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Brussels Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus in Etterbeek





Welcome

Welcome to the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the 8th UNICA GREEN Workshop!

The Sustainability Core Group VUB is excited to host the 8th UNICA GREEN Workshop and welcomes 72 guests and contributors from 33 different institutions in 14 countries. This three-day workshop focuses on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Higher Education.

In 2015, the United Nations and its member countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. The 17 SDGs and its 169 targets demonstrate the scale and ambition of this new universal Agenda. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.

Although the SDGs are commonly known and accepted as general framework for tackling worldwide economic, social and environmental issues, still a lot of organisations, including higher education institutions, are struggling to implement this framework in its policies, decision making and education.

This 8th UNICA GREEN Workshop aims to identify and tackle these struggles. Prominent keynote speakers will shed their light on the strategic implementation of the SDGs in higher education institutions (HEI), the role of HEI to reach the global goals and a critical perspective on the SDG-framework. Interactive workshops will focus on the use of SDGs for sustainable policy development, the integration of SDGs in education and partnerships to achieve the global goals, combined with inspiring best practices from colleagues.

This interactive 3-day workshop allows to exchange inspiring cases, share struggles and meet fellow sustainability colleagues.

We look forward to meeting you in Brussels,

The Sustainability Core Group VUB





Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) originated from the French speaking Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), that was founded in 1834 by a Brussels' lawyer, Pierre-Théodore Verhaegen. It was his intention to create a university independent of church and state at which academic freedom would roam.

The law of May 28th, 1970 legally confirmed the administrative, legal and scientific division of the old university into a Dutch speaking (VUB) university and French speaking (ULB) university. Today, the sister universities VUB and ULB work in close relationship with each other and launch joint initiatives in education and research.



Construction of building M on campus Etterbeek

VUB is the only university of the Flemish Community education that has the principles of 'Free Inquiry' written into its articles of association. These principles are based on the writings of French mathematician and natural philosopher Henri Poincaré (1854-1912): 'Thinking must never submit itself'. Today, it is still our basic philosophy.

The VUB is a dynamic and modern university with four campuses in the Brussels Capital Region: the main campus in Etterbeek is home to seven faculties. In Jette you can find the medical campus and the University Hospital. In addition, it has two more campuses, one focused on technology in Anderlecht and one on photonics in Gooik.

The Vrije Universiteit Brussel is the largest Dutch-speaking employer in the Brussels Region. Centrally situated in the capital of Europe, our university takes up its role as an ambassador of active pluralism and open mindedness. High quality education and research are central issues. Our research teams are internationally recognised in many disciplines of fundamental and applied research.

We offer a quality education to more than 15,800 students (21.5% of these are international students, covering some 128 nationalities). Add to that the 5,000 students of our partner, the Erasmus Hogeschool Brussels; the 400 students at the English-speaking Vesalius College; the 5,000 students at the Centre for Adult Education that shares our campus, and the more than 150 research teams working on our campuses, and you get one of the biggest centres of knowledge in the capital of Europe.





Contributors to the 8th UNICA GREEN Workshop

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

Opening of the 8th UNICA GREEN Workshop

Vice rector International Policy VUB & member of the UNICA Steering Committee

Prof. Dr. Sonja Snacken, VUB Prof. dr Sonja Snacken is Vice Rector International Relations and Professor of Criminology, Penology and Sociology of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), where she held a 'Research Fellowship' (2006-2016). She has master degrees in law and criminology and a PhD in criminology. Her research focuses on penality in Belgium and Europe, including sentencing and implementation of custodial and non-custodial sanctions and measures. She has been involved in over 40 research projects, at a European, national and local level, with special emphasis on the integration of an empirical social scientist approach with human rights concerns. Her interest has recently broadened to other forms of (extreme) institutional dependency. She is currently supervising PhDs on topics such as: the changing position of prison governors, open reception centres for asylum seekers, elderly prisoners, euthanasia requests by prisoners, community reintegration of former prisoners, the impact of legislation on relations of extreme dependency in prisons and health care institutions, the pathways of prisoners without legal permit of residence, etc.

