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About SDG4U

SDG4U key priority is to stimulate innovative learning and teaching practices through engaging SDGs to transformative education and sustainability practices in universities. The project will support and enhance the implementation of SDGs in higher education by embedding sustainability across teaching, research, operations, and community outreach. The project is funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and spans over 36 months (December 2022 – December 2025).

More at: www.sdg4uproject.eu/























Launch of a new strategic project on sustainability in Universities!

The pursuit of the sustainable development objectives set out in the 2030 Agenda is a common goal for European Institutions, in particular for higher education institutions whose mission is training young people and promoting civic education of future leaders, entrepreneurs and citizens of the world.

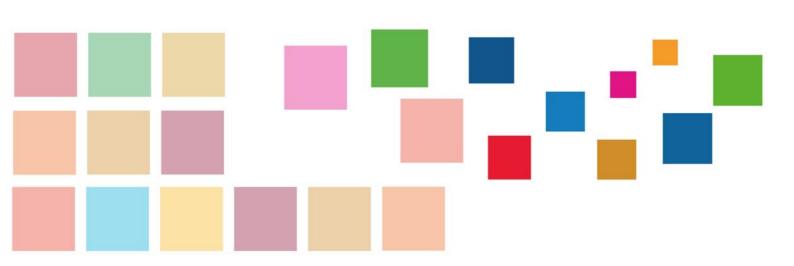
A new cooperation project funded under the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission has kicked off in December 2022, with the long-term objective of supporting and enhancing the implementation of SDGs in higher education by embedding sustainability across teaching, research, operations, and community outreach.

The project "Engaging SDGs for Transformative Education and Enhanced Sustainability in Universities (SDG4U)" key priority is to stimulate innovative learning and teaching practices through engaging SDGs to transformative education and sustainability practices in universities.

More specifically, the project tackles the following goals:

- Identifying modules/courses that include SDGs in existing academic material
- Creating a mapping tool for SDGs in Higher Education
- Developing initiatives on SDG mapping tools and standardizing good sustainability practices
- Shaping potential modules to be included in existing/new courses to educate students on SDGs implementation
- Creating pedagogical material for a seminar and training SDG facilitators
- Enhancing the participation of 'learners' in the decision-making processes

We count on you for a more sustainable future!



The SDGAU Mapping Tool is online!

The SDG4U Partners committed to develop a **teaching and training tool for mapping and promoting SDGs in Higher Education and supporting the incorporation of SDGs into existing and new curricula**.

The <u>Mapping Tool</u> is designed to keep track of how universities embed SDGs in their courses, with the overall aim of getting a picture of where higher education institutions stand in terms of supporting SDGs. It also provides examples and inspiring means to enhance effective engagement of HEIs, teachers and educators, students and researchers, with SDGs. It is expected to identify and map the existing modules/courses that contain SDGs in their content, and further contribute to the development of new trans-disciplinary modules and courses in European universities. In turn, students will have a tool to select their courses based on the integration of SDGs in the curricula. Last but not least, the SDG4U Mapping Tool will bring inspiration for future-oriented curricula that better meet the needs of individuals, institutions and societies.

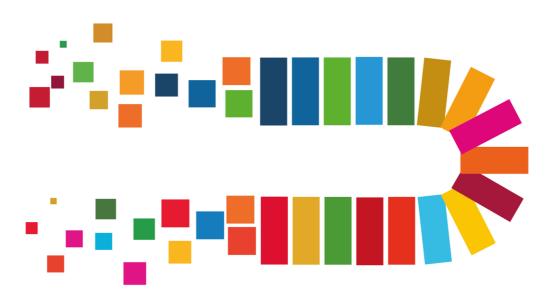
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The tool will be part of a broader **benchmarking methodology** that will prioritize the nature of information required, the potential comparability across institutions, the ease of use and information gathering process, the potential for useful and measurable key performance indicators, its use as an awareness enhancing and education process.

The tool will also have an **educational function** that will incentivize professors to interrogate their material for SDGs and identify pedagogical material. As students engage with the mapping/training tool they will be able to reflect on how their courses relate to SDGs, what research focuses on SDGs and how the university is engaging and operating in accordance with sustainability principles. **Student's interaction** with the tool will have a positive impact on self-assessment of values and everyday habits potentially leading to a change in perceptions and mindset.



Sustainable development among the European Values celebrated during the Erasmus Days: SDG4U for sustainable education

While celebrating the <u>Erasmus Days</u>, we also celebrate our common values, among which sustainable development raises at the core. To participate in the celebrations, the Partners of the SDG4U project released a <u>series of mini-videos</u> to present the initiative, the work behind the scenes and the impact expected from the project. We firmly believe that the <u>Erasmus+ programme can be a game-changer in the path towards sustainable</u> development, and we are proud to be part of the ErasmusDays celebrations with SDG4U!







MAPPING TOOL

"Inspire sustainable learning, one module at a time"

A teaching/training tool for mapping and promoting SDGs in Higher Education and can use it over the long-term.





SERIES OF TRAININGS AND WEBINARS ON SDGs in HE

INSPIRING CASES AND CALL TO ACTION

Identification of inspiring cases, with special attention given to innovative tools and methodologies, to encourage others to adopt sustainable practices and implement sustainable education.





RECOMMENDATIONS AND RAISE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Identify and engage into research initiatives and networks that promote sustainability. Implement campaigns for raising awareness. Develop and promote recommendations to HEIs to promote SDGs in education.