

On the Student's Way to Climate Neutrality



Climate neutrality means that all greenhouse gas emissions are reduced as much as possible and the remaining are compensated.

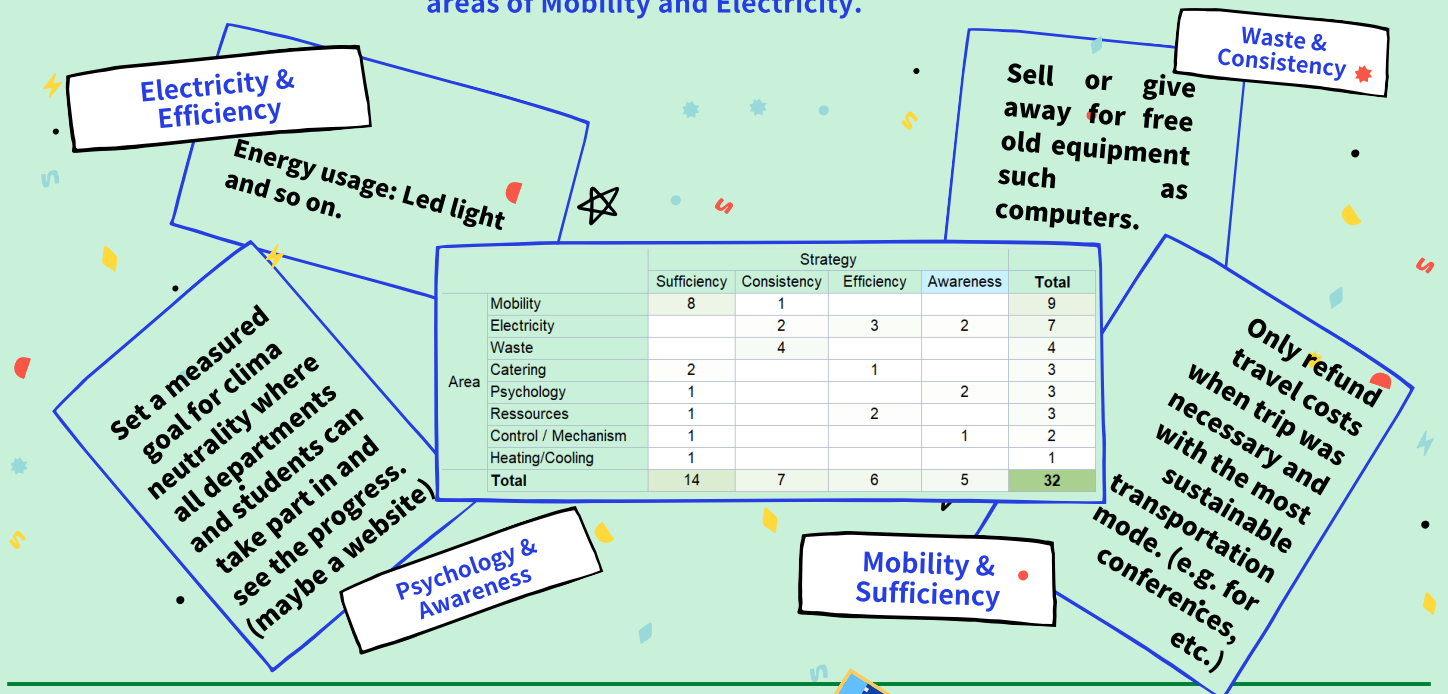
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Introduction

The University of Basel wants to achieve climate neutrality. To gather students' opinions about how to accomplish this, we invited students from different levels and academic backgrounds to a focus group discussion on December 2nd, 2022. After introducing the topic, broad ideas were collected through a brainwriting exercise, and two topics deepened during a world-café.

Brainwriting

The participants collected a broad range of different ideas during the brainwriting. However, the vast majority (14 of 32) written down by participants are sufficiency-related actions, and half of them target the areas of Mobility and Electricity.



World-Café

Rooftops

How to use rooftops to contribute to reducing emissions?

- Solar panels (e.g., by the external firm or with participative financing)
- Combined with rooftop greeneries and social space
- Set-up and care integrated into the curriculum (e.g., Biology, Physics, finance...)
- Make the project visible as one hallmark of the University.



How to reduce emissions from students' car use?

- Free or cheaper public transport (and e-carsharing) for students
- Funded by the university through an inter-cantonal financing system
- Coupled with ECTS and semester length to avoid free-riding
- Support professors for more and improved online courses

Mobility



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