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Green Impact at LUCA School of Arts

1st edition

2021 - 2022

Impact Report

Green Impact in a nutshell

LUCA School of Arts is a **Green Impact partner**. Green Impact is a **change and engagement program** that helps people to understand sustainability in the workplace. It encourages staff and students to work in teams and take **concrete actions** around **socio-economic and environmental issues** in their office, lab and home (working) environment.

Green Impact was developed by the National Union of Students (NUS) in the United Kingdom **in 2006**. Since then, the program has been a massive success and has spread across **the UK** (delivered by SOS-UK), as well as to **Australia and New Zealand** (delivered by ACTS), **and Belgium, the Netherlands and France** (delivered by SOS International). In 2016, it was recognized with the **UNESCO-Japan Prize** on Education for Sustainable Development.

In 2021, **1003 teams** from **455 organizations** participated in Green Impact, realizing **25.547 actions** and involving **59.126 staff and 740 students**. LUCA School of Arts ran Green Impact for the **first time**, and as the first school of arts worldwide. We are grateful for the energy, motivation and time participants and organizers have put into the program, and of course we are proud of what we have achieved together!

Achievement of all teams at LUCA

31 changemakers registered in **6** Impact teams...



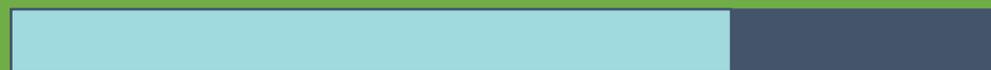
of which **23** active participants in **4** teams ...



implemented **81** toolkit actions, including...



60 actions (=74%) as the direct result of Green Impact.



The teams won...

1 silver prize and **3** accreditations. Congratulations!



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at **LUCA School of Arts**
2021-2022
First edition

Teams implemented
81 actions, or an
average of **20**
actions per team



54 out of **93**
available toolkit
actions (or **58%**)
were done by at least
1 team



Doe je de verwarming en
de lichten uit voor je
weggaat, lieve collega?



Oscar de groene mopperkont is je dankbaar!

23 people in **4**
teams were audited
this edition. **6** teams
signed up

3 out of **4**
actions teams
took were actions
they started doing
because of Green
Impact



Participants took
21 actions on
social sustainability,
such as on the topic
of "diversity" and
"social and
structural change"

All actions
related to
"Waste" were
done by at least 1
team



2 teams came up
with and
implemented **7**
own actions on
diverse topics

"Food and drinks"
was the most popular
topic, with **14**
actions done across
all audited teams



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Green Impact encourage staff and students to co-create a sustainable environment and lifestyle.

The program fosters awareness and behavioral change in the workplace and at home.



Impact teams at LUCA in action

We invited all 5 campuses to form an Impact team and join in Green Impact. The online toolkit offered participants **93 concrete actions, to be implemented** in the **work** and **study place**. Actions were organized according to topic: **Waste, Health & Wellbeing, Mobility, Food & Drinks, Diversity, Workspace, Energy & Water, Green, and Social & Structural Change**. Every category featured **Quick Wins, High Impact Actions** and **Own Actions**.

DIV002	Criteria	Further Information	How you will be audited	Comments/Evidence	Total Points	2	Not Done	N/A	Done
DIV002 - Quick win							Not Done	N/A	Done
Team members inform themselves and others on the subject of activism and intersectionality.									

FOD008	Criteria	Further Information	How you will be audited	Comments/Evidence	Total Points	8	Not Done	N/A	Done
FOD008 - High impact							Not Done	N/A	Done
When ordering catering for a meeting or event, the team orders from a sustainable caterer.									

Green Impact supports sustainable change

- LUCA is the **first higher education institution for applied sciences** in Belgium, and the first school of arts worldwide to take part in Green Impact.
- For starters, we aimed at setting up an Impact team on every one of LUCA's 5 campuses. Over **31 staff and students** signed up in **6 teams**: Groene Zwartzusters (campus Ghent), Groendienst Narafi (campus Vorst), Oscar (campus Brussels), Green DC (overarching executive committee), Green C-team (campus Genk) and Vriendelijke GROENTjes (campus Leuven).
- **4 out of 6 teams** were actively engaged with the toolkit actions and in support activities. They were audited and received an award.
- As the running time for this edition was rather short (4 months), initial efforts went into **establishing a team** with healthy practices for communication and collaboration. Nevertheless, **over 80 actions** were implemented along the way, varying from 5 to 45 actions per team.
- We noticed that Green Impact reached **staff members** only. Students were not active as participants or auditors. Because teams were location-based (exc. for the overarching team), members had mixed profiles, job functions and backgrounds.
- The toolkit inspired and created awareness. Teams appreciated in particular the **social sustainability** actions. Diversity and social & structural change were popular, in contrast to classic "green" topics such as mobility and energy. Additionally, "workspace" related actions were not implemented.



"We are a group of enthusiastic people who came together because of Green Impact. The toolkit especially made us think and question things. We are proud of the catering and waste actions taken thus far."

– Team Groene Zwartzusters



"As the executive committee, we want to make LUCA's sustainability policy tangible and concrete. We joined Green Impact to be more conscious about the framework in which we shape sustainability as a fundamental value."

– Team Green DC



"There is a lot of strength in just doing the little things. Just starting was important. We have been aiming for quick wins, focused on our own campus. We are ready for the second edition to begin!"

– Team Oscar



"Our team consists of a mix of profiles. We have started to structurally notice and mention sustainability issues. We are located in a gorgeous old building which brings along challenges in that regard."

– Team Narafi

Congratulations to all participants!

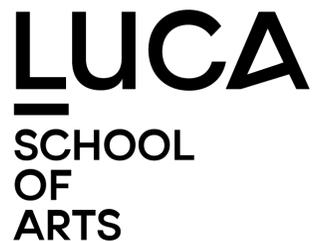
This first edition of Green Impact at LUCA resulted in **impressive teamwork** and **inspiring community engagement**. We are proud to have achieved our goal of setting up an Impact team on each campus, and look forward to see the teams grow in the next edition.

Green Impact at LUCA School of Arts was organized by Nikkie Melis, sustainability coordinator, with support from the Sustainability Taskforce. The program was delivered by Ann-Sofie Van Enis, program manager at Students Organizing for Sustainability International.

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