



# Evaluation of the UNICA - Sustainability Survey



UNICA General Assembly & Seminar  
Eötvös Loránd University Budapest  
16–17 November 2017



# Agenda

## **UNICA Green**

- Mission, members & key activities

## **UNICA Sustainability Survey**

- Questions & outcomes

## **UNICA Sustainability Map**



# UNICA Green

- Founded by UNICA student conference in Rome 2010
- Set in motion by the University of Oslo in 2011

## *Mission*

- *We pledge to become greener*
- *To promote, implement and enhance the capabilities of universities with regard to environmental sustainability in every aspect of work at universities*



# UNICA Green Members

**Freie Universität Berlin**

**Vrije Universiteit Brussel**

**Tor Vergata University Rome**

**Tallinn University**

**Université Libre de Bruxelles**

**Université de Lausanne**

**Universidade de Lisboa**

**University of Oslo**

**University of Zagreb**

Affiliated Members:

**University of Gothenburg**

**Università degli Studi Genova**

# Topics of Annual Workshops

2011 – University of Oslo

**Universities Committed and Connected Towards Environmental Sustainability**

2012 – Université de Lausanne

**Campus as Living Laboratory for Environmental Sustainability**

2013 – Universidade de Lisboa

**University-City Cooperation for Environmental Sustainability**

2014 – Université Libre de Bruxelles

**From strategic tools to Environmental Management Systems: How to strengthen the sustainability policy of your University?**

2015 – Freie Universität Berlin

**Sustainability at Universities: How to combine management and participation?**

2016 – Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata

**Towards Carbon-Neutral Universities**

2017 – Tallinn University

**Learning Interfaces for Sustainable Development of Higher Education**

# 8<sup>th</sup> UNICA Green Workshop 2018

**Vrije Universiteit Brussel**

***Implementation of SDGs in Higher Education***

**21-23 March 2018**

# UNICA Sustainability Survey

- Survey was distributed to all UNICA members
- 10 questions were designed to better understand the scope of sustainability management within member universities
- Questions concern...
  - governance aspects of sustainability management (mission statement, management and reporting systems, duties & responsibilities)
  - key activities (research, teaching, transfer, campus)
  - best practice examples & potential benefits for UNICA members
  - memberships in other international networks
  - communication & participatory strategies

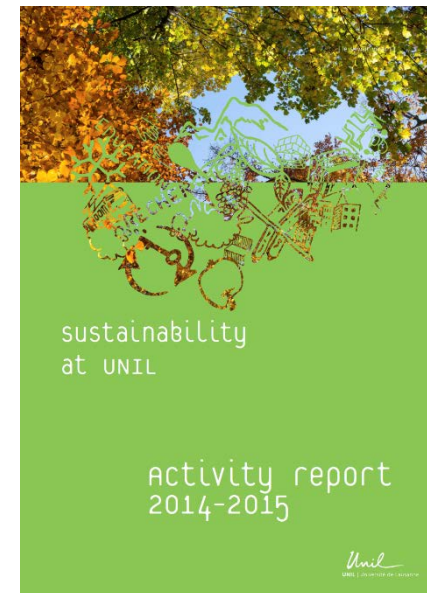
# Who responded to the UNICA Sustainability Survey?

- Members of Sustainability Unit (10)
- Professors (5)
- Management Board (4)
- Members of facility management or communication team (4)