Prof. Dr. Cathy Macharis, VUB Prof. Dr. Cathy Macharis is Full Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. She is leading the research group MOBI – (Mobility, Logistics and Automotive Technology) is an interdisciplinary group focusing on sustainable logistics, electric and hybrid vehicles and urban mobility. Her research focuses on how to make the mobility system more sustainable. She has been involved in several regional, national and European research projects dealing with topics such as the implementation of innovative concepts for city distribution, assessment of policy measures in the field of logistics and sustainable mobility, development of a multi actor multi criteria analysis framework, etc. She published several books and wrote more than 100 papers. She is the chairwoman of Brussels Mobility Commission and Chairwoman of the Sustainability Commission at the VUB.





Session 1: Introduction to the SDGs

Chair: Rebecca Lefevere, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Peter Wollaert, CIFAL Flanders	Peter Wollaert (Belgium - Ghent, °1968) calls himself a 'social business entrepreneur' and has been involved in international development cooperation, sustainable development, social economy, business ethics, corporate social responsibility and social business for more than 25 years. Since March 2013 Wollaert is Managing Director of CIFAL Flanders, an Antwerp-based UNITAR affiliated International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders. CIFAL Flanders is one of the 16 training centres of the CIFAL Global Network and UNITAR, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in Geneva. www.cifal-flanders.org In October 2013 he was appointed 'Associated Fellow' of UNITAR in Geneva. www.unitar.org. He combines theoretical knowledge with broad practical experience and likes to give himself free rein as a critical, engaged and impassioned speaker.
Dr. Bieke Abelshausen, VUB	Bieke Abelshausen studied Human Ecology and obtained a PhD in Educational Sciences (dissertation: "Contextualizing Integrated Coastal Zone Management: The nature of Social Ecological Systems"). Her research focuses on issues of sustainability and sustainable development with a specific emphasis on participation and knowledge-sharing in sustainable transitions.
Dr. Pieter Meurs, VUB	Pieter Meurs studied Educational Sciences and Philosophy and obtained a PhD in Philosophy (dissertation: The myths of globalisation: thinking the limits of world-forming). He is a postdoctoral researcher at the department of Educational Sciences of the VUB and is a guest-lecturer in the Master in Education and Research for Sustainable Development at the Anton de Kom University of Paramaribo Suriname.
Rebecca Lefevere, VUB	Rebecca Lefevere studied Earth Sciences and environmental management and started her career as a geologist in soil remediation. She turned her passion into a career when switching to the NGO sector and working on Education on Sustainable Development. Projects on ESD at the VUB brought her to her current position as sustainability coordinator of the VUB, with a job focus on environmental sustainability and sustainability policy.





Thursday, 22 March 2018 Opening 2nd day of the UNICA GREEN Workshop

Prof. Dr. Caroline Pauwels, VUB Prof. dr. Caroline Pauwels is the rector of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. She studied philosophy and communication sciences, and is a member of the communication sciences department since 1989, that she presided for the last years. She promoted in 1995 with a dissertation on the audiovisual policy of the European Union. From 2000 to 2016, rector Pauwels directed the research center SMIT, that specializes in information and communication technologies, and that became part of iMinds (now IMEC) in 2004. Within iMinds, rector Pauwels was head of the Digital Society Department that unites research groups from the universities of Ghent, Leuven and Brussels. From 2012 to 2014, the University of Ghent awarded her the Francqui Chair. In addition, she was/is a member of several boards of directors, functioned as government commissioner for the VRT and is a member of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts.

