

2nd joint meeting of the Chairs of UNICA Working Groups and Members of the Steering Committee

Wednesday, 6 February 2019, UNICA Office, Brussels

WORKING GROUP UNICA Green



Who we are? WG's Facts & Figures



- Established in 2011 on the initiative of the participants of the **UNICA Student Conference 2010 in Rome**, the UNICA GREEN is a platform for Sustainability/Environmental Coordinators
- to discuss and exchange experience and practices in different elements of the implementation of environmental sustainability strategies at universities: strategic tools, environmental management systems, and best practices related to the day-to-day work of a sustainable management office, student involvement, and outreach.

Aims & Activities



- Member universities sign the UNICA GREEN Pledge and host the UNICA Green workshop
 - UNICA Green members are represented in bigger international networks (f.ex. ISCN) and share best practices
 - Outcomes of the networking activities are a strong community feeling, with peer learning
- => proof: frequent skype meetings and only 1 live meeting/year
- The support of the UNICA secretariat in website, leaflet design and communication to the broader UNICA network is a key success factor.

Workshops



Workshop 2019

How to promote more sustainable lifestyles at university campuses? How can universities be a driving force in promoting behavior change and sustainable awareness? And what is a sustainable lifestyle?



Biggest successes & challenges



Successes:

- Strong interpersonal network which allows formal and informal exchange
- The knowledge in the network can be used to allow implementation in partner universities
- Each member organises relevant workshops on sustainability.

Challenges:

- Spontaneous grown network=>We need a strategy and goals for the network
- Diverse profiles in the network: both research and administration

EU projects



- No projects with UNICA Green as a partner
- Supporting letters?
- How to use knowledge to target proposals? =>no experience yet.

We are doing some things differently compared to previous years



Student Involvement was missing=> Students of Lausanne, ULB and Rome organized the UNICA Green Your University Award

⇒ 1st edition 6 applications

1 from University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland

1 from Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia

4 from Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium

We feel well supported



The UNICA secretariat is supporting us in all communication and offering an online platform for all exchange.

=> During the 2019WS, this support can be evaluated and ambitions identified to align with the existing structures.

Suggestions on the presentation of WGs on UNICA communication channels



- Information is easily found by extern visitors.

=> Learning visit of South-Korean and Taiwanese Delegation on sustainability, the delegation found us via the UNICA website.

=> Student exchange visit of German/South-African student delegation to learn our GreenTeam approach.

Some photos from the WGs activities



How are you feeling right now about UNICA & the WG?



Questions for the SC members and/or the UNICA office?

Objectives & plans for the future



Lausanne: Core group meeting and wrap-up meeting,

- Thematic work
- Strategy for the UNICA Green Network
 - Which aims?
 - How to grow?Need to grow?
- Evaluation of the Student project
- Need of a new survey?
- How to position ourself in other networks?

=> **Do other WG have similar experiences?**