**80% of respondents have a mission statement regarding its strategy for sustainability or environmental protection**

# Two thirds of respondents are publishing **Sustainability Reports**



# Certificated management and reporting systems play an **important role**



The  
SUSTAINABILITY  
Code



Performance,  
Credibility,  
Transparency



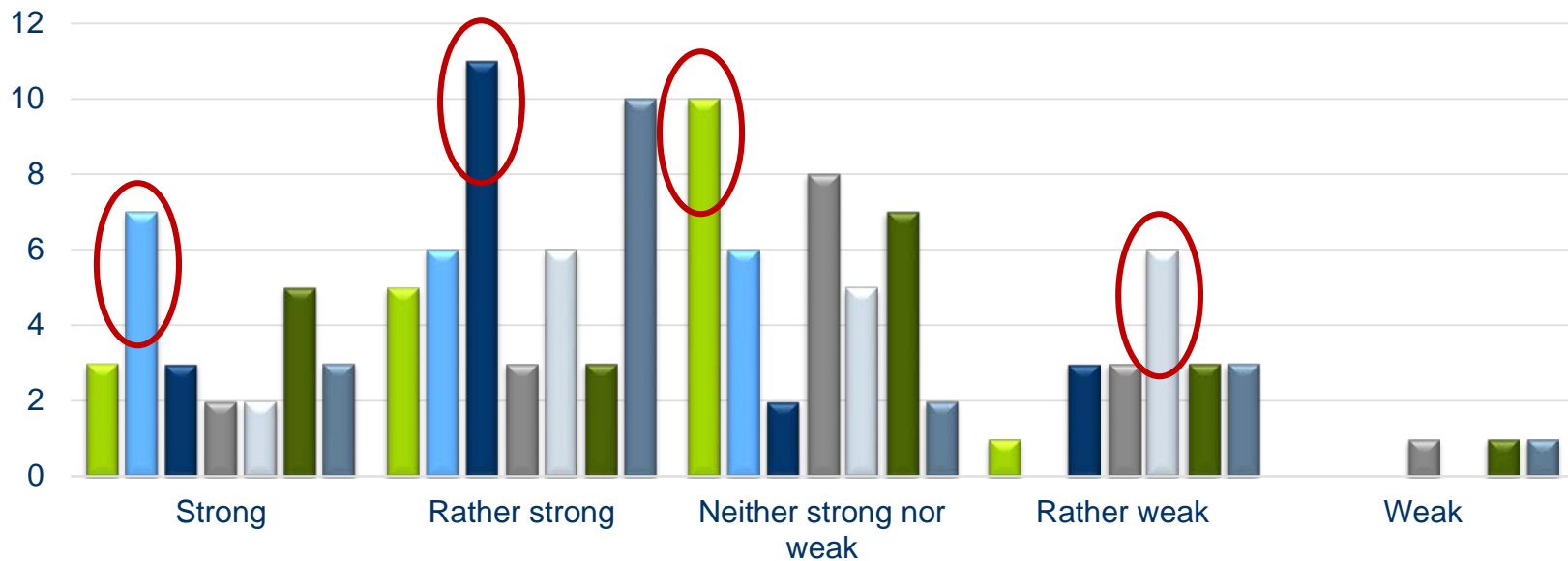
**ISCN**  
International Sustainable Campus Network

Two thirds of respondents  
have a **designated unit**  
for sustainability  
management

# Representing Sustainability: The Outcome

Respondents indicated that sustainability in research and sustainability on campus are well represented. Sustainability in teaching is neither strong nor weak as well as in international networking, and outreach activities are considered as rather weak represented.

## Question 8: To which degree do you see the topic of sustainability represented in the following structures of your university?



- Neither strong nor weak ■ Sustainability in teaching
- Strong ■ Sustainability in research
- Rather strong ■ Sustainability in campus management
- Cooperation between the areas teaching, research and campus management
- Rather weak ■ Outreach activities
- International networking
- Regional and national networking