Session 2: SDGs and their implementation in sustainable management policy Chair: Prof. Dr. Cathy Macharis, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Andreas Wanke, FU Berlin Head of the Sustainability and Energy Management Unit, Freie Universität Berlin Andreas Wanke, born in 1961, worked from 1990-2001 as a political scientist at the Environmental Research Centre (Forschungszentrum für Umweltpolitik) at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of Freie Universität Berlin focusing on consultation projects in the field of energy and environmental management. Since 2001 he has been working as the coordinator for energy and environmental management in the university administration. In that capacity he was e.g. responsible for the development and implementation of annual energy efficiency programs, the establishment of environmental teams in the scientific departments and the design of a university-wide bonus scheme for energy conservation which gives the scientific departments financial incentives to save energy. Since 2015 he is head of the Sustainability and Energy Management Unit, which manages and implements the university's commitment to sustainability in research, teaching and campusmanagement. The unit is assigned directly to the Executive Board of Freie Universität Berlin.

Debrabandere Kristof, Sustenuto Kristof Debrabandere is a senior sustainability coach at Sustenuto, advising organisations on the strategic integration of sustainability in their core activities. He is passionate about integrating corporate responsibility in organisation's strategies that benefit both society and the organisation's top & bottom-line, now and in the future.

He has extensive innovation and business development experience in the chemical industry: he has worked and lived in Belgium, UK and Mexico. In addition, he has worked with the environmental NGO Bond Beter Leefmilieu as policy advisor on sustainable materials management. Subsequently, he has worked as group sustainability manager at Tessenderlo Group and as head of CSR at Elia.





He is currently also chairman of Rikolto (Vredeseilanden) Belgium, an NGO that focusses on the global agriculture and food systems, with special attention being given to the role of smallholder farmers.

Kristof is an industrial engineer in chemistry, with a Master and PhD in polymer technology.

Ullika Lundgren, Gothenburg University

Sustainability Controller at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden and Environmental Coordinator at the Faculty of Science. As a Sustainability Controller, she works mainly with strategic and overall environmental management and sustainability issues at the university. The University of Gothenburg has an environmental management system (EMS) certified according to ISO 14001 and EMAS. At faculty level she is responsible for the maintenance, development and optimization of the EMS. Ullika is also responsible for national and international interaction on environmental management and sustainable development in higher education institutions. This includes close interaction with Swedish, Nordic, European and international networks in different projects regarding sustainability at HEIs.

Jorulf Brovig Silde, University of Oslo

Jorulf Brovig Silde is a founder of UNICA Green and a cofounder of the Nordic Sustainable Campus Network. He has extensive experience working with environmental sustainability and governance in different organisations. The last few years he has been environmental manager focusing on estate operations, projects and strategy at University of Oslo.

Maarten Ipers, VUB

Maarten is sustainability co-worker at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and member of the Sustainability Core Group VUB. After obtaining his economics degree at the KULeuven he was, amongst others, world cyclist and working at CIFAL Flanders, a UNITAR affiliated International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders on Peace, Human Rights and Sustainable Development.

Session 3: SDGs and their implementation in education Chair: Lisa Wouters, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Lisa Wouters, VUB

After studying art history & archaeology at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel Lisa (°1982) jumped into the world of gender and diversity studies at the University of Antwerp and the University of Utrecht. She worked in the NGO-sector for several years, coordinating the Belgian network for gender studies amongst other things. In 2013 she turned back to her alma mater to take up two projects: writing a gender action plan and stimulating sustainability in education. Since 2015 Lisa is policy officer gender, diversity and sustainability at the VUB, combining policy work with activism.

Delphine Douçot, Université de Lausanne

Delphine Douçot is since April 2012 the sustainability deputy of University of Lausanne (UNIL). Holder of Environmental engineering diploma since 2008, she worked in environmental and sustainability consulting companies and in environmental NGO in India. In UNIL, she works for the Rectorate and is in charge of promoting sustainability in the field of teaching, research and in campus operation.





