



Network of Universities
from the Capitals of Europe



UNICA Green Academic Footprint Network

A Short Presentation

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1. Why UGAF?

- Proposed by the students participating in the UNICA student conference in Rome in 2010
 - Implemented one year later by the University of Oslo
- > *Activities are opened to all UNICA universities and beyond!*



2. Members of the UGAF Core Group

- Freie Universität **Berlin**
- Vrije Universiteit **Brussel**
- Université libre de **Bruxelles**
- Université de **Lausanne**
- Universidade de **Lisboa**
- University of **Oslo**
- Università degli Studi di **Roma** Tor Vergata
- **Tallinn** University

Role:

- > Coordination, preparation of workshops, schools, exchange of ideas

Present Chairs:

- > Université Libre de **Bruxelles** and Université de **Lausanne**



3. UGAF Workshops

- Oslo 2011
- Lausanne 2012
- Lisbon 2013
- Brussels 2014
- Berlin 2015

> *3rd UGAF Open Workshop: Universidade de Lisboa, 6-7 June 2013*
University-City Cooperation for Environmental Sustainability

> *4th UGAF Open Workshop: Université Libre de Bruxelles, 26-28*
March 2014

Environmental Management Systems at Universities



Workshops evaluations show that the participants benefit the most from:

- Meeting and networking with colleagues
- Sharing good and bad practices
- Learning from other universities
- Discussing common issues and possible solutions



New!

- > *5th UGAF Open Workshop: Freie Universität Berlin, 25-27 March 2015*

Sustainability at Universities: how to combine Management and Participation?

- > The Berlin UGAF workshop shall serve as a platform to share experiences on the topic. To this end the conference will cover three strategic areas:
 - Universities as Sustainability Actors
 - Participation and Management in Theory and Practice
 - Building and Developing Sustainability Networks



 A [call for contributions](#) is sent to UNICA-Members and other European universities this week



4. UGAF Schools

1st School - Oslo, 7-11 October 2013: Sustainability and its Relationship to Green IT

- > Components of Green IT - Data centre planning and management – etc.

2nd School - Lausanne September 2015: Green Gardening?

- > Green gardening in a city university and in a campus university
- > Aim is to put together academics, students, gardeners, environmental staff

Main problem, language issue!



5. Other Activities

- Sustainable Campus Database

- Universities sustainable units are often searching some new ideas to apply sustainability in their universities.
- When they share experiences, they prefer do it based on case studies or theme.
- **No tools exist** to help them doing it efficiently.

What Sustainable Project Database can offer:

- A **database** categorized by different themes or by universities (operation on campus, social well-being, green economic, research, teaching, students involvement) and described according to different criteria (finance, time, catalyst element, difficulties, results,...)
- **Partners:** *U. of Zagreb, U. of Lausanne and UGAF Core Group*
- **Next steps:**
 - Present the tool during the FUB workshop in March 2015
 - Use case studies from the UGAF core group
 - Invite other institutions to participate



- UGAF exchange of administrators

ULB to UNIL and UNIL to ULB in 2013

Nothing planned in 2014

- Participation of UGAF in the Green Gown Award

After Brussels workshop, UGAF representatives were invited to participate in the selection committee of the *Green Gown Award UK 2014*

Participation of some UGAF universities in the French speaking Green Gown Award



6. UNICA Secretariat

- > Collection and edition of news from UGAF universities:
 - News and Events
 - Green practices
 - Information on student activities
 - Library with documents on environmental sustainability
 - Green corners map

- > UGAF Newsletter: "You've got UGAF mail"

- > Community through: UGAF LinkedIn Group



6. UNICA Secretariat

- > Responsibility of the Website
 - News from partner universities:
 - Green practices,
 - Activity reports,
 - Map of green spaces found in the UGAF campuses
 - News from other networks dealing with sustainability
 - EU projects related to sustainability
 - UGAF library: documents on the topic of environmental sustainability

- > www.ugaf.eu

