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8th UNICA GREEN Workshop

Implementation of SDGs in Higher Education

21-23 March 2018

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Brussels, Belgium)

Workshop chairs: Rebecca Lefevere & Lisa Wouters, VUB

(Programme version as of 26/02/2018)

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

Venue: Building D, Promotiezaal, D 2.01 – Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus

13:00 - 15:00 **Meeting of the UNICA GREEN Core Group** (Core Group members only, M015)

15:00 - 16:00 **Registration** and welcome coffee

16:00 - 16:30 **Welcome** by Sonja SNACKEN, Vice rector International Policy VUB & member of the UNICA Steering Committee and by Cathy MACHARIS, President of the Sustainability Core Group VUB

Session 1: Introduction to the SDGs

Chair: TBC

16:30 - 17:15

Keynote 1: An introduction to a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world – the SDGs framework, by Peter WOLLAERT, Director of CIFAL Flanders, UNITAR affiliated International Training Centre for Authorities & Leaders

17:15 - 17:45

Keynote 2: The concept of the SDGs from a critical perspective, by Pieter MEURS & Bieke ABELSHAUSEN, VUB
How to make the SDGs the answer to the urgent need to act? What are the benefits but also the pitfalls, in particular for higher education institutions? How can SDGs help both Europe and our partners in developing countries?

17:45 - 18:15

Q&A + plenary discussion

18:15 - 19:15

Welcome Drink

Thursday, 22 March 2018

Venue: U-residence, Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus, VUB
(Address : Boulevard Général Jacques 271, 1050 Brussels)

Session 2: SDGs and their implementation in sustainable management policy

Chair: TBC

8:30 - 9:00	Good Morning Coffee
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome and wrap up of the keynotes on 21/03 + Mission and goals of today's workshops
9:10 - 9:30	<i>The social responsibility of universities</i> , by Caroline PAUWELS, Rector of the VUB
9:30 - 9:45	Presentation of the outcomes of the UNICA GREEN Sustainability Survey , by Andreas WANKE, FU Berlin <i>How do the UNICA member universities cope with sustainability management? To what degree is sustainability implemented in the university (education, research, outreach & campus management)? Are universities involved in international sustainability networks?</i>
9:45 – 12:30	Workshop session by SUSTENUTO, sustainability coaches <i>Sustenuto will lead us as sustainability coach. We will explore which SDGs to address as higher education institution (or how to prioritise) and how to link to the national context we are operating in. SDGs are enthusiastically adopted by business, but how can universities can involved? How to go beyond the usual 'green and sustainability themes'? How to measure progress beyond the easily quantifiable? How to include them in our sustainability report?</i> Presentation of a best practice: How can your sustainability reporting become a tool for outreach? By Ullika LUNDGREN, Gothenburg University Conclusions from the workshop
12:30 - 14:00	Networking lunch and poster session <i>Discovering the latest sustainability news from fellow participants</i>

Session 3: SDGs and their implementation in education

Chair: Lisa Wouters, VUB

14:00-14:40	<p>Exchange of inspiring practices on SDGs and their implementation in education</p> <p><i>Are the SDGs implemented in the curriculum and how (level of content, teaching methods)? How do students achieve the competencies they need to realise the SDGs?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delphine DOUCOT, Université de Lausanne• Andreas WANKE, Freie Universität Berlin• Social responsibility in education? The case of "<i>Reasonably Steadfast. Critical Reflections on Man and Society</i>" Linde MORIAU, VUB• ULB will share how they engage the academic community to teach Sustainability: examples of two ways, institutional and faculty, to achieve this goal at ULB. Alexandra DEMOUSTIEZ, ULB
14:40-15:30	<p>Interactive session: debating statements based on the keynote presentations</p> <p>Moderated by Alexandra DEMOUSTIEZ & Wouter ACHTEN, ULB</p>
15:30-15:45	<p>Break</p>
15:45-16:15	<p>Conclusions of the afternoon session</p> <p>Round up of the day</p>
16:15-19:30	<p>Social program</p> <p>Option 1: guided tour of Molenbeek</p> <p>Option 2: guided tour at the VUB campus with a renovated swimming pool, responding to high sustainability standards and a beautiful rectorate building, designed by Renaat Braem</p>
Ca. 19:30	<p>Conference dinner at Bel Mundo, a social restaurant with sustainable food, grown in their own garden</p>

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Session 4: SDGs and the importance of community engagement

Chair: Rootability Network

8:30-9:00	Good Morning Coffee
9:00-9:15	Welcome and wrap up of 22/03 + Mission and goals of today's workshops
9:15-10:15	World Café on community engagement and stakeholder participation to reach the SDG's, moderated by ROOTABILITY, the Network of Green Student Offices
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break
	Parallel workshops
10:45-12:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rootability and the Green Office model: presentation and Q&A-sessions with Green Office students2. How to work with students towards global citizenship? Creating partnerships between students and society. How to go beyond? By UCOS, University Center for Development Cooperation3. Green Impact as a tool for sustainable change: What is Green Impact and how does the Green Team of VUB make it work at the university? By Rootability and GreenTeamVUB
12:15-13:00	Closing off the workshop by the UNICA GREEN Chairs What future steps for UNICA GREEN? By Benoît FRUND, Vice-Rector for Sustainability & Campus, Université de Lausanne
13:00-14:00	Farewell lunch
14:00-16:30	Optional social programme for the interested participants (participation fee to be covered by participants). Visit to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brasserie de la Senne: a local Brussels brewery