Linde Moriau, VUB	Linde Moriau (VUB) is staff member and student monitor for the interdisciplinary course 'Redelijk Eigenzinnig / Reason and Engage'. She coordinates an interfacultary Service Learning project that seeks to develop a university-wide Service Learning program for the VUB. Linde holds a MSc in Biology and is trained in intercultural communication.
Alexandra Demoustiez, ULB	Alexandra Demoustiez is director of the Environment and Mobility Service of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (SEM-ULB). This department defines and implements the sustainability policy of the ULB (i.e. reduction of the ecological footprint of the three campuses, as much as supporting and reinforcing sustainability in teaching and research). She holds a Master degree in economics and management, as well as in environment. After 18 years in the private sector, and convinced by environmental concerns, in 2009 she operated a U-turn in her career choosing to dedicate her energy, diplomacy and determination to implement and manage the sustainability policy of the ULB, a challenging and fascinating work!
Prof. Dr. Wouter Achten, ULB	Wouter Achten has a background as bioscience engineer and is Professor Environmental Management at the Institute for Environmental Management and Land-Use Planning (IGEAT) at the Université libre de Bruxelles. Currently Wouter is also program director of the Master in Environmental Sciences and Management of the Faculty of Sciences.
Dr.Emilie Mutombo, ULB	Emilie Mutombo is in charge of the "Sustainability & Teaching" project at the Environment and Mobility Service (SEM-ULB). She is trained in political sciences and environmental management. She has been hired as a researcher since 2006 at the Environmental Management and Land Use Planning Institute of ULB. She has been lecturer assistant of the Science and Environmental Management Master during 6 years and presented her doctoral thesis in 2015.





Friday, 23 March 2018

Session 4: SDGs and the importance of community engagement Chair: Delphine Douçot, Université de Lausanne

Tim STRASSER, Rootability	Tim Strasser gives workshops to established Green Office teams and initiatives seeking to launch Green Offices. Tim is also busy collaborating with rootAbility's partner networks on supporting student engagement for sustainability.		
Anselm GRAHL, Rootability	Anselm Grahl supports and connects established Green Office teams through peer learning calls, a shared cloud, forum and email updates as part of the Learning, Exchange and Action Programme. Anselm also co-organises the European Green Office Summit 2018.		
Bram CLEYS, University Center for Development Cooperation	Bram Cleys is education officer at UCOS (University Centre for Development Cooperation) where he is in charge of the project CHanGE. With the 'Campaign on sexual Health and Gender Equality' students are trained to campaign for gender equality and sexual and reproductive rights. In the past, Bram Cleys has managed similar student projects around the United Nations climate change negotiations and an exchange project with students from China and Congo.		
Jo KEMP, NUS	Jo manages Green Impact for the NUS, working with staff and students to constantly evolve the programme across our existing and potential educational and community organisations. Jo heads up the team to help deliver Green Impact in line with NUS's wider strategy and aims for students' unions to become hubs for sustainability within their institutions and communities. Before joining NUS in 2011, Jo spent 3 years leading the education sector work at Change Agents UK. She recently took a year out from NUS's sustainability work to deliver the national engagement project 'Discovering Britain' at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), where she devised, trialled and published geographical walks across the UK.		
Anne SPIRA, Rootability	Anne supports established Green Office and Sustainability teams in Belgium and the Netherlands with the delivery of Green Impact - a change and engagement programme to motivate staff and students to act on sustainability across the university.		
GreenTeam, VUB	Sophie, Sofie, Vicky, Eva, Younes and Leendert are our GreenTeam students. The GreenTeamVUB is the VUB's Green Office and their mission is to translate the strategic sustainability goals in concrete actions. There are the right hands of the Sustainability Core Group and have built a nice portfolio of projects since their start in 2014: zero waste weeks, a food assembly, a flower meadow and insect hotel and their main project: the Green Impact Program which is a toolkit for staff and students towards sustainable day-to-day work and life at the VUB.		





