



Our Environmental Strategy

De Vrije Universiteit Brussel considers sustainable development as a core aim for all its activities

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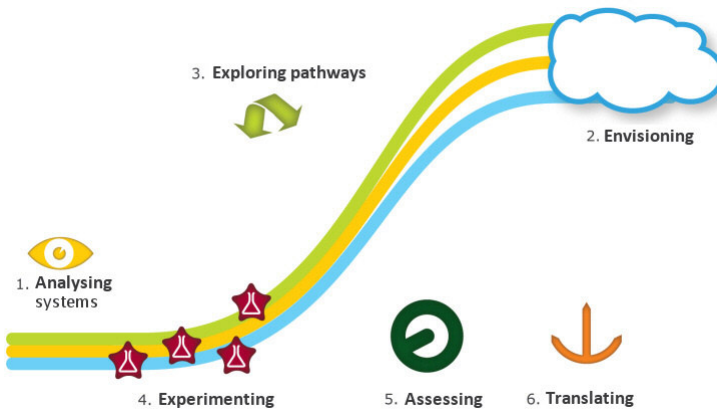
- ° ULB 1834, °VUB 1969
- Dutch speaking university in Brussels
- Brussels University Alliance
- 3000 staff members, 12500 students (2012-2013)
- Campus Etterbeek, campus Jette, campus Kaai
- 8 faculties



A vision for sustainable development

- Our environmental strategy is part of a **broader sustainability vision** and 23 strategic goals.
- The vision=1 page text which gives a broad idea on our challenges towards a more sustainable university
- Strategic goals=more detailed listing of 23 sustainability goals
 - I General principles
 - II Sustainable development in education and research
 - III Ecological integrity (7 goals)
 - IV Reinforcing the social fabric and wellbeing of staff and students
 - V Financial health and social corporate responsibility
- Action plans 2012-2013: ad hoc
- Test of a new method to translate our vision: roadmaps

A vision for sustainable development



https://www.vito.be/EN/HomepageAdmin/Home/WetenschappelijkOnderzoek/TransitieEnergieEnMilieu/Pages/transitie_raamwerk.aspx

Who's in charge?

- Our board approved vision and strategy and installed a steering group to implement our vision in 2011
- The steering group supervises the implementation of the vision and meets 2-3 times/years, our president is Prof. Dr. Em. Jean-Pierre De Greve.
- Members: academic staff with research interest in sustainability, workers unions, environmental office, VUB-based ngo, student representatives...
- 3 sustainability reports since 2011, reporting on sustainability indicators (energy, water, use of public transport and number of cyclists, paper consumption...) and achievements
- Communication via the environmental office webpage:
www.vub.ac.be/MICO

Who's in charge?

- Day-to-day work: the environmental office
How many people (full-time equivalent) do you have?

- Environmental office:
 - Biosafety: 0,5 FTE
 - Environmental co-ordinator: 0,5 FTE
 - Environmental and mobility manager: 1 FTE
 - Support staff: 1 FTE
 (For 3000 staff members and 12500 students (2012-2013))

+ project

Competences on Sustainability Education:
Vice-Rector of Education, 1 VTE (9 months)



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Student involvement: formal

- **5. Do you involve your students in environmental initiatives?**
SG 7: integrating sustainable development in academic curricula
+vision on education (2012): Students are engaged in a sustainable humanistic society.

Individual projects of faculties:

Engineering: Shell eco-marathon

Pedagogy: focus on multi-lingual, multi-cultural context of teaching in B

'Wetenschapswinkel'-'The Science Shop' assists non-profit organizations to transform a social issue into a research query. Students conduct the research, guided by experienced researchers.



Project: Competences for Sustainable Development in VUB Education

- Competences (interdisciplinary, holistic, inter-intragenerational aspects)
- Didactics: interaction, participation, action research...
- Evaluation: peer assessment,....



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Student involvement: informal

- 5. Do you involve your students in environmental initiatives?

SG 6: Enhancing transparency and enabling active participation from the academic community

Informal education:

Past: Student working groups on sustainability- ad hoc, support by Environmental office or EcoTeam; UCOS-initiatives (North-South themes)

Since 2013: a 3 years budget is allocated for financial support, the environmental office supports on project management, student affairs for communication...a formal project, 6 eligible projects since May 2013

•2 Green Weeks:

- 11/2013 Climate Change & intergenerational solidarity (COP Warschau)
- Next week: bees, biodiversity and food

- Greening the campus
- Upcycling event
- Fair Trade University
- A new destination for the student housing



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Student involvement: informal

What seems to work?

- Low threshold
- Short term engagement: on project base => project groups
- Short deadlines
- Little administration
- Call (11/2013) with a contest
- Use of their means of communication for project work: social media
- VUB-website, email...for the university community



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GROENE WEEKEN

31 MAART - 4 APRIL
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AANLEG BLOEMENWEGE OP DE CAMPUS
exacte plaats en dag zie facebook

<p>MAANDAG 31/03</p> <p>DINSDAG 01/04</p> <p>WOENSDAG 02/04</p> <p>DONSDAG 03/04</p>	<p>DOCUMENTAIRE "Queen of the Sun: what are the bees telling us?" 19u, lokaal G1022</p> <p>FREED THE 5000 Fill bottles, not bins 12.00u - 16.00u, Grasmarkt Brussel</p> <p>APERITIF IN DE TUINEN VAN ETTERBEEK Aperitif met rondleiding over bijen, permacultuur... 18.00u, Nieuwelaan, ingang tussen nr 171 en 173</p> <p>ZOEKEN MET BLOEMEN (gratis) bloemenzaad, info en Fair Trade honing 11.45u - 13.30u Esplanade</p> <p>LEZING door prof. Dr. Angenon: "Introduce in ggo's" 14.00u - 15.30u, lokaal zie facebook</p> <p>DOCUMENTAIRE + DEBAT "Dumbster Diving", over voedselverspilling en alternatieven 19.00u, lokaal D008</p>
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