



The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals

Integration of SDGs in

- Institutional governance/strategic level
- SDGs in research
- SDGs in campus operations
- SDGs in curriculum development
- SDGs in student engagement activities
- SDGs into community activities
- SDGs at a whole-institution level

Focus on

- Goal 1 - No poverty
- Goal 2 - Zero hunger
- Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
- Goal 4 - Quality education
- Goal 5 - Gender equality
- Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13 - Climate action
- Goal 14 - Life below water
- Goal 15 - Life on land
- Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

SDG Accord Reporting 2021 CASE STUDY

Climate Action Plan

SDG 13 target is to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. LUT University has decided that it is one of university's strategic goals. LUT University's goal is to be carbon negative in 2024. This means that all the leaders of the university are truly committed to this target and the whole university community also. We have planned strategic action plan, which also includes action plan for this carbon negative goal. The action plan for carbon-negativity was developed during the year 2020 and it includes several actions which promote our way to achieve this goal. One of the actions is the preparation of Climate Action Plan, which we are preparing together with all the campus members (staff, students, stakeholders).

More information: https://www.lut.fi/web/en/news/-/asset_publisher/lGh4SAywhcPu/content/lut-university-campuses-to-be-carbon-negative-already-by-2024 and a video: <https://youtu.be/wUt3fuepXvM>

BENEFITS

1. Commit the whole university community to promote SDG 13
2. Strategic goal means that there is a will and the necessary resources will be ensured to promote this
3. Brings up the role of the Universities to show the way for the rest of society and business

BARRIERS

1. During the covid-19 epidemia there was some difficulties to get campus community to take part preparing the climate action plan. The participation activity might have been higher if workshops had been able to be held on the campus.

CONCLUSIONS

When a University set a strategic goal to some SDG, it is one of the most effective way to make an impact. It means that the necessary resources are ensured and the leaders commit the whole community to work towards this goal. What is the SDG that your University most promotes? Is it raised to the strategic goal and if not, should it be?