Closing of the UNICA GREEN Workshop Benoit Frund, Université de Laussane

Vice-Rector for Sustainability & Campus

Benoît FRUND, Université de Lausanne Benoît Frund graduated from the University of Lausanne as a geographer in 1999. Even before obtaining his degree he began his professional career with an SME active in geo-informatics and development aid, becoming its director after two years. He then completed his education with various courses in business administration and management. At the beginning of 2004 he returned to the UNIL as Deputy Administrative Director. Among the tasks assigned to him, he was responsible for leading a project to reorganise maintenance services which resulted in the creation of the Unibat service, which he headed from June 2006 to August 2011. He was in charge of the development of the sustainability policy of UNIL. In September 2011, he joined the Rectorate as Vice-Rector in charge of "Sustainability and Campus" and the sustainable policy was integrated to the strategic plan of the institution. UNIL's ambitious strategy covers not just infrastructure but also teaching and research, and involves putting sustainability at the very heart of its concerns. Benoît Frund is carrying out his second five-year term of office with the same responsibility within the Rectorate of UNIL.



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Social programme and background information

Note: We will travel in group by public transport to the social program venues. Tickets will be provided when leaving for the social program at Thursday.

Guided tour in Molenbeek

Brukselbinnenstebuiten is a non-profit association that helps to look at and understand Brussels, by walks, bus tours or tours with public transportation. The name means 'Brussels turned inside out'. The **walking tour in Molenbeek** aims to show the real Molenbeek, different from the internationally portrayed no-go zone. This Brukselwalk tells the story of 19th-century industrial glory, migration, gentrification, social housing, district operations and public spaces.



La fonderie in Molenbeek

Walking tour on campus Etterbeek

The Vrije Universiteit Brussel recently opened its **renovated swimming pool**, after a total and drastic renovation. The pool is not only for academic purposes by students and staff, but also for schools, clubs and the community. In the Brussels region there is an acute shortage of places to swim. With this new pool we invest in the social fabric of the neighbourhood, the city and the campus. The VUB pool is the most sustainable one in the region. Due to the compact construction of the building with maximum thermal insulation, maximal air tightness and heat and rinse water recuperation as well as energy production through thermal cogeneration it reaches high energy efficiency standards. In spring the green roof will be fully planted. At the end of 2016, the swimming pool project was named one of the ten exemplary buildings in Brussels by Be.exemplary of the Brussels Capital Region.

The tour will be guided by Dirk Van De Wiele, Head of Sporting Facilities and Sven De Bruyn, Project Engineer of the renovation project.





Renaat Braem, architect of the **rectorate building** of the VUB, gave with the architecture and exceptional character expression to the values and standards for which the Vrije Universiteit Brussel stands. The building is classified as a landmark. The ellipse form was chosen as a shape with two centers and therefor contains a dynamic within. It symbolizes rejection of dogma and a heliocentric worldview. The impressive spiral picture in red brick and breathtaking stairs in the entrance hall depicts that the *spiral is our home, the Milky Way*. It shows that nothing is constant and nothing runs in a linear fashion. *It's a fundamental role of universe, where everything evolves at different levels and yet remains connected*. The murals and bas-reliefs in the overhang are full of symbols. The murals, covering 500 meters, were painted over approximately eight years, they were a huge undertaking of the architect, which he has painted himself (at age 66-74), together with his wife and Ruperto Urzua, a friend and artist from Chili.

The wonderful symbolic of the building will be explained by Erik Hendrickx; the architect leading the renovation of the building.



Stairs in rectorate building





Dinner at Bel Mundo

Bel Mundo is the perfect combination between sustainable and delicious food and social entrepreneurship. Thanks to its urban garden, the restaurant offers a unique gastronomic experience with season vegetables, organic and local products. An amazing meal in an exceptional space entirely created with recycled wood pallets by 'Boomerang'.

Restaurant Bel Mundo and Boomerang are part of 'Atelier Groot Eiland', a non-profit organisation where people with a large distance from the labour market can gain experience in the various ateliers and the garden. The focus of the guidance is on the integration and emancipation of the employee. With an open attitude they strive together for a result-oriented, qualitative and realistic approach. They work closely with other partners in the welfare, training and employment sector.



Vegetable garden at Bel Mundo, Atelier Groot Eiland





Sustainability Core Group VUB

The Sustainability Core Group VUB is the advisory board on sustainability at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The members of the core group meet every two weeks to follow up the sustainability processes at the VUB and oversee the sustainability projects and thematic working groups.

