

Tasks

When welcoming this first workshop prorektor of UiO and member of steering board at UNICA, Inga Bostad presented three specific tasks for the workshop:

1. Make a map of the process towards establishing the UNICA Green Academic Footprint,
2. Describe main elements and milestones and how to get there.
3. Establish a Working Group

Outcome

The outcome of 2 days Unica GAF workshop is summarized as below:

1. Establish a working group (WG) within UNICA members to explore opportunities and work on environmental sustainability at the universities with regards to Education, Research, Outreach and Operation. DONE.
2. Give input regarding environmental sustainability and the specific role of universities to EU Green Paper on Innovation. DONE
3. Unica will encourage the members to sign COPERNICUS Charter as environmental sustainability declaration. (Responsible: Stavros/Steering Group)
4. Prepare a proposal recommending WG mandates. Responsible: WG
1. Suggest UNICA Green Academic Footprint Policy to submit to UNICA steering committee by 15th September 2011. Responsible: WG
2. The Unica GAF Policy to be stated at General Assembly in November. Responsible: Steering Board.
3. A series of activities has been suggested to be explored by Feb 2011:
 - a. Students' Idea Competition
 - b. Green Passport Competition
 - c. Green Campus
 - d. UNICA Mayors combined initiative
4. 2nd Unica GAF workshop to be taken place in Lausanne 2012.
5. At General Assembly 2012 UNICA Green Academic Footprint will be launched together with some joint projects and initiatives.

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Working Group

A Working Group was established to bring the process forward towards establishing the UNICA Green Academic Footprint – UGAF-WG. We agreed on aiming for getting support for the work of the UGAF-WG from UiO for processual work (human resources to prepare for, arrange and sum up meetings and events) and from the UNICA secretariat for communication and visibility and engaging all of UNICA. (Human resources to prepare for and handle communication, Technological/Web based resources to help creating electronic project forum, making visible on web examples of events, projects and results /blog)

Excerpt from the [original invitation](#)

UNICA Green Academic Footprint aims at:

- creating a pathway for Universities wanting to become greener,
- increasing the Universities' positive environmental impact within research and education,
- establishing a set of tools to address the global challenges when it comes to environmental sustainability
- reducing the negative environmental impact related to universities' operation and infrastructure

We will need:

1. "We Will": a clear commitment from the universities who want to share the work of establishing the UNICA Green Academic Footprint.
2. "We Will Support": to create a Reference Group consisting of Rectors/Vice-Rectors of these universities
3. "We Can Show You How To": a Working Group to do the work of suggesting and describing what to do and how to do it. People knowing what it takes for a university to Improve its environmental sustainability.
4. " We Will Help": UNICA Secretariat, the Working Group and the Reference Group to systematize and disseminate the documentation made.

The following people committed themselves to take part in this work and join the working group.

1. Jorulf Brøvig Silde, University of Oslo
2. Márcia Vila, Lisbon University
3. Mikhel Kangur, Tallinn University
4. Antoinette Charon, Lausanne university
5. Alexandra Demoustiez, Brussels University

Initial steps

1. The UNICA Secretariat provides a working space on web.
2. The UNICA Secretariat finds a suitable person to support the working group.
3. First meeting in Working Group to be held before June 20. Responsible: Jorulf Brøvig Silde.
4. Establishing a reference group of Rectors/Presidents/Vice chancellors from the universities participating in the Working Group.

The workshop also recommended Unica Secretariat to provide for interactive communication possibilities on web. In addition to that, it has been requested from Unica Secretariat to put a direct link to all GAF related documents and program. And set up an events and examples page/blog.

UNICA secretariat is encouraged to recruit students into the initiative in a form of internship to work with the Secretariat and the Working Group.



Timetable

and milestones towards establishing Unica Green Academic Footprint

