

Mission Statement

Sustainable development is one of the biggest global challenges and will remain a focal point of global societal concern, political debate and technological innovation in the decades to come. We, the partners of the University Alliance for Sustainability, see it as our responsibility to actively shape this global discourse and to address respective challenges by developing and implementing comprehensive approach towards sustainability.

To achieve our goals we will use our complementary strengths to develop joint research and teaching projects, offer exchange options for faculty, staff, and students, and foster inter-institutional learning with regard to management issues. Joint undergraduate and graduate degree programs as well as research stays for researchers, summer schools for PhD students, conferences on the topic of “Green Campus” for management personnel, and several study and internship abroad options will spark extended dialogue between all stakeholders on campus and beyond. Additionally, student initiatives will be able to network with their counterparts at other universities.

This institution-wide alliance will build on the existing bilateral strategic partnerships and strengthen them at all levels, across various disciplines and administrative units, but in the same time also create new relations among the individual members within the network. Our guiding principle of the whole institution approach implies the placement of sustainability issues in all structural and thematic entities of the universities, going beyond the usual segmentation of different parts of a higher education institution.

Our joint efforts in research and teaching as well as our good practice exchange in campus management shall make the “University Alliance for Sustainability” an incubator and example to follow for university cooperation in the field of sustainability. The high visibility of all five partners and their memberships in various sustainability networks will furthermore propel a wide dissemination of the project outcomes.

The “University Alliance for Sustainability”

