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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

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: Rebecca Lefevere, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

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 <i>How to make the SDGs the answer to the urgent need to act? What are the benefits but also the pitfalls for higher education institutions? How can SDGs help both Europe and our partners in developing countries?</i>
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: Delphine Douçot, Université de Lausanne

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 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 management coach for organisations in both the public and private sector (Belgium) <i>In our unique context as higher education institutions, we will research how to contribute to the realisation of the SDGs. During plenary and break-out sessions we will brainstorm on following research questions: Which SDGs do we need to address? How to prioritize, and how to make a link with the national context we are operating in? Which ambition level should we set? How to go beyond the usual 'green and sustainability themes'? How to monitor progress beyond the easily quantifiable? How to successfully integrate our priorities and ambition level in our university governance?</i> Presentation of best practices: How can your sustainability reporting become a tool for outreach? By Ullika LUNDGREN, Gothenburg University Outstandingly Green: from vision to practical strategy. By Jorulf BRØVIG SILDE, University of Oslo 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? Linde MORIAU, VUB• The integration of sustainability in courses and programmes at ULB. Emilie MUTOMBO, VUB
14:40-15:30	<p>Interactive session: debating statements based on the keynote presentations</p> <p>Moderated by Alexandra DEMOUSTIEZ, Emilie MUTOMBO & 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 Tim STRASSER and Anselm GRAHL, ROOTABILITY, the Network of Green Student Offices
10:15-10:45	Coffee Break and pitches of the parallel workshops
10:45-12:00	Parallel Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rootability and the Green Office model: presentation and Q&A-sessions with Green Office students By Tim STRASSER and Anselm GRAHL, Rootability2. How to work with students towards global citizenship? Creating partnerships between students and society. How to go beyond? By Bram CLEYS, 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 Jo KEMP, NUS and Anne SPIRA, Rootability, and GreenTeamVUB
12:00-12:45	Closing off the workshop by the UNICA GREEN Chairs What future steps for UNICA GREEN? By the UNICA Core Group and Benoît FRUND, Vice-Rector for Sustainability & Campus, Université de Lausanne
12:45-14:00	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