

## How to empower universities to deal with SDGs?

An interactive exchange workshop starting from an Austrian example

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## UniNEtZ – Optionenpapier zur Umsetzung der SDGs in Österreich"

("Universitäten und Nachhaltige EntwicklungsZiele")



 Do SDGs currently play a role in your professional life?

2. Do SDGs currently play a role in your university / institution?

3. Should SDGs be a guiding principle for universities?





### **SDGs: Empowering Universities**

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### Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- 169 Targets
- Numerous indicators (still evolving)

### Sustainable development Goals







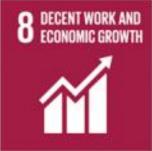
































# UniNEtZ – Options for the achievement of the SDGs in Austria



#### Aims:

- produce scientifically based options for the Austrian government
- improve interdisciplinary co-operation within and between universities
- familiarise graduates with the SDGs
- open new research fields



### Concept



- Every participating university
  - Selects SDGs or targets within their expertise
  - Sets up mixed teams to work on each of these
    - literature reviews, lectures, seminars, thesis
  - Interacts with other teams within their University
  - Interacts with teams in other Universities
  - Interacts with stakeholders
  - Contributes to the "paper of options" for the Austrian government



### Concept

- One cross-universities coordinator for every SDG
- One overall coordinator for Austria
  - keeps track of who does what
  - co-ordinates cross SDG-meetings
  - co-ordinates of stakeholder involvement and is point of contact for stakeholders
  - co-ordinates of paper of options
  - Involvement of "the other 50%"





### Thank you for your attention!

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