

The **European Consortium of Liberal Arts and Sciences** (www.ecolas.eu) is a network of universities and programs offering bachelor's studies in Liberal Arts. It was founded in 2007 by Hans P. M. Adriaansens (founder of University College Utrecht and University College Roosevelt, The Netherlands), Laurent Boetsch (President Emeritus of ECLA, Berlin) and Samuel Abrahám (founder and President of Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts, BISLA).

ECOLAS connects the members of the consortium (25 universities and programs) and offers cooperation with similar schools and programs around Europe. The consortium offers annual small grants to academics (*J. J. Kidd Scholarship*) as well as students (*Hans Adriaansens Student Award*) at over 60 European Liberal Arts institutions. It also provides consulting to those universities that are willing to incorporate Liberal Arts, or some segments of it, into their educational system.

ECOLAS, n.o. is registered as a non-profit organization in Slovakia and is based in Bratislava, at BISLA. It is led by an Executive Board consisting of two founders (S. Abrahám, L. Boetsch) and Teun Dekker (University College Maastricht). The Assistant Manager is Andrej Čierny. ECOLAS also has an Advisory Board that helps the Executive Board with its expertise and academic standing. ECOLAS was twice awarded with a grant from the European Commission to enhance cooperation and propagate Liberal Arts in Europe. The *Endeavor Foundation* of New York has been generously supporting ECOLAS since 2015.



Európske konzorcium liberálnych umení a vied (www.ecolas.eu) je združenie vysokých škôl a programov ponúkajúcich bakalárske štúdium Liberálnych umení. V roku 2007 ho založili Hans P. M. Adriaansens (zakladateľ University College Utrecht a University College Roosevelt v Holandsku), Laurent Boetsch (emeritný prezident ECLA v Berlíne) a Samuel Abrahám (zakladateľ a rektor Bratislavskej medzinárodnej školy liberálnych štúdií, BISLA).

ECOLAS prepája členov konzorcia (25 škôl z celej Európy) a ponúka spoluprácu aj podobným školám a programom v celej Európe. Konzorcium každoročne poskytuje malé granty pre akademikov (*J. J. Kidd Scholarship*), ako aj pre študentov (*Hans Adriaansens Student Award*). Zároveň poskytuje poradenstvo univerzitám, ktoré by štúdiom Liberálnych umení alebo niektoré jeho prvky, chceli zaviesť vo svojich inštitúciách.

ECOLAS, o.z. je registrované ako nezisková organizácia na Slovensku a sídli v Bratislave v priestoroch vysokej školy BISLA. Vede ho výkonná rada (Executive Board), ktorú tvoria dvaja zakladatelia (S. Abrahám, L. Boetsch) a Teun Dekker (University College Maastricht). Asistentom manažérom je Andrej Čierny. ECOLAS má poradnú radu (Advisory Board), ktorej piati členovia pomáhajú EB svojou expertízou a akademickým postavením. ECOLAS získalo dva dvojročné granty z Európskej komisie pre rozvoj a spoluprácu. Od roku 2015 ho finančne podporuje newyorská nadácia *Endeavor Foundation*.

