student accomodation both from international and national students."



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Students that have had a good and happy stay in Copenhagen in their youth, undoubtedly will become good ambassadors for Denmark in the future. An International Student City in Copenhagen is an investment in the future of Denmark.

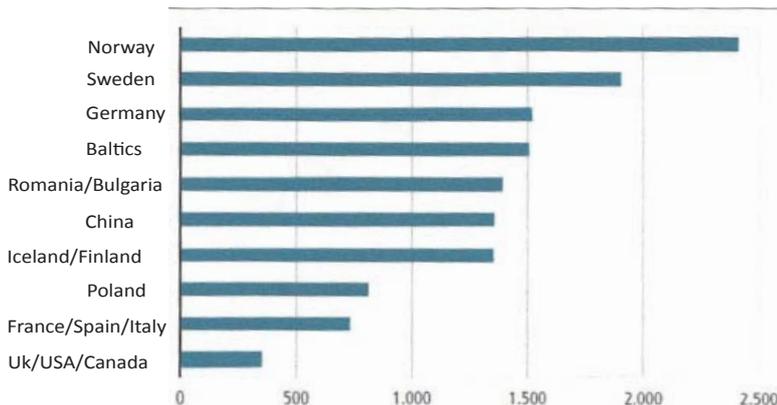
We want Copenhagen to become one of the 10 best University cities in the world amongst Paris, London, Boston Melbourne, Vienna, Sydney, Zürich, Berlin, Dublin and Montreal. Therefore let's get good accommodations for the students.

Henning Larsen Architects will participate in the development of the International Student City in Copenhagen.

Jørgen Rossen, Copenhagen August 2012



International students in Denmark - top ten countries/regions 2010



“71% of the international students in Denmark are from the EU, whereas the majorities are from the northern European countries; Norway (2410), Sweden (1902), Germany (1518) and Iceland (1184). Furthermore the amount of Chinese students in Denmark has been undergoing a great increase, and China has become the country that sends the most students to Denmark (outside of Europe), with around 1400 students.”



- We would like to offer all interested nations to build a student house for at least 100 students in a student city in Copenhagen. The building design must reflect the national architectural tradition, and when completed, the building will be donated to a foundation that will be the owner of all houses. Our intention is to build residential facilities for 5,000 students.

- "The International House" will have common facilities such as canteen, library, reading room, theatre hall etc.

- The idea is to have an exchange agreement among the houses so 50% of the students from a country will stay in their "national" house, whereas the other 50% will be spread in the other houses. In this way the international spirit will be the basis for the concept. Each house will have a resident leader.

- To encourage the community spirit and the social network, the rooms will be rather small with room for only the basics, i.e. a bed, a desk and a separate toilet. Common shower facilities and kitchen are placed at each level. The level of comfort is deliberately low compared to present traditional Danish student residences to encourage the students to leave their room and join the other students in the common facilities.

- Furthermore, this concept will strengthen the ties between Scandinavia and the rest of the world, including the new democracies in the world.

- We want to establish a foundation that owns and runs the buildings, common facilities etc. We will seek funds from Danish foundations to finance the building of "The International House", whereas the other houses will be financed by each nation that has built the house and donated it to the foundation.

- The project will motivate many more potential international students to come to Copenhagen for their higher education.

- The project will start when a Danish foundation has agreed to finance the building of "The International House" and at least 5 foreign nations have agreed to the building project. At least 50 nations will be invited to participate in this project.

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Jørgen Rossen, Christian Gjersøe og Louis Becker

Copenhagen August 2012

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Dear Mr Jørgen Rossen

On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia I would like to thank you for advising us about the project of the establishment of the International University City of Copenhagen that you and your co-thoughtleaders have undertaken.

Throughout its history Armenia has placed a strong emphasis on education. One of the first institutions of higher education in the Armenian Kingdom appeared already in the ninth century, including universities in Ani, Tatev and Gladzor as well as academies attached to monasteries all over the kingdom. The universities have always held and still do hold a central role in passing the sciences and arts on to the future generations. The latter has not changed over time but, furthermore, education got repositioned with an even higher priority. Striving for knowledge-based economy, Armenia considers knowledge as one of the most indispensable tools for producing economic benefits as well as innovative approaches for an overall development.

The Embassy of Armenia in Copenhagen advocates the same principle which is why we are committed to fostering the Danish-Armenian relationships in the area of education. The embassy initiates new as well as supports already existing student exchange projects. Therefore, "The International University City of Copenhagen" project is not just relevant to our work but we believe it would significantly supplement our endeavours by adding an extra motivation for potential students.

