



# MANIFESTO ON FUTURE STEPS AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, THE IMPORTANCE OF A MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN HIGHER EDUCATION

## REACT Network for Climate Change Research & Education in Southeast Asia

### Rationale:

Climate change is one of the main issues faced worldwide, it is not a question of national priorities, but a global threat given the effects of global warming all over the world and its devastating effects especially in developing economies.

Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam are some of the countries with the strongest economic, social and environmental needs, which should be advancing along the same lines as our neighboring countries, trying to adapt to international agreements that have been signed. In addition, Climate Change is a very high priority for our countries as we are particularly vulnerable to its effects.

The REACT Climate Change Network has been created through the cooperation of seven Southeast Asian and four European institutions, as part of the EU-funded Erasmus+ project “strengthening climate change REsearch And innovation CapaciTies in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, REACT”, the aim of which has been to support HEIs in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam in strengthening their capacities and regional cooperation by promoting effective research and innovation in Climate Change.

The **Vision** of the REACT Climate Change Network is to be a leading platform to support Climate Change research and education in Southeast Asia.

The **Mission** of the REACT Climate Change Network is to

- a. Promote Climate Change Research & Innovation in Southeast Asia,
- b. Facilitate networking and cooperation between Climate Change researchers and institutions in Southeast Asia,
- c. Disseminate research results to stakeholders in order to increase awareness of Climate Change issues and influence policy,
- d. Support and develop Climate Change training and awareness initiatives.

## **The REACT Climate Change Network agrees on the following principles:**

- *Its members commit to contributing towards raising awareness on Climate Change and its impact at local and regional level.*
- *Its members support researchers regardless of gender, title and social status.*
- *The network enables exchanges between single researchers and institutions among its members.*
- *The network wants to be a bridge between academia, private sector and government and a point of reference for the international scientific community*
- *The network fosters education on climate change in their member institutions and for trainings for the members of the network.*
- *It aims to identify the most pressing issues in the country of the members and to find the best solutions with respect to the local environment while supporting sustainable development and interregional collaborations.*
- *Every member is committed to expanding the Network and increasing its visibility.*
- *The Network wants to build capacities of young scientists from member institutions and provide them with the skills they will need upon entering the labor market.*
- *The Network will organize regular meetings of the members and inform them on its activities through agreed channels of communications*

**If you want to go fast – go alone,  
If you want to go far – join our Network.  
Together we can make a difference in the fight against Climate Change!**