Nordic Rio+20 -project

The Nordic Council of Ministers has granted funding for 2014-2015 to develop sustainability actions and to implement United Nation’s sustainability commitment “Rio+20 for HEIs” in the Nordic Universities.

The project is managed by Aalto University together with Nordic partners.

Targets of the Rio+20 -project

• To define Rio+20 commitment’s targets in Nordic HEIs
• To inventory the steering measures used in guiding sustainability work in Nordic HEIs
• To recognize central drivers and barriers in the sustainability work in Nordic HEIs
• To find measures to overcome the most severe barriers and ways to improve the steering measures
• To create joint Nordic recommendations for enhancing sustainability in HEIs

NSCN
Nordic Sustainable Campus Network

A platform for connecting sustainability experts in Nordic higher education institutions

We challenge all Nordic universities: Sign a commitment to support sustainability and take action!

Nordic universities may act as encouraging examples of sustainable communities, and strengthen Nordic visibility in global networks.

Learn more about the project
nordicsustainablecampusnetwork.wordpress.com/rio20-project
At the moment over 35 NSCN member institutions are sharing experiences and best practices, and developing sustainability actions together.

The goal of NSCN

- To strengthen the role of sustainable development in all university operations
- To get the universities’ top management increasingly engaged in sustainable development
- To change attitudes and behaviour at campuses in a more sustainable direction
- To increase student engagement
- To strengthen Nordic visibility in global networks

Activities

- Distributing information through NSCN mailing list and blog
- Expanding the network to reach sustainability experts in all Nordic universities
- NSCN seminars for university staff working with sustainability-related issues, also student contributions
- Collaboration with other networks and organizations, like NUAS, ISCN and national SD forums
- Nordic development projects: 2014–2015 NSCN is involved in the project Rio+20 implementation in Nordic HEIs

Our special emphases are campus greening and integrating sustainable development into teaching and research.

NSCN is led by a core group consisting of representatives from 7 Nordic universities. Activities are managed by a coordinator together with all members.

Welcome to NSCN!

By joining the network you’ll reach colleagues and stay up to date.

If your organization wants to join NSCN, please send NSCN coordinator:
- the name of your institution
- contact persons’ e-mails
- link to your website
- your logo

If you personally want to participate, join our mailing list through NSCN coordinator.

NSCN is targeted primarily for Nordic HEIs’ staff members.

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