# Where do respondents implement sustainability?

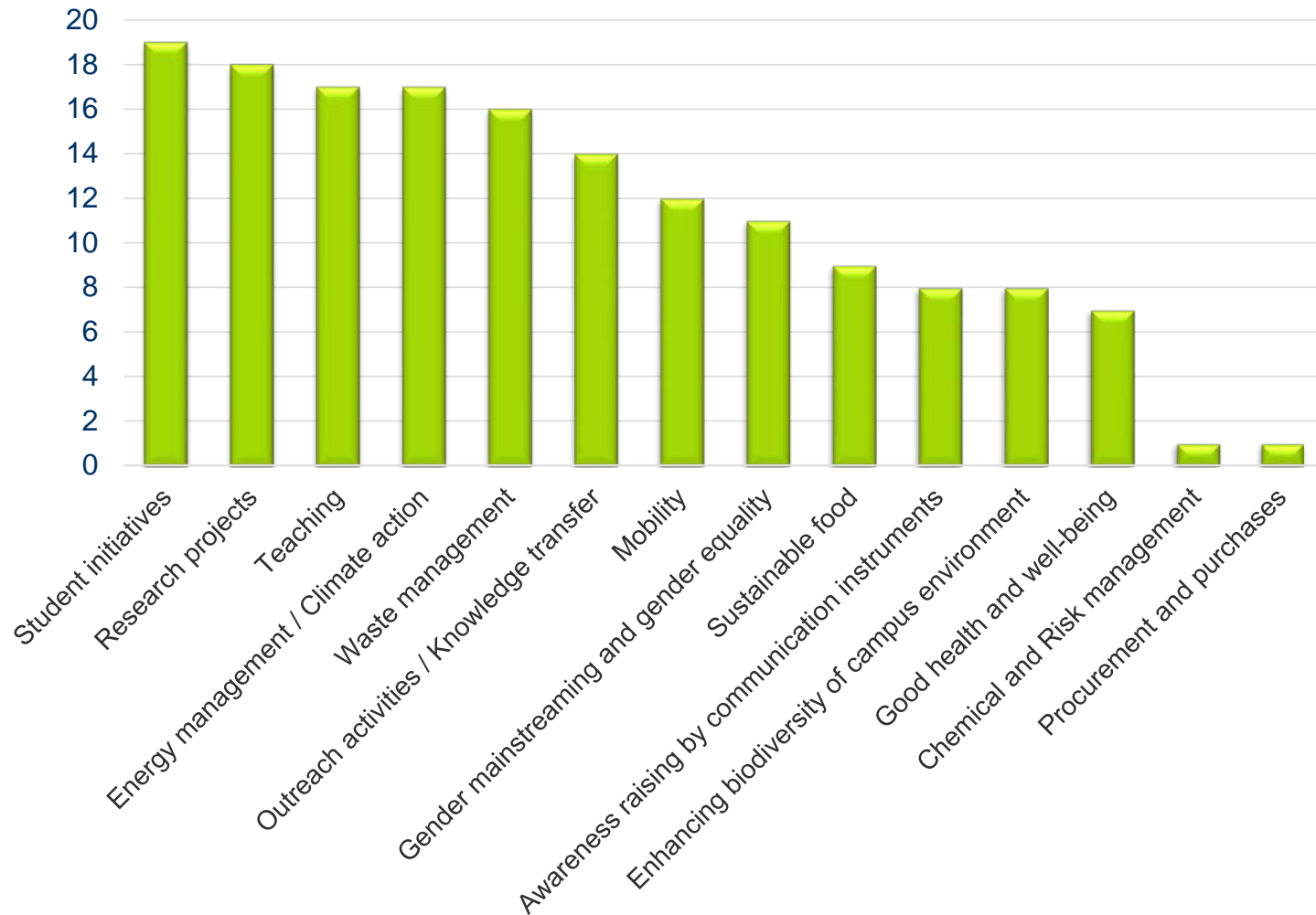
**Student  
Initiatives**

**Outreach Activities  
Mobility  
Gender Equality**

**Research Projects  
Teaching  
Energy Management  
Waste Management**

