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**2021-2023 STRATEGY
FOR SUSTAINABLE
ACTIVITIES**





MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE ACTIVITY STRATEGY

Universities have always been incubators of social change and innovation, encouraging society to move forward. Recognizing its unique position in society, Mykolas Romeris University aims to set standards for sustainable activities: to become a “green” university and by example to contribute to solving environmental problems, and to help create a culture of sustainable society by developing a sustainable lifestyle, and to mobilize researchers’ creative potential for sustainable progress. This Sustainable Activity strategy of the University enunciates the position and goals of Mykolas Romeris University in contributing to the implementation of the principles of sustainability in all areas: social, economic, environmental.

PRINCIPLES

MRU’s sustainability strategy is based on the following key principles:

- ▶ Evidence-based and objectively measurable change
 - ▶ Implementation and maintenance of recognized standards for sustainable operation
 - ▶ Development of internal standards and practices on the principle of a learning organization
 - ▶ Prioritization of optimal activity processes
 - ▶ Development of environmental literacy and environmental citizenship within the university community
 - ▶ Involvement of the university community and stakeholders in the process of creating a sustainable university
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AREAS OF CHANGE AND INDICATORS

In accordance with the United Nations (UN) guidelines for the development of a sustainable university, specific changes based on recognized sustainability standards will be implemented in the following areas:

Abbreviations:

ARC – Academic Affairs Centre
KRC – Communication and Marketing Centre
MIC – Research and Innovation Centre

SSC – Health and Sports Centre
ŪT – Service Unit
TVPT – Law and Public Procurement Office

Commitment and Community Involvement in Activities Based on the Principles of Sustainability

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Dept.
Number of student / staff in Sustainable Principle-Based Activities	-	10 %	15 %	20 %	KRC, ARC
University Sustainable Activities Strategy	-	3 yrs. until end of calendar yr.			Vice-Rector for Acad. Affairs
Annual Report on Sustainable Principle-based Activities	-	for calendar year with Rector's report			KRC
University budget for sustainable principle-based activities (Eur)		112 000,00	119 500,00	132 500,00	ŪT
Participation: international sustainable activity ratings, position	-	To be included in GreenMetric ratings	Top 500	Top 500	KRC
Number of University-organized volunteer/charity activities	1	6	12	15	KRC, academic units
No. of Social initiatives on sustainable issues	1	2	3	4	KRC, academic units
"Green" procurement (% from all purchases)	0	3 %	5 %	7 %	ŪT
University pgs. on sustainability	-	Prepared	Updated	Updated	KRC
No. of Didlaukis acad. Community sustainable activities	-	2	3	4	Administrative & Academic Dept.

Studies and Research

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Dept.
Increase in the share of programs directly designed to increase sustainability in the total number of programs	77.65 %	80 %	83 %	85 %	ARC, academic units
Increase in the share of research funding for sustainability issues from total research funding	-	20 %	25 %	30 %	MIC, Finance Dept.
No. of published research publications on sustainability	33	>50	>70	>100	MIV, academic dept.
Dissertations, relating to sustainability & relation with number of prepared dissertations	40 %	50 %	55 %	60 %	MIC, academic dept.
Number of research events relating to sustainability issues	10	>10	>12	>15	MIC, laboratories, academic dept.
Number of Academic projects, relating to sustainability issues	25	>26	>28	>30	MIC, laboratories, academic dept.

Infrastructure and Landscape

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Dept.
Smart Building System Application (%)	7 %	22 %	30 %	40 %	UT
Open area in relation with entire University territory (%)	63 %	63 %	63 %	63 %	UT
University territory, forested area	2,7	2,7	2,7	2,7	UT
University territory, with overgrown planted vegetation	5,7	5,9	6,2	6,2	UT
Total open common space	14,2	14,2	14,2	14,2	UT

Sustainable Consumption and Waste Management

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Dept.
Decrease in University Electricity use (%)		5 %	5 %	5 %	UT
Decrease in University Used Water Amount for One Acad. Community Member (%)		5 %	5 %	5 %	UT
Renewable Energy as Part of Entire Energy Use (%)	0	4 %	6 %	8 %	UT
Number of Bike Spots	32	48	72	96	UT
Number of Electric Vehicle Charging Sockets Installed	0	1	2	3	UT
Number of Electric Vehicle Charging Sockets Installed		10 %	15 %	20 %	
Paper Use		Paper for use in document circulation is usually not used (except in cases as outlined in law)	Paper for use in documents is usually not used (except in cases as outlined in law)	Paper for use in documents is usually not used (except in cases as outlined in law)	Documents unit
Plastic Use		Single-use plastic goods are usually not acquired by the University	Plastic goods are not acquired by the University	Plastic goods are not acquired by the University	TVPT
No. Recycled waste compared with all waste (%)	20 %	40 %	60 %	80 %	UT
Increase in No. of University community initiatives relating to awareness of sustainable consumption	-	2	4	6	Sports Centre, KRC, Labs
Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (%)	Emissions 630 000kg	3 %	4,5 %	6 %	UT
Student / staff participating in awareness-events, (%)	-	10 %	15 %	20 %	ARC, academic units

Health

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Dept.
Number of student / staff that engage in regular exercise (%)	8 %	11 %	14 %	17 %	SSC
Number of Health/Sports activities (diversity)	20	25	30	35	SSC
Student/staff taking part in health/sports activities	2,7	2,7	2,7	2,7	SSC
Free psychological help for students/staff (no. of consultations)	1	3	3	5	

Social Support

Indicators	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Dept.
Amount of university funds allocated for community members for social support	12 000	13 000	14 000	15 000	
Increase in scholarships encouraging those with good grades in studies places	4	6	8	10	ARC
Increase in scholarships for international students developing countries	10	12	14	16	ARC
Diversity & Equal Opportunity	-	Prepared	Implemented	Implemented	

GreenMetric methodology: <http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id>

