

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: Student Led Conference on Sustainability

Interested in Sustainability? Having great ideas on how to reboot our society after Covid? Come and share your research and ideas with other students from across the international EUTOPIA network

EUTOPIA unites six like-minded universities: University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), Göteborgs Universitet (Sweden), CY Cergy Paris Université (France), Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona (Spain) and the University of Warwick (United Kingdom), building on a challenge-based approach to learning and encouraging application of knowledge to real-world issues. Are you interested in a cross-EUTOPIA learning experience? Come and participate in the conference sharing your work on the topic!

Rethinking SDG UN 2030 in the Post Pandemic Era: Building new priorities, facing new challenges and seizing opportunities.

<u>Date:</u> June 30th until July 2nd 2021 <u>Location:</u> Online

<u>Presentation</u>: From the international organizations to our own little communities and families, everything has been shaken by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Global problems associated with poverty, hunger, and surely health, have been foregrounded. The crisis has led to a lot of new issues and accelerated many others. When it is just a decade to reach the deadline of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, the path seems to have dramatically changed. This challenge also provides an opportunity to act for a fairer and greener society while tackling the consequences of this tremendous disruption. The conference will be student-led, strengthening the student centred value emphasized in the alliance, giving a main role to them, their rich ideas and voices speaking from all over Europe. "Rethinking SDG UN 2030 in the Post Pandemic Era" will look at the particular effect of the health crisis on the SDGs, especially in cities, inequalities, consumption and other topics in a transdisciplinary way. Encouraging the participation of experts in the fields and university students in order to create a joint conversation necessary to widen our perspectives and therefore work towards these goals while leaving no one behind.













Discussion Areas:

- 1. **PROSPERITY**. The role of youth activism and / or higher education institutions in shaping global agendas after COVID19
- 2. Examples of **PARTNERSHIP** at the Global/National/Regional and Local Level to cope with the effects of COVID 19
- a. The role of the EU on fostering a green agenda.
- b. The impact (or lack of) global partnerships to address the health crisis 3. The effects of the pandemic on **PEOPLE**. Global/National/Regional and Local inequalities
- a. New forms of work. Online work
- b. Mental Health problems during and after the pandemic
- 4. **PLANET**. Environmental resilience. What could we learn from the effects on the environment after stopping most of our activities?
- 5. **PEACE**. Do global crises like the COVID19 foster better or worse global understanding? What's now and what can happen in the future.

Interested?

The conference is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students interested in sustainability.

Students are invited to contribute during the conference in the following formats:

- inspirational pitch: presenting an innovative idea (15 mins. presentation, followed by Q&A)
- poster presentation: presenting research results (5 mins. presentation, followed by Q&A)
- round table: discussion with peers (one hour panel discussion, with interactive modalities)
- workshop: interactive session (90 mins. contribution)

Proposals for contributions can be sent in until **April 15 2021** (mail to: lola.berna@upf.edu). Please give a short description of the topic you would like to present (350 words max.), the format you would choose for your contribution, your contact information and affiliation (home university).

The scientific committee will approve contributions by **May 14 2021**. The final program of the conference will be online by **June 14 2021**.

For any questions regarding proposed formats and/or topics, you can contact

lola.berna@upf.edu. Please feel free to share this save the date and call for contributions!











