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Sustainability Newsletter 01/2021



Dear Sustainability Community,

The freshly inaugurated US president Joe Biden has already taken important steps towards global climate protection. Being the second-largest polluter in the world, the US has a significant impact on the climate crisis. On day one of Biden's tenure, he signed the executive order to rejoin the [Paris Agreement](#), which aims at reducing greenhouse gas emission and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celcius.

We recommend the article "[Here Are All the Climate Actions Biden Took on Day One](#)" by Scientific American which gives more information about the new administration's plans and promises.

Do you have someone in mind who would also be interested in reading the latest sustainability news? Please share our [subscription link!](#)

YOUR IDEAS FOR SUSTAINABILITY WEEK 2021

Share with us your ideas for this year's [Sustainability Week!](#) We are currently planning the next Sustainability Week, which is taking place in October 2021. Therefore, we would like to know which activities **you** would like to see or participate in during the event?

Write to us via our social media channels or click the button above.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US!

ENERGY TRANSITION

Don't underestimate the power of energy savings

Every bit of energy you save (electricity or gas) collectively adds up to a lot of energy and natural resources being saved. In this regard, every action counts! As part of this collective action, the UT has now successfully reduced its energy consumption by 30% from 2005 until 2020 as a part of the Long-Term Covenant Agreement on Energy Efficiency. On top of that, the UT drafts an Energy Efficiency Plan every four years to make this amount of energy savings happen.

Make sure to check out the [Energy Dashboard](#) to know the energy sustainability statistics of the UT. And for insights into the Master program Sustainable Energy Technology, read [these student experiences](#).

DRUM ROLLS FOR..."SUSTAIN"

This section presents different sustainability stakeholders at the UT, this time...our partners over at SUSTAIN.

Please, introduce your group!

"[SUSTAIN](#) is a student association at the University of Twente aimed at raising awareness of environmental and socio-economic sustainability. We are a group of enthusiastic and motivated students concerned about learning with sustainability to create a positive impact in our lives and the UT community. SUSTAIN also provides a platform to share ideas and take part in projects that improve sustainability in a fun way."



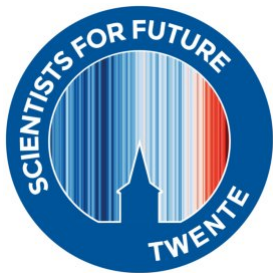
Sustainable transformation is a long process, if you could make one change overnight, what would that be?

"We would make the entire UT community aware of the impacts of climate change and educate them on how to make a change. We would do so, in the hope that they take this mindset with them wherever they go after their time at the UT and create a positive impact on society."

Who gets nominated for the next edition?

"Scientist for Future"

NEWS



Scientist for Future at the UT

Scientist4Future is a recently initiated coalition of concerned scientists who aim to support citizens and organizations in Twente and beyond with facts and science-based considerations related to the climate emergency.

If you are interested in supporting them by lending your name to this initiative, or by joining with your efforts – let them know via their [contact form](#).

[News: Scientist4Future](#)



Green Hub releases Annual Report 2020 and Annual Plan 2021

This month we released our first [Annual Report for 2020](#). The added value of making sustainability a precondition to everything the UT does is supported by the content of our activities. Although circumstances were different than expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and fewer activities took place on campus, we have set the important groundwork for future plans and collaborations. These steps are essential to realizing our [sustainability plans for 2021!](#)

[News: Annual Report 2020 & Annual Plan 2021](#)



Virtual Sustainability Walk

Make a corona-safe tour around campus! The University of Twente is located on a beautiful green campus between the cities of Enschede and Hengelo. In this virtual tour, you can explore the campus - and discover some of the sustainability measures the university has taken so far.

[News: Virtual Sustainability Walk](#)

Thanks for caring about the environment by staying tuned about sustainability at our University!

Yours, [Green Hub Twente](#)



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