**Enhancing Biodiversity  
Sustainable Food  
Communication campaigns  
Good health and well-being**

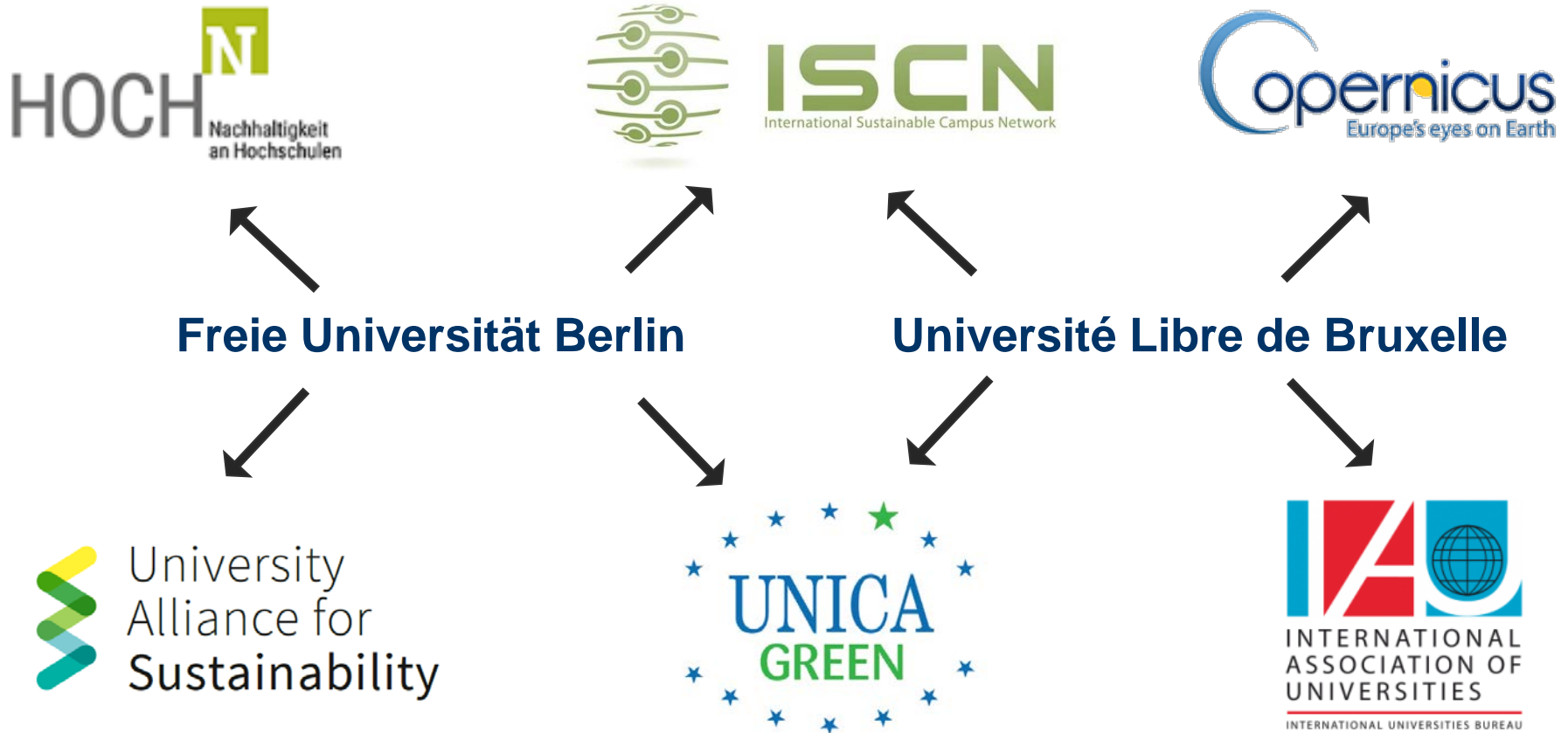
## Question 6: What are key areas regarding the implementation of sustainability at your university?