The core group is chaired by Prof. Dr. Cathy Macharis and composed by General Administrator Nic Van Craen, Prof. Dr. Hubert Rahier, Rebecca Lefevere, Jeroen Willems, Lisa Wouters and Maarten Ipers.

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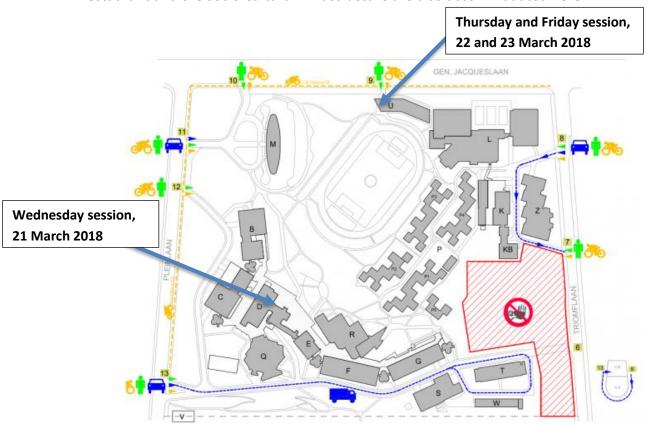






Finding your way on the Brussels Humanities, Sciences & Engineering Campus

The Etterbeek Campus is our largest campus, housing the Faculties of Arts and Philosophy, Law and Criminology, Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Economics, Social and Political Sciences and the Solvay Business School, Psychology and Educational Sciences and the Faculty of Physical Education and Movement Sciences. The office of the rector, the social services, the restaurant and the socio-cultural infrastructure are also accommodated here.



Map of Etterbeek Campus during current construction works

Getting around in Brussels and transportation to the campus

Finding your way by bike

In Brussels, you'll often get around quicker by bike than by public transport or car. Once at the campus, you can safely leave your bike in the <u>underground bike parking zones</u>.

Do you need a bike in Brussels for only a short while? Use the <u>Villo bike-sharing system</u>! You pick up a Villo bicycle from a Villo station and drop it off at another, elsewhere in the city. Daycards or weekcards can be bought at the terminal at the Villo stations. There are several international free-floating bicycle systems active in Brussels, a.o. oBike and Billy Bike.

Ask us for a Brussels **active modes map** at your arrival, this map contains walking and biking routes through Brussels, travel times between main landmarks, traffic-free zones and a 60km long green hike through the city.





Public transportation in Brussels

The buses, metros and trams of the MIVB are the primary way of moving around the city. Discover the full map of metros, trams and buses offered by MIVB/STIB on the <u>digital map</u>. The Etterbeek Campus is easily reached via station **Pétillon on metro line 5**, station **VUB on tram lines 7 and 25** and station **Etterbeek Station/Gare on bus line 95**.

MIVB-STIB offers several options for occasional travelers via <u>STIB/MIVB</u>. The contactless tickets are convenient as you only use public transport a few times during the workshop. If you plan >3 journeys within 24h, a STIB/MIVB 24h is the most economical option



and includes the section to the airport <u>by bus</u>. Do not forget to **validate** your ticket when you board a tram or bus or enter a metro station, even if you are connecting! Holders of a MOBIBcard (f.ex. for a train season ticket) can charge MIVB/STIB journeys on this card.

Contactless tickets can be bought at GO-vending machines available at most stops or in Bootikand Kiosk shops in the metro stations. In Brussels Airport, before boarding the bus 12 you can purchase a ticket at one of the <u>GO ticket machines</u> located on platform C of the bus station or inside the airport.



Tram stop Etterbeek Station-Etterbeek Gare





How to get to Brussels

By train

Etterbeek Campus is located next to railway station Etterbeek. Brussels is very well connected with European train network. Plan your journey by train with the <u>route planner of the NMBS/SNCB</u>.

