



### TU Dublin SDG 17: Partnership Progress Report 2021

The vision for TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 is to ‘*Create a Better World, Together*’. In developing our TU Dublin strategy, and over the course of our conversations with over 2,500 stakeholders, we viewed the challenges facing us through the lens of the UN Sustainability Goals (SDGs). Some clear areas of focus emerged which resulted in shaping our plan to tackle our task through the following themes - People, Planet, Partnership and underpinned by the key SDG goal of ‘Quality Education’. These pillars inform our approach to educational, research and engagement practices, ensuring that TU Dublin delivers real change, innovation and impact for society.

This is TU Dublin’s second report on how the University has been addressing the SDGs. It includes examples of initiatives, events and project work that are having an impact across the 17 SDGs.

Year	Event
Oct 2021	TU Dublin Professor published a <a href="#">Report on Women's Entrepreneurship in Europe</a> . Launched at the <i>WEgate Summit 2021</i> , it is dedicated to finding out the best ways to support businesses driven by women entrepreneurs in Europe, based on a survey of 316 responses from 25 countries.
Sept 2021	TU Dublin was involved in the <a href="#">#CLICFinalConference</a> which presented the reflection conducted within CLIC on the “human-centred” circular model for circular cities and regions through cultural heritage adaptive reuse to contribute next EU Recovery and Resilience strategies and included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The European Green Deal</li> <li>- The New European Bauhaus</li> <li>- The research results on new evaluation tools</li> <li>- Circular governance models</li> <li>- Circular business models</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Innovative financing instruments for cultural heritage adaptive reuse</li> </ul>
Sept 2021	<p>TU Dublin is one of eight members of the <a href="#">EUt+ (European University of Technology)</a> alliance which hosted three public discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EUt+: A beacon of equal opportunities for all</li> <li>- EUt+: Boosting European Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship</li> <li>- EUt+: Designing the future of higher education in Europe</li> </ul>
July 2021	<p>TU Dublin welcomed European Commission President <a href="#">Ursula von der Leyen and Taoiseach Micheál Martin</a> to the University while international and nation media attended a press conference highlighting Ireland's National Recovery &amp; Resilience Plan and the Next Generation EU recovery package in the wake of Covid-19.</p>
June 2021	<p>The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Leo Varadkar TD is meeting with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, local authorities, TU Dublin and government agencies, to kick off the development of a new <a href="#">Regional Enterprise Plan for the Dublin region</a>.</p>
May 2021	<p>An EU-funded report profiling <a href="#">Community Engagement at TU Dublin</a> was launched. The findings were based on a collection of 100 practices and case studies of community engagement within the university and one-to-one meetings, workshops and focus groups with senior management, students and staff of TU Dublin and community representatives.</p>
April 2021	<p>Three Researchers at <a href="#">TU Dublin received funding from the Irish Research Council's New Foundations Scheme</a>. The projects will bring researchers and community/voluntary organisations together to share knowledge and develop new insights to help create a better society for all.</p>
Various 2021	<p><a href="#">Convene</a>, a TU Dublin and University College Dublin initiative, which received €17.5M in funding, was officially launched by <a href="#">Taoiseach Micheál Martin</a> in October. This collaboration seeks to transform university-enterprise engagement for the benefit of Irish society and the economy and to support a resilient and enduring economic recovery in the wake of the unprecedented disruption caused by COVID-19. It launched a new <a href="#">Transversal Skills Modules</a> running from November to December 2021.</p>
Summer 2021	<p>In line with our ambition to be a leader in informing public debate on sustainability and stimulating awareness and action, TU Dublin participated in the <a href="#">UN75</a>, a celebration of the UN's 75th anniversary, by launching a global conversation to gather inputs on the SDGs. This dialogue will form part of the final report on the UN75 Global Listening Report. The University discussions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Climate Crisis - A Race We Can Win</li> <li>- The Impact of Digital Technologies</li> <li>- A New Era of Conflict and Violence</li> <li>- Inequality- Bridging the Divide</li> <li>- Shifting Demographics</li> </ul>

	- Investing in health for an Equitable Future and Women and Girls - Closing the Gender Gap
Ongoing	<p><a href="#">TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030</a> was created using the SDGs as a framework and has committed to embedding SDG education into the curriculum through the following KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainability is incorporated into the TU Dublin Graduate Attributes and all programmes will have sustainability as learning outcome</li> <li>- Every programme will incorporate SDG related practice-based research</li> <li>- Concentrate our research activity in at least five research fields addressing the SDGs</li> </ul>
Ongoing	<p>TU Dublin, in conjunction with Dublin City Council is working with local schools on an <a href="#">Air Quality Project</a>. This project is part of a UN <a href="#">Globe Project</a> and is supported by the EPA and An-Taisce Global Citizen Science Initiative. Schools use their grounds to take NO2 measurements, comparing the results with others in the area, nationally and internationally.</p>
Ongoing	<p>The three main campuses at TU Dublin are implementing a <a href="#">Biodiversity Action Plan</a> in conjunction with local government, with interventions that aim to progress the local natural environment.</p>
Ongoing	<p>TU Dublin is collaborating with the <a href="#">Dublin Food Co-Op</a>, which promotes and sells sustainably sourced vegetarian, organic and local food. TU Dublin culinary arts students created a sustainability check list for purchasing and business students worked to create a sustainable business plan.</p>
Ongoing	<p><a href="#">Campus Engage Report</a></p> <p>TU Dublin is a member of Campus Engage, a national initiative which to enable and embed civic and community engagement activities in higher education (SDG 11). Their report features initiatives from all three main campuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City Campus (page 6): students collaborated with the <i>Irish Penal Reform Trust (IPRT)</i> to produce reports that could affect Irish penal policy into the future</li> <li>- Blanchardstown Campus (page 10) worked to inform the development of a five to ten year social, community and economic plan for the Mulhuddart area</li> <li>- Tallaght Campus (page 18) I-VOL mobile app was developed by a part time student to enable Volunteer Ireland to engage people through the use of the app. I-VOL makes the process of finding a suitable volunteering opportunity in your locality easier</li> </ul>
Ongoing	<p>TU Dublin's <a href="#">ESHI (Environment Sustainability &amp; Health Institute)</a> addresses national policy objectives, undertaking user-focused, goal-oriented research with national and industry relevance. We inform policy design and translation and developing capacity for implementing policy, delivering science to policy.</p>
Ongoing	<p>TU Dublin is a member of <a href="#">SFI MaREI</a>, which comprises of 220 researchers focusing on defined global challenges such as the Energy Transition, Climate Action and the Blue Economy</p>