SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- A web-based action-learning project between ten Latin American universities and four European universities.

OBJECTIVES
- To share knowledge and make progress on how sustainable development can be integrated in higher education institutions
- To share knowledge and make progress on how environmental management system can improve campus sustainability

REALIZATION
- Next generation of decision makers
  - Education as a keystone for sustainable development
  - 37,000 significant aspects – the students as major source of power for change
  - Universities share many possibilities and challenges
- Sharing experiences and get into practice
  - Benchmarking is important
  - Sharing of good practice
  - Academics, students and staff in the same project
  - Environmental management as driving force for sustainable development
- Far distances and no money
  - Using the technique we all share
  - Small resources
  - Minimal environmental impact

CHALLENGES
- The technique
  - The internet connection
  - The software program
  - The time zones
- The language
  - Participants all performed in English
  - Clear instructions
- Participation
  - Times set for sessions
  - Eight universities active throughout the project
  - Division of group
- The unconventional composition
  - Not research, not administration, not education, not technique or maintenance but all together

OUTCOMES
- From policy to practice with the systematic approach of management systems
- Integrated systems; environmental, social, ethical and economical
- Environmental culture to address in a variety of areas at universities
- Cooperation staff, students, academics give best impact
- Network of practitioners among peers
- The importance of a coordinator

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