

LUT University's sustainable development action plan 2026–2027

Sustainable development programme sets targets

LUT's sustainable development programme sets concrete targets for work that is done in accordance with the sustainability policy approved by the university rector. The university monitors the achievement of the programme's targets in regular management reviews, where also decisions on corrective actions are made.

Sustainability considerations

The sustainable development programme is divided into four considerations that are important for the university's operation. The work involving these aspects is important in increasing the impact of LUT's sustainable actions and reducing its environmental load.

The considerations are:

- a) scientific research,
- b) academic education,
- c) sustainable campuses with a sense of community
- d) societal interaction.

a) Scientific research

1. The number of scientific publications related to LUT's strategic SDGs (6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13) will increase.

b) Academic education

2. All of LUT's degree programmes will develop students' expertise in sustainable development.
3. 80% of LUT's courses are linked to at least one SDG.
4. The number of theses related to the Sustainable Development Goals will increase.
5. LUT's bachelor's and master's graduates will estimate that their sustainability competencies have developed more strongly than those of other university graduates in Finland.

c) Sustainable campuses with a sense of community

6. LUT aims for net zero in 2050 in accordance with the initiative Race to Zero for Universities.
7. LUT aims to strengthen the engagement and well-being of its diverse student and employee body.
8. We strengthen our staff's expertise in sustainable development.

d) Societal interaction

9. Junior University strengthens the sustainability competencies of children and youth in the region. Collaboration with schools and municipal education administration will be maintained and further developed.
10. LUT increases the impact of its activity and promotes sustainable development in collaboration with its EULiST partner universities.

Follow-up indicators for each sustainable development consideration

Target	Indicator
a) Scientific research	
The number of scientific publications related to LUT's strategic SDGs (6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13) will increase.	Classification in Scopus SciVal
b) Academic education	
All of LUT's degree programmes develop students' expertise in sustainable development.	Learning outcomes of degree programmes
80% of LUT's courses are linked to at least one SDG.	SDG statistics
The number of theses related to the Sustainable Development Goals will increase	The proportion of theses related to the Sustainable Development Goals
LUT's bachelor's and master's graduates will estimate that their sustainability competencies have developed more strongly than those of other university graduates in Finland.	Graduates' own assessment based on feedback surveys
c) Sustainable campuses with a sense of community	
LUT aims for net zero in 2050 in accordance with the initiative Race to Zero for Universities.	LUT's carbon footprint according to the GHG protocol, and annual review of the Climate Action Plan
LUT aims to strengthen the engagement and well-being of its diverse student and employee body.	Workplace operating culture index, bachelor's graduate survey, master's graduate surveys
We strengthen our staff's expertise in sustainable development.	The number of employees who have completed the Introduction to Sustainable Development and the Equality and Non-Discrimination training courses
d) Societal interaction	
Junior University strengthens the sustainability competencies of children and youth in the region. Collaboration with schools and municipal education administrations with the cities of Lappeenranta, Lahti and Imatra will be maintained and further developed.	Assessment of Junior University's activity and impact
LUT increases the impact of its activity and promotes sustainable development in collaboration with its EULiST partner universities.	Impact assessment of the implementation of the EULiST Sustainable Development Strategy