

Carbon neutrality and handprint of higher education institutions

-the first joint sustainability day of
higher education institutions in Turku

When: Tuesday September 19th at 13–16 (informal networking 16–17)

Where: Arken, Åbo Akademi University, Tehtaankatu 2, Turku.

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Programme:

- 13.00 **Welcome:** Director Security and Sustainability **Stefan Willför**, Åbo Akademi University
- Opening words:** Futurist **Mikko Dufva**, Sitra (video greeting)
- Panel discussion:** The role of HEIs as drivers for carbon neutrality and the importance of regional collaboration
- Panellists:**
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| Vice Rector Eva Sandberg-Kilpi
Novia University of Applied Sciences | Rector Jukka Kola
University of Turku |
| Rector, CEO Vesa Taatila
Turku University of Applied Sciences | Rector Mikael Lindfelt
Åbo Akademi University |
- Moderator: Professor **Jukka Käyhkö**, University of Turku
- 14.10 **Workshops**
- Workshop 1: Promoting sustainable mobility at higher education institutions*
- Workshop 2: The role of student unions in reducing the carbon footprint*
- Workshop 3: Sustainability as an integral part of research and development projects*
- Workshop 4: The handprint of higher education institutions*
- 15.45 **Closing session**
- Summaries from the workshops, Workshop facilitators*
- The next steps in regional collaboration, **Stefan Willför**, Åbo Akademi University*
- 16.00 **Informal networking**

Workshops

Workshop 1: Promoting sustainable mobility at HEIs

Facilitator: Katariina Kiviluoto, TUAS

14.10–14.20 *Introduction to the workshop*

14.20–14.55 *Green travel – students and staff*

Case Green travel at the University of Turku
International officer **Heli Rahko**, UTU
Financial Specialist **Heli Lindroos**, UTU

14.55–15.30 *Moving to, around and from campus*

Case TUAS promoting sustainable commuting and mobility on campus
Senior specialist in sustainable mobility **Katariina Kiviluoto**, TUAS
Project manager in sustainable mobility **Annika Kunnasvirta**, TUAS

15.30–15.40 *Conclusions and recommendations for regional collaboration*

Workshop 2: The Role of student unions in reducing carbon footprint

Facilitator: Emma Westerlund, Novia

14.10–14.15 *Introduction to the workshop*

14.15–14.55 *Introduction to the work student unions do in the region to promote climate-friendly actions*

Case **Novium** – Student Union of Novia University of Applied Sciences
Case **TUO** – Student Union of Turku University of Applied Sciences
Case **TYY** – Student Union of the University of Turku
Case **ÅAS** – Student Union of Åbo Akademi University

14.55–15.30 *Discussion: Regional collaboration possibilities in advancing carbon neutrality*

15.30–15.40 *Conclusions and recommendations for regional collaboration*

Workshop 3: Sustainability as an integral part of research and development projects

Facilitator: Timo Mieskonen, TUAS

14.10–14.20 *Introduction to the workshop*

14.20–14.55 *Sustainable Development in project planning*

Senior advisor **Timo Mieskonen**, TUAS

14.55–15.30 *How to run a sustainability science research group sustainably*

Associate Professor **Nora Fagerholm**, UTU

15.30–15.40 *Conclusions and recommendations for regional collaboration*

Workshop 4: The handprint of HEIs

Facilitator: Jutta Mäkinen, UTU

14.10–14.20 *Introduction to the workshop*

14.20–14.55 *The handprint of higher education institutions*

Case Arene/TUAS, Principal Lecturer Dr **Taru Konst**, TUAS

14.55–15.30 *How to integrate sustainability in education*

Case University of Turku, Professor **Jukka Käyhkö**, UTU

15.30–15.40 *Conclusions and recommendations for regional collaboration*

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