

Sustainability report: Goals and actions 2019 - 2021

Teaching	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Making sustainability-related courses more visible and easier to find	Cataloging all courses related to sustainability and preparing a directory of these courses each semester. Raising awareness about sustainability-related courses.	Sustainability Office
	Increasing the number of students attending sustainability-related courses in fulfillment of their elective credit requirements	Optimizing communications, in particular the Transfaculty Cross Section Program Sustainable Development (TQNE), e.g. in UniNews, on social media, at information events, changing course dates, etc.	Sustainability Office in collaboration with head of the TQNE program
	Successful implementation of the IMPULS funding program for sustainability in teaching	Funding for at least three courses per semester through the end of 2020	Sustainability Office

Research	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Intensifying inter- and transdisciplinary research related to the Sustainable Development Goals	Organizing events and activities to promote an interdisciplinary exchange between scientists and external stakeholders.	Grants Office in collaboration with the Sustainability Office
	Increasing the visibility of research on sustainable development at the University of Basel	Increasing communications surrounding existing sustainability-related research. Providing motivation for joint proposals and research projects.	Grants Office in collaboration with the Sustainability Office
		Identifying (“tagging”) research projects that help meet Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), implementation within the framework of the new research portal.	Vice President’s Office for Research in collaboration with the Sustainability Office
	Promoting sustainability in everyday research practices	Improving transparency in relation to animal testing and promoting the implementation of the 3R approach (reduction, refinement, replacement)	3R Coordination Office at the University of Basel

Knowledge transfer and dialog	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Intensifying international networking and the discussion surrounding sustainability	<p>The University of Basel will become a member of the International Sustainable Campus Network (ISCN)</p> <p>Financial support and organization of the 8th World Sustainability Forum (September 2020)</p>	<p>Sustainability Office</p> <p>Prof. M. Bergman</p>
	Firmly establishing Student's Sustainability Week at the University of Basel	Concept, planning and implementation of Sustainability Week in 2020 and 2021 with the support of the Sustainability Office	Students for Sustainability at the University of Basel (SDUBS)
	Greater visibility of sustainability-related issues at the University of Basel for staff and students	Communications including at least one UniNews article on a sustainability-related topic each month	Sustainability Office in collaboration with the Communications & Marketing department
Engagement	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Funding student projects and students' commitment to sustainability	Funding of up to CHF 1,000 per project along with coaching for student projects through the BOOST fund	Sustainability Office

People	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Ensuring attractive, motivating and health-promoting working conditions	Implementing home office guidelines for administrative and technical staff	Human Resources
		Expanding and publicizing services for workplace health promotion	Departement Training and Development
	Expanding the range of family-friendly services	Developing concepts for caring for relatives and for paid paternity leave.	Human Resources & Diversity
		Improving the information on parental leave provided for parents, supervisors and external funding partners	Human Resources & Diversity
		Starting the process for joining the “Charta familienfreundliche Hochschulen” (Charter for family-friendly universities)	Diversity
	Improving the protection and observance of personal integrity of university members and students	Establishing a “Personal Integrity” coordination office as part of the Office for Diversity	Diversity
	Strengthening a respectful culture of management and collaboration	Establishing overall university management principles and ensuring the execution of annual staff reviews	Departement Training and Development
	Further expansion of existing services for students with disabilities.	Developing a support concept for students with disabilities transitioning from student to professional life	SToB service point, Social Services

Economic importance & innovation	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Measuring the impact of the Innovation & Corporate Relations Office	Establishing annual data collection process to measure investments in University of Basel start-ups and spin-offs	Innovation & Corporate Relations
		Recording key figures on the number of jobs created annually by the Innovation & Corporate Relations Office	Innovation & Corporate Relations
		Recording key figures on priority patent applications, approved priority patents, licenses/options, new licensed products introduced to the market, spin-offs, start-ups, start-ups operating in the university's innovation spaces	Innovation & Corporate Relations
	Monitoring and strengthening the innovator community at the University of Basel	Recording the number of active community members per year (raising awareness, start-up projects, start-ups, supporters)	Innovation & Corporate Relations
		Recording the number of workshops and projects with companies	Innovation & Corporate Relations

Catering	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Further reduction of packaging waste	Reducing packaging waste by raising awareness about the reCircle reusables service and offering discounts on hot beverages to people who bring their own cups.	SV Group in collaboration with the Executive Director's Office staff and Sustainability Office
	Further reduction of food waste	Reducing food waste by running a marketing campaign to make day-old food more appealing.	SV Group in collaboration with the Executive Director's Office staff and Sustainability Office
	Continuing to expand the range of sustainable products	Continuing to increase the share of sustainable and/or certified products in the shopping cart	SV Group in collaboration with the Executive Director's Office staff and Sustainability Office

Mobility	Goals	Actions	Responsible
	Reducing flight-related greenhouse gas emissions	Developing specific reduction goals and proposals for action to reduce flight-related greenhouse gas emissions	Sustainability Office
	Improving the data available on greenhouse gas emissions from business trips	Setting up a framework for collecting and preparing data on air travel-related greenhouse gas emissions from the University of Basel 2017–2018	Sustainability Office in collaboration with Finance & Controlling, Accounting department
	Improving infrastructure and support for virtual meetings	Setting up several classrooms in the Main Building with the necessary technical equipment for virtual meetings and collaborations	Facilities
		Preparing a concept for procurement, maintenance and support for virtual meetings at the University of Basel, coordinating the roles of Facilities and IT Services.	Office of the Executive Director

Resources & materials	Goals	Actions	Responsible
Energy & Water	Reducing energy consumption at the University of Basel	For selected, energy-intensive buildings, energy savings of 20% over a period of ten years are targeted (implementation within the framework of the federal energy strategy 2050).	Product and service standards, Facilities
	Increasing the share of renewable energies and use of waste heat to cover the university's energy requirements.	Eliminating fossil fuel sources from the electricity mix. Changing from predominantly nuclear power to European hydropower.	Product and service standards, Facilities
		Preliminary project for at least one photovoltaic system on a University of Basel building	Product and service standards, Facilities
		Commissioning of the waste heat power pool at Schällemätteli site	Product and service standards, Facilities
	Improving data collection and monitoring of energy and water consumption	Implementation of a new energy management and monitoring system (EMMS) to improve controlling and optimize operations.	Product and service standards, Facilities
		Preparing data on the main usable floor area to calculate energy and water consumption per m2 (main usable floor area).	Real estate development, Facilities
		Calculating consumption and cost of energy and water overall, like-for-like (based on main usable floor area)	Product and service standards, Facilities

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Greenhouse gas balance	Improving the data available on greenhouse gas emissions	Preparing a comparative greenhouse gas balance sheet for energy use, business trips and food service	Sustainability Office
Recyclables	Improving data collection on recyclables	Developing a waste management concept with the goal of establishing methods for measurements and monitoring (quantities, recycling rate, disposal costs).	Facilities
Procurement	Integrating sustainability aspects into the procurement process	<p>Preparing and implementing a code of conduct detailing sustainability criteria to be met by suppliers and service providers.</p> <p>Including sustainability criteria in the tendering process for office paper supplier</p> <p>Reviewing the integration of sustainability criteria in bids on, and procurement of, other services and product groups</p>	<p>Controlling & Services, Facilities</p> <p>Controlling & Services, Facilities</p> <p>Controlling & Services, Facilities</p>
Real estate	Giving sustainability a greater role in the construction of new buildings	Incorporating sustainability aspects into the construction of new buildings, beginning with the invitation to tender. Completing a pilot project with a sustainable building standard.	Facilities