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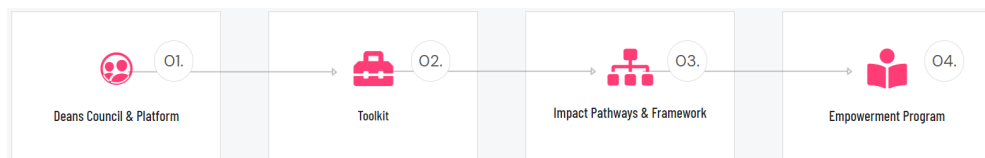
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) play a critical role in advancing sustainable development. By shaping minds of future leaders and creating new knowledge on promoting sustainable solutions, they have potential to drive change. However, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) efforts, although echoed across national strategies and policies, remain at an operational level that has yet to transcend to a systemic embeddedness.

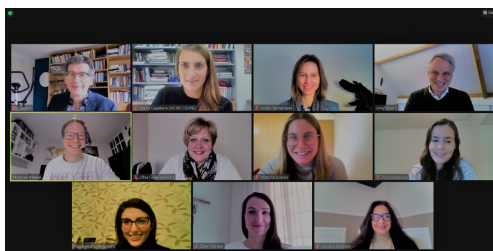
Therefore, the DECODE Sustainability project addresses the need of strengthening the link between Higher Education and sustainability by providing Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with a suitable tool-based process to integrate Sustainable Development at the department level and contribute to its impact.

OUR PROCESS

The European Deans Council for Sustainable Development has a clear pathway towards improving sustainability contributions in and through higher education.



NEWS



Kick-off meeting of the DECODE project: European Deans Council for Designing Sustainability Impact Roadmaps

On December 9, 2020, the **DECODE Sustainability project** hosted its formal kick-

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a purple sidebar contains the text: "European Deans Council for Sustainable Development has been Officially Launched!". At the top of the sidebar is the DECIDE logo, which consists of a blue and red geometric shape above the word "DECIDE" and "Sustainability" in a smaller font. The main window displays a grid of participants. The top row has three participants: a man in a white shirt, a woman in a dark jacket, and a woman with glasses. The middle row has three participants: a woman with dark hair, a man in a dark sweater, and a man with a beard. The bottom row has two participants: a man in a purple shirt and a man in a dark shirt. Below the grid, there are two large black boxes with white text: "Anna Vindemose" and "Mariam Alkassas". To the right of these boxes is the logo for the "EUROPEAN UNION" (EU), which features the letters "EU" in blue and "NI" in green. At the bottom right, there is a small text box that reads: "Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union".

Marking the Official Start of the Deans Council with an informative and interactive webinar!

The Council founding members can watch the recorded session of the event and download the presentations in the DECODE Connect Platform.

What do you expect from the Council?



During the first phase of the project (2021), the DECODE team wrote a literature review, surveyed over 500 deans and 300 academics, interviewed 30 deans, and summarized insights in the final report. You can find all outputs [here](#).



- **DECODE HEI Sustainability Analysis: Final Report**
- **DECODE HEI Sustainability Analysis: Deans And Academics Survey Reports**
- **DECODE HEI Sustainability Analysis: Literature Review**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DECODEproject 2nd webinar – Results of IO1

**Embedding sustainability in academia:
Deans as change makers**

Date: 13th of January 2022 **Time:** 15.00h -16.15h (CET)

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- 15.00h - Overview of the webinar and the DECODE Sustainability Project, by Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI).
- 15.05h - Guest Speaker: Keynote "Deans as Changemakers: the leader, the learner and the lettuce" 15:10h Prof. Daniella Tilbury (Commissioner for Sustainable Development and Future Generations, Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar) and Q&A and debate with the audience 15:25h
- 15.30h - Embedding sustainability in academia: Deans as change makers - Presentation of the results of the IO1, including an open discussion and interactive activity with the audience, by the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), ACEEU, Riga Technical University and UNINA.
- 16.10h - Closing remarks, by Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI) TBC

REGISTER NOW! Registration form: <https://3bxtk4thuns.typeform.com/Decodewebinar2>

*Registration open until 11.01.2022 at 11.00 CET



*Event for registered founding members and open to the general public

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**"Embedding sustainability in
academia: Deans as change
makers"**

2nd DECODE webinar

13th January 2022 / 15-16:15h CET

Save the date!

The DECODE Project is organizing an open webinar for HEI deans and academics and those who are interested in the topic of Sustainable Development (SD) in HEI academic units on January 13, 2022. The webinar will be focused on the results of the project's work package, **HEI Sustainable Analysis**, which discusses the barriers and opportunities to embed sustainable development within the academic units of higher education.

Prof. Daniella Tilbury, Commissioner for Sustainable Development and Future Generations - Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, has been invited as a special guest speaker and she will deliver the keynote speech **"Deans as Changemakers: the leader, the learner and the lettuce"**.

Have a look at the **programme** and how to **register** [here](#).

GET ENGAGED!



**Interested In What We Do?
Find Out How You Can Engage**

Join the European Deans Council!

In order to support deans in their efforts to embed sustainable development within higher education institutions, we are establishing a **European Deans**

Council for Sustainable Development (DECODE).

You are invited to shape the foundation of the Council by joining the Deans Council as a founding member (free of charge).

Requirements:

- Active dean/ head of faculty/ department/ school of Higher Education Institution in Europe, or
- A representative appointed by the dean or head of faculty/ department/ school of Higher Education Institution in Europe to drive Sustainable Development at the management level of the academic unit

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