# Sustainability Networks

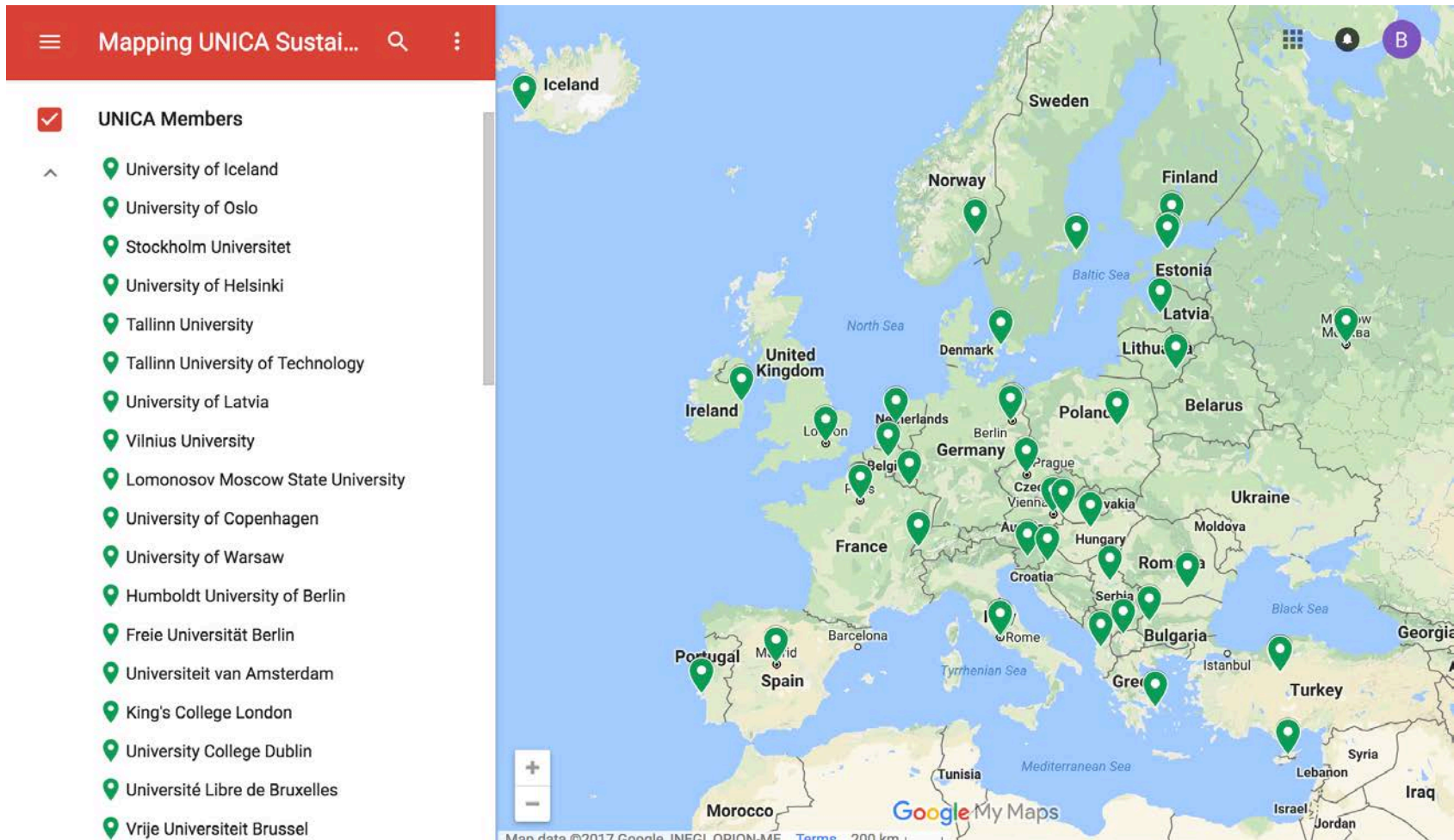
## UNICA members are well connected



# Conclusion

- Transparency concerning key activities creates new opportunities for UNICA members to benefit from each other
- Amongst other key areas the implementation for sustainability varies, and focuses on student initiatives, research projects, and teaching
- Structural and procedural heterogeneity amongst respondents shows a broad range of pathways to achieving sustainability

