



SDGs Declaration by the SEA-EU Alliance

Universities are the right place to act for a transformation of our world in order to contribute to the survival of humanity; it is our vision and responsibility as we are engaged in the construction of knowledge and its transfer to the younger generation. We need to move away from the trajectory that started with the Neolithic revolution, accelerated with the use of fossil fuels, and today leads to the widespread use and overuse of chemicals in all sectors of the economy.

We also need to rethink what a "successful life" is: to have or to be?

The technological transition is inevitable but will not be enough. We need to change our ways of being in the world, of housing, of feeding ourselves, of moving around. This will also necessarily involve a revision of our relations with the non-human living world.

To pursue these objectives, the SEA-EU partners are willing to rely on the SDGs, which constitute a structuring tool for our action; they are not the final objective.

Mission Statement of the SEA-EU Alliance ([click to read it](#))

SEA-EU partners agree on the importance of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as proposed by the United Nations.





EA-EU partners **agree to adopt the following high-level commitments** in their plans when these are drafted or updated.

Commitments:

1. **Build internal capacity** and allocate resources to identify gaps, priorities and opportunities to implement effectively sustainability goals.
2. Include **engagement and participation** of all the university members in the adoption and implementation of SDGs.
3. Embrace sustainability through all university activities including **teaching, research, dissemination, management and administration**.
4. Identify, share and develop **best practice procedures** for the adoption and implementation of SDGs.
5. Set targets and develop **effective monitoring indicators** for the implementation of sustainability goals for **communication and outreach**.
6. **Co-create and contribute** to the effective adoption of sustainability goals with the SEA-EU associated partners and other stakeholders.
7. **Be a role model** and take into consideration the **carbon footprint** when organising SEA-EU activities, with an estimation and dissemination of the travel carbon footprint of at least each consortium governance meeting.

SEA EU partners commit to sharing knowledge through the SEA-EU networks, promoting and disseminating grant calls and collaboration opportunities. The sustainability networks that are developed as part of this initiative will support each other in achieving the long-term objectives of the SDGs.

Partner universities will coordinate efforts and transfer knowledge, and will remain responsible as individual entities, using their own resources and implementing activities most relevant to local conditions and within the spirit of the sustainability goals.

By integrating the goals of the 2030 Agenda into curricula, we intend to build resilience in society to the risks and difficulties that future generations may face on the road to sustainability.