In addition to that, Armenia and the Armenian Diasporas all over the world have been already for quite some time experiencing the benefits of such an initiative thanks to the Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris (CIUP), where the Armenian House has been among the first ones inaugurated there.

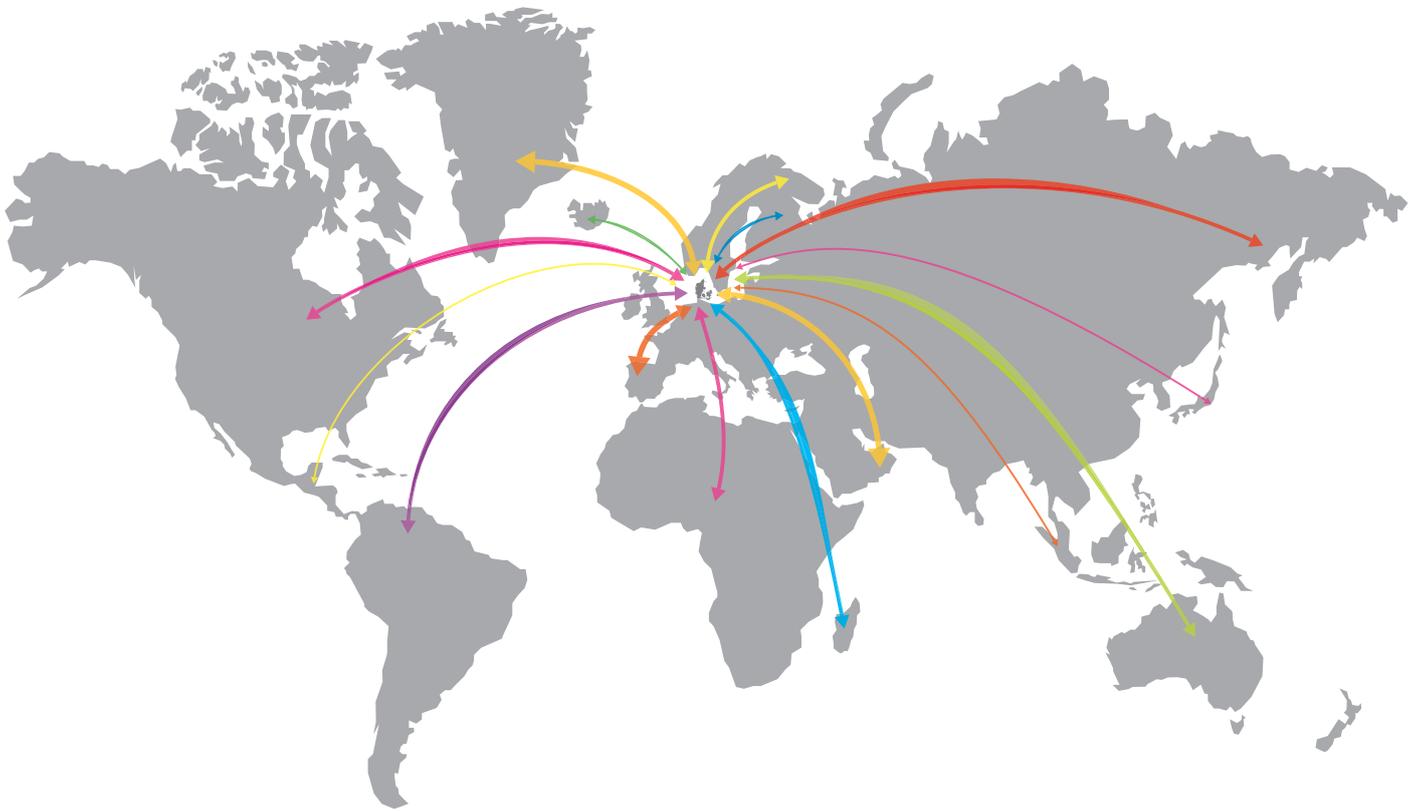
Hence, the Embassy will definitely contemplate over the establishment of the Armenian building in the International University City of Copenhagen. So please, keep us updated on the further progress of the project.

The Armenian Embassy is wishing you determination and success to achieve all the goals you are pursuing with this truly promising commencement.

Yours sincerely,

Hrachya Aghajanyan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hrachya Aghajanyan', written in a cursive style.



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