



TU Dublin SDG 9: Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure Progress Report 2020

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.

TU Dublin was formally established on the 1st of January 2019 as the first technological university in Ireland. The TU Dublin Strategic Intent 2030 was launched in January 2020 and this document forms the first 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
Ongoing	TU Dublin Hothouse celebrates 10 years working with industry. Hothouse is an award-winning Knowledge Transfer and Incubation Centre responsible for the commercialisation of intellectual property arising from TU Dublin research. It is the hub of innovation and technology transfer activities in TU Dublin, the place where business meets innovation.
Ongoing	TU Dublin Institute For Minority Entrepreneurship was established to offer different minority groups in Ireland equal opportunity through entrepreneurship education and training.
Ongoing	TU Dublin Arthur Ryan Retail Centre is an innovative centre for Retail Excellence acting as an interface between academia and the retail sector and aims to contribute towards the development of sustainable retail policy and effective retail education.

Ongoing	TU Dublin 3S Group (Smart Sustainable Solutions for complex business processes) is a multi-disciplinary group specialised in business process optimisation. It applies state-of-the-art management science expertise (including operations research, business process analysis, and operations management) to address complex business process issues and develop innovative solutions.
Ongoing	TU Dublin Business Society Sustainability Research Centre is a designated research centre committed to critical and creative analysis and reflection on the impacts of business on wider society and the impact of wider society on business.
Ongoing	I-Cubed is an annual student start up award hosted by TU Dublin. Judged by a panel of industry expert professionals TU Dublin provides a €5,000 prize winnings with one-on-one mentorship and workshop office space in the TU Dublin Greenway Hub for the best pitch.
March 2020	TU Dublin published a report providing policymakers with a clear blueprint for developing the entrepreneurial potential of people with disabilities. The Pathway to Entrepreneurship for People with Disabilities in Ireland report found that the loss of income from social security benefits or supplemental disability programmes is considered the biggest barrier to self-employment.
2018	TU Dublin sponsored DMX where over 30 world-leading speakers and over 800 marketing professionals attended a full day of sharing, learning and networking.