



Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi)

Sustainable Development



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The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi) is an international network created in 1999 by the [UNESCO](#), the [United Nations University \(UNU\)](#) and the Polytechnic University of Catalonia-BarcelonaTech (UPC). The [Catalan Association of Public Universities \(ACUP\)](#) hosts its secretariat and presidency.

Its *mission* is to strengthen the role of higher education in society contributing to the *renewal of the visions and policies of higher education* across the world under a vision of *public service, relevance and social responsibility*.



What does GUNi do?

1. Facilitate spaces for active discussions and dialogue with HEIs and different actors of society on the social relevance of HE, research and knowledge.
2. Work to provide relevant reports, publications, and content that promotes values in HE.
3. Include diversity, youth, gender, and ethnics equality, democracy and civil rights in all our programs and activities. Work actively on RRI, research ethics, service learning...
4. Work actively with our Regional Offices.

Strategic line of action

Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- 1st International Conference on SDGs: Actors and Implementation 18-19th September 2017 at Polytechnic University of Catalonia-BarcelonaTech (UPC), Barcelona.

→ + 60 speakers from 20 countries, + 200 participants

→ Publication *Sustainable Development Goals: Actors and Implementation – A Report from the International Conference*. Available in Open access:

www.guninetwork.org/files/guni_sdgs_report.pdf



Strategic line of action (II)

Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- 2nd International Conference on SDGs: Higher Education & Science Take Action

5-6th March 2020 at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF), Barcelona

Open Call for Contributions until September 15th:

<http://www.guninetwork.org/activity/international-conference-sustainable-development-goals-higher-education-science-take-action>



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Strategic line of action (III)

Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Group of Experts on SDGs and Higher Education

“composed by representatives of some of the major networks working on sustainable development and higher education, it is intended to be a space of debate, collaboration and sharing of expertise from different regions of the world, cultures and perspectives in order to advance the 2030 Agenda.”

- Joint comments on UNESCO’s position paper on the future of ESD
- Work Plan 2019-2023
- Open Seminar on October 30th 2018 in Barcelona on “Partnerships”



First Publication
*Approaches to
SDG17:
Partnerships for
the SDGs*



First Meeting in October
29th 2018 in Barcelona



Strategic line of action (IV)

Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Group of Experts on SDGs and Higher Education

-Second Publication *Obstacles to implementing SDGs in higher education institutions and possible solutions* – *July 2019

-Second Meeting in October 3rd-4th 2019 in Barcelona.

*Evaluation Committee for the Call for Contributions (Conference 2020).

<http://www.guninetwork.org/topic/sustainable-development-goals-sdgs>



Thank you!