# Mapping Sustainability at UNICA Members



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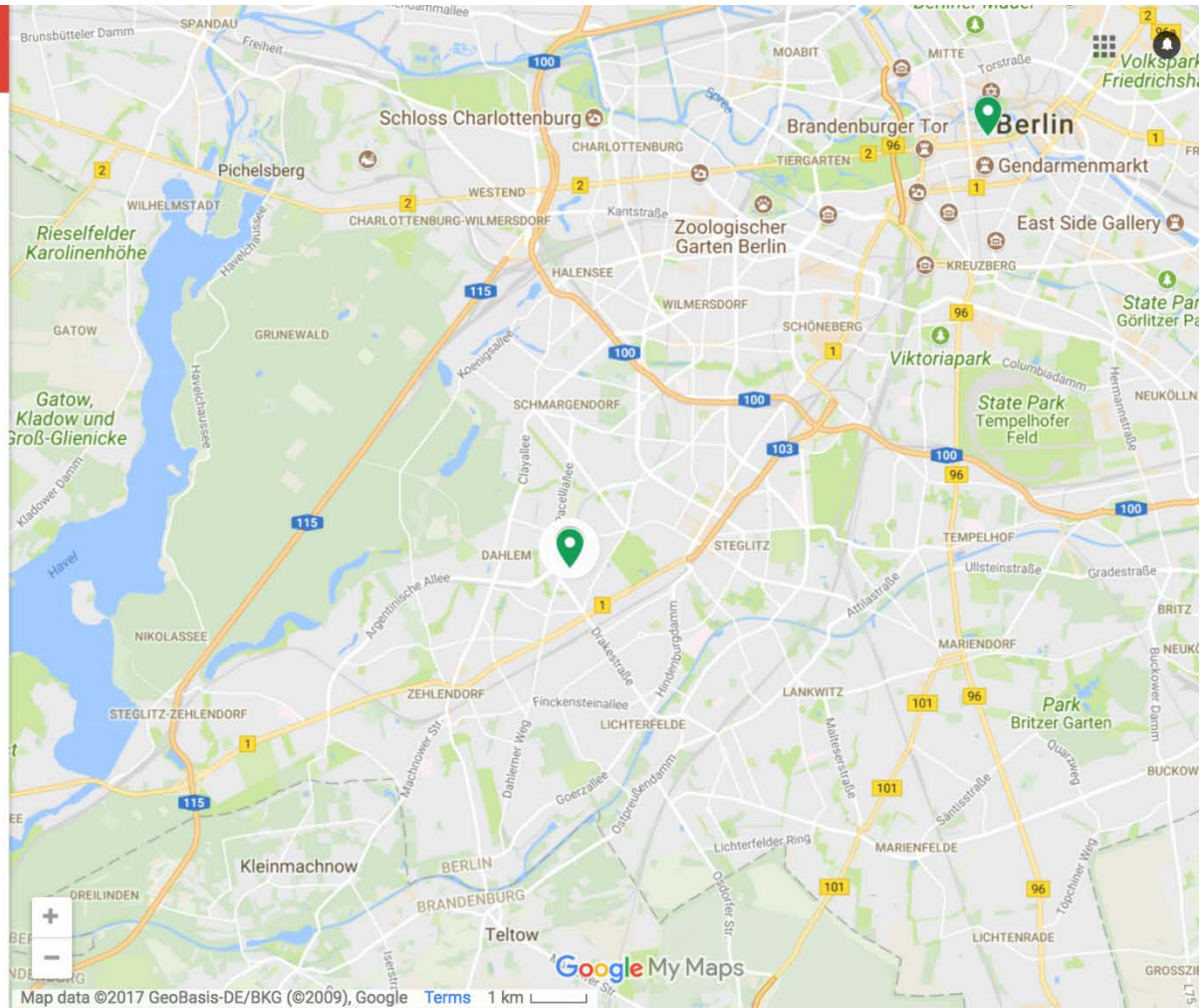
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Governance  
Sustainability and Energy Management Unit, Executive Board of Freie Universität <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/nachhaltigkeit/index.html>

Key Activities  
Energy and Climate Protection ([http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/01\\_ueberuns/Aufgaben/index.html#faq\\_01\\_energieklimaschutz](http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/01_ueberuns/Aufgaben/index.html#faq_01_energieklimaschutz)),  
Environment ([http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/03\\_umweltbiodiversitaet/3\\_0\\_wassermanagement/index.html](http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/03_umweltbiodiversitaet/3_0_wassermanagement/index.html)),  
Waste Management ([http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/04\\_abfallentsorgung/index.html](http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/04_abfallentsorgung/index.html)),  
Communication and Networks ([http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/01\\_ueberuns/Netzwerke/index.html](http://www.fu-berlin.de/sites/nachhaltigkeit/01_ueberuns/Netzwerke/index.html))

Other Sustainability Networks  
ISCN, HochN-Projekt (national network)  
**University Alliance for Sustainability**



# Thank you very much!



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