

Networks on greening and sustainability

EUA survey on greening in
European higher education
institutions



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Q8.1 If yes [Q8 - Are you part of any networks or working groups on greening], please provide the name(s) of the network(s) and, if applicable, please share relevant weblinks. N=233

Respondents to EUA's survey on greening in European higher education institutions mentioned a total of 83 networks that they participate in, either dedicated to environmental sustainability in general, or to some fairly specific thematic issues such as green energy, water management practices, etc. Most of these are not specific to higher education but have a broad membership. However, 35 networks focus on the contribution of the higher education sector to fostering environmental sustainability, targeting higher education institutions, but also often involve other actors.

These networks, which can be found in the following overview, cover activities such as exchange and coordination between institutions, best practice sharing, data gathering, and the development and implementation of environmental policies and processes at the institutional level. Frequently addressed topics are new degrees and courses, community engagement, the reduction of the carbon footprint/emissions on campus, waste reduction, energy consumption reduction, plastic use reduction and green mobility modes. Some networks also offer evaluation or review processes of the institutions' greening measures and performance.

Country	Network name (with weblink)	Description
Austria	<u>Allianz Nachhaltige Universitäten</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> informal network of Austrian institutions that raises awareness about sustainability issues at universities aims to exchange good practice-experiences and to start joint activities in the fields of research, education, operations, and society and knowledge transfer
Austria	<u>CCCA - Climate Change Center Austria</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> contact point for researchers, policy makers, the media and the public concerning climate research in Austria
Austria	<u>ÖKOLOG - Education Ministry</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brings together pedagogical higher education institutions, primary schools and secondary schools offers training, teaching and study materials, guidance and certification for schools that offer environmentally oriented teaching for sustainable development
Czech Republic	<u>Asociace společenské odpovědnosti (Association of Social Responsibility)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> largest initiative for corporate social responsibility and the SDGs in the Czech Republic aims to make social responsibility and sustainability a natural part of strategies and activities of all types of businesses and organisations brings together companies, public institutions, non-profit organisations and educational institutions to share experiences and create new partnerships



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Europe	<u>Climate Leadership Coalition</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• brings together businesses and some higher education institutions• largest non-profit business network on climate in Europe• aims to make positive climate impact through business solutions• offers thematic group meetings and makes policy proposals for governments and other stakeholders
Europe	<u>EMAS - Eco Management and Audit Scheme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• management instrument developed by the European Commission for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report and improve their environmental performance• open to all types of organisations, including higher education institutions, that are eager to improve their environmental performance
Europe	<u>ENEC - European Network for Environmental Citizenship</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• brings together higher education institutions, researchers and academics on the topic of formal and informal learning and teaching for environmental citizenship in primary and secondary education• offers repository of research and knowledge, staff training, workshops, joint research and evaluations
Europe	<u>ESSSR - European School of Sustainability Science and Research</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• inter-university consortium composed of members who share an interest in sustainability science and sustainable development• aims at enhanced coordination of sustainability science, teaching and research at European universities• offers joint courses, training and research across its network
Finland	<u>Finnish Forum for Sustainable Development in Higher Education</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• national forum to discuss local, national and international activities and practices, and issues in sustainability with higher education institutions

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Finland	<u>WWF Green Office</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> environmental management system is suitable for organisations of all sizes and helps them reduce their carbon footprint and use of natural resources in the workplace network includes specialist companies, universities and universities of applied sciences, head offices, ministries and government agencies, associations and other operators
France	<u>CIRSES - Collectif pour l'intégration de la Responsabilité Sociétale et du Développement Durable dans L'Enseignement Supérieur</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> association for and by DD&RS (sustainable development and social responsibility) administrators at French higher education institutions offers support, training, events, project collaboration and a DD&RS label process for higher education institutions
France	<u>COP2 étudiante</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> student-led event and accord, signed by higher education institutions to accelerate the ecological transition of the sector aims to raise awareness among students and staff of signatory institutions, foster the development of staff training, increase thematic research, bring together institutions as partners, monitor institutions' carbon footprint, etc. support on setting up DD&RS governance structures at institutions
France	<u>FECODD - Formation, Education, Competences, Objectifs du Développement Durable</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toolkit and events for teaching staff at all levels for enhancing education for sustainable development
Germany	<u>HOCHn</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> project to foster sustainable development at higher education institutions, with a network representing every fourth German higher education institution research and collaboration across the network in the fields of sustainability reporting, governance, learning and teaching, and research
Greece	<u>SDNS Greece (Sustainable Development Solutions Network)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brings together universities and research institutions in Greece and abroad to produce social and technological innovation that helps achieve the 2030 Agenda in the Mediterranean region