By car

As a university in a large city, we focus on active mobility and public transport. If you come to the Vrije Universiteit Brussel by car, you can park your car on the campus if you confirm your participation to the UNICA GREEN Workshop at the entrance intercom.

By plain

Brussels Airport Zaventem is the largest airport in Belgium. A <u>direct and fast train connection</u> takes you twice/hour from Brussels Airport to the Etterbeek railway station, next to the campus and the centre of Brussels (duration: 25 minutes). You can reach the centre of Brussels <u>by bus</u> as well. This bus takes you to Brussels-Luxemburg where you can switch to the 95 direction Wiener. Bus stops 'Etterbeek Gare/Etterbeek Station' is the closest to our campus.



Brussels Health Campus and University Hospital in Jette

Restaurants around the campus

Our student restaurant is closed at night, but at walking distance of the campus you can find several options. We recommend booking a table in advance if possible.

- Art Wok (Thai cuisine, veggie friendly): Triomflaan 34A, 1160 Oudergem, tel. 02 644 48 88
- Le Mess (French, veggie options): Louis Schmidtboulevard 1, 1040 Etterbeek, tel. 02 734 03 36
- Le Quartier Latin (French, veggie options): Generaal Jacqueslaan 212; 1050 Elsene; tel. 02 230 02 10





Sustainable UNICA GREEN Workshop

Vrije Universiteit Brussel aims to organise a sustainable workshop. The participants are encouraged to travel to and within Brussels with **public transportation**. Furthermore, every participant is offered a VUB-dopper waterbottle at the beginning of the workshop. These **reusable water bottles** help to reduce single-use plastic waste, creates active consciousness and supports safe drinking water projects worldwide. Every coffee break, carafes of tap water will be provided to refill your dopper. Don't forget to take it when leaving on excursions, we don't provide plastic bottles $\textcircled{\Box}$.

Annabel, our caterer on Wednesday and Thursday serves freshly prepared, vegetarian dishes with mainly organic and fair trade ingredients. The conference dinner is at a sustainable restaurant with seasonal vegetables, organic and local products, focused on social entrepreneurship.

Coffee and sugar is fair trade, cookies and juices are purchased at our GreenTeam's very own <u>VUB Food assembly</u>, where staff and students can buy directly from farmers and food producers.



The VUB restaurant has obtained the Good Food Kantine-label, as a sustainable canteen. This label rewards restaurants offering balanced meals, with local products and biological products. Vegan and vegetarian menus are offered daily and all fish comes from sustainable fisheries. Food waste reduction is a priority, with smart purchase, maximal and creative cooking with leftovers and careful planning of menu's. Leftovers from plates or non-recoverable leftovers are being transported to a biomethanation Plant.

Green Brussels: Sightseeing and practical information

<u>Brussels is full of parks, gardens and forests</u>, offering each of its inhabitants 28m² of nature: historic parks, pleasant little public gardens, broad tree-lined avenues, a wood, a forest and even farms and vegetable gardens! It is Europe's greenest capital city. Accompanied by its 'greeters', discover Brussels on foot, and you'll encountering almost nothing but trees!

<u>Sustainable features are everywhere in Brussels</u>: on its roofs - from the royal library's urban allotment to the EU institutions' beehives - and in its Slow Food restaurants, eco-certified accommodation and Europe's biggest pedestrian area. Objects are given a new lease of life at the composting workshops, repair cafés and the vintage boutiques of Marolles. On <u>visit.brussels</u> you can find all the practical information on your stay in Brussels.

This <u>Brussels map</u> contains most places which are mentioned in this guide. On the left are check boxes where you can opt to see the location of the VUB-campuses, public transportation, our social program and hotels on the map of Brussels.





Emergency Numbers			
Fire Department and Ambulance	112		
Police (Kolenmarkt 30, 1000 Brussel, België)	101		
Hospital (Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel)	02 477 41 11		
Belgian Poison Centre	070 245 245		
Doctor on call	02 201 22 22		
Pharmacy	070 660 160		
Dentist	02 426 10 26		
Security on Campus Etterbeek	02 629 11 11		



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