



CALL: Help organize a Student Led Conference in the framework of EUTOPIA

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? Join the organizing committee of our student-led summer conference on Sustainability Challenges!

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

Date: June 30th until July 2nd 2021

Location: Online

Presentation: 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 COVID-19
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 COVID-19 foster better or worse global understanding? What’s now and what can happen in the future.

Task Description:

Students are the main actor of the conference and will have the opportunity to participate in an international and transdisciplinary event about the crucial events of our near future with experts of different fields. Students are invited to join the scientific committee or the organizing committee.

As a member of the **organizing committee**, you will have the chance to: organize the sessions and the moderators during the congress and provide support in every session. Period: you will need to be available two weeks before and the days of the conference (30th June, 1st and 2nd of July) - expected workload: 8 hours/week.

As a member of the **scientific committee**, you will be able to contribute with: review abstracts, value them and decide in which session they should be, reject the ones that are not appropriate, and finally organize the selected abstracts in sessions regarding their topics. Period: you will need to be available in May 2021 - expected workload: 4 hours/week.

The EUTOPIA coordinating committee will select 2 students per partner institution, for both the scientific and organizing committee. The hosting institution, University of Pompeu Fabra, will select for 4 students per committee.

Interested?

Send in an email explaining why you are interested in participating in the organizing and/or scientific committee of the summer conference to Lola Berna Gascón (lola.berna@upf.edu) **before 22nd of March 2021**. You will be contacted by the 26th of March.



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