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The author maintains that the university has shaped contemporary Europe through the transformation of knowledge into industrial products, and that it essentially influences our everyday lives. Public authorities are responsible for the university's sustainable development but also for ensuring conditions which provide for its institutional autonomy. The freedom of the university from outside should also be practiced within the university. Freedom is a condition for creativity and responsibility. Because of the university?s societal importance and of societal interest in its activities, the author suggests that a university council composed of representatives of academia, public authorities, the labour market and of specialized NGOs is best placed to strategically plan the further development of the university, as well as a knowledge based economy and society. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)