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Ireland	<u>Green Campus Programme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourages practical environmental education and the empowerment of campuses to become exemplary in environmental stewardship provides means to foster environmental awareness in tertiary institutions in a way that links to everyday activities and study, and ties in with the operational requirements of a complex multi-use facility
Ireland & UK	<u>EAUC - Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges - Alliance for sustainability leadership in education</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> supports UK and Irish higher education institutions to be global leaders in sustainability
Italy	<u>RUS - Italian University Network for Sustainable Development</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> coordination point for universities in Italy, spreading a culture of sustainability: sharing skills and experiences, aiming to increase the positive impact of higher education in environmental, ethical, social and economic terms aims to share practices, harmonise institutional activities, create a community, promote projects, train staff, raise awareness, and increase collaboration between the public and private sectors
Italy	<u>ASviS - Alleanza Italiana per Lo Sviluppo Sostenibile (Alliance for Sustainable Development)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brings together almost 300 member organisations among civil society, including higher education institutions and research institutes aims to raise the awareness of the society, economic stakeholders and institutions about the importance of the 2030 Agenda and to mobilize them in order to pursue the SDGs
Nordic countries	<u>Nordic Sustainable Campus Network</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> targets staff working on sustainability/ environmental issues at Nordic higher education institutions aims to strengthen sustainability in teaching and research and support green campus activities by integrating sustainability into all operations
Portugal	<u>CNCACSA - Centro Nacional de Competências para as Alterações Climáticas do Sector Agroflorestal (National Competence Center for Climate Change in the Agroforestry Sector)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> brings together various stakeholders, including higher education institutions, for research, development and innovation to enhance the sustainability of Portuguese agriculture and forestry, in the productive, environmental and societal aspects

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Portugal	<u>ORSIES - Social Responsibility Observatory of Higher Education Institutions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supports higher education institutions in developing and implementing internal (e.g., on social action) and external (e.g., on volunteering) strategies and policies to support students, teaching staff, researchers and the community, thus going beyond the institutions' mission of transmitting knowledge and research development
Portugal	<u>Rede Campus Sustentável (Sustainable Campus Network - Portugal (RCS-PT))</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cooperation network between stakeholders from higher education institutions for the implementation of principles and practices of sustainable development in all aspects of the institution
Scotland	<u>Climate Ready Clyde (Glasgow region)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creates conditions for a regional transformation on climate change, building a collective evidence base and capacity and producing a strategy and action plan • cross-sector initiative supported by the Scottish Government and EIT Climate KIC to create a shared vision, strategy and action plan for the Glasgow City Region
Scotland	<u>SSN - Sustainable Scotland Network</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public sector network on sustainability and climate change, helping public bodies on their journey to net zero • supports the public sector to drive action on climate change, scaling up impact through leadership, policy and research
Spain	<u>REDS - Red de Soluciones para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Sustainable Development Solutions Network)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • partnership for the achievement of the of the SDGs • fosters collaboration between the academic, business and institutional spheres, and civil society
Sweden	<u>Klimatramverket</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • national climate framework for university climate strategies with the aim of engaging universities and colleges in Sweden to contribute to both national and international commitments to achieve the so-called "1.5-degree" goal
UK	<u>People and Planet</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • largest student network in the UK campaigning for social and environmental justice • mission to build an empowered generation of change-makers who are equipped with life-long skills, motivation and networks to be a force for change in achieving a more equitable and sustainable world



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Worldwide	<u>HESI (Health and Environmental Sciences Institute)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• global network to identify and help resolve global health and environmental challenges through the engagement of scientists from academia, government, industry, NGOs and other partners
Worldwide	<u>ISCN - International Sustainable Campus Network</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• international forum to support higher education institutions in the exchange of information ideas, and best practices for achieving sustainable campus operations and integrating sustainability into research and learning and teaching
Worldwide	<u>PRME - Principle for Responsible Management Education</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• global platform that engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic and sustainability goals, while drawing attention to the SDGs and aligning academic institutions with the work of the UN Global Compact
Worldwide	<u>SDG Accord</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• aims to inspire, celebrate and advance the critical role that education institutions play in delivering on the SDGs• signatories commit to implement change, to annually report progress and to exchange with each other• reporting metrics are presented at the annual UN High Level Political Forum
Worldwide	<u>SOS International</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• global network supporting student and youth groups to lead on sustainability and social justice
Worldwide	<u>Sustainable Development Solutions Network</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• global network to promote integrated approaches to support the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, through education, research, policy analysis and global cooperation
Worldwide	<u>United Nations Academic Impact</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• aligns institutions of higher education with the UN in supporting and contributing to the realisation of UN goals and mandates

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