

TRAINING ACTIVITIES ABOUT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Concerned SDG(s): All

HEI name: Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Type of HEI: High Education Institute / University

Challenges addressed

Pontificia Comillas University as a member of the Spanish Network for the Global Compact has launched this training initiative to raise awareness and engage their students with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). So the main challenge addressed is to increase awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals among the students as well as the professors and staff involved.

Goals and ambitions

The main goal of this training programme is to increase students' awareness on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The ambition of this training programme relies on the awareness that today's students are the professionals of the future and will have the responsibility of committing to ethical management, which will include the business contribution to the SDGs. Thus the training programme focuses on highlighting the relevance of SDGs for the students and letting them know how SDGs can be achieved as citizens but also as professionals.

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ECONOMY

SOCIETY

BIOSPHERE



Implementation and approaches

Pontificia Comillas University collaborates with the Global Compact through the Department of Economic and Business Ethics and has signed the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

Within the Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Class, students of the international group of the Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences have participated in series of participative sessions. Part of the activity consisted on analysing the role that companies plays in order to achieve SDGs. On the basis of participative debates about how companies can contribute to the SDGs, students put the focus on how companies are part of the problem but also part of the solution.

The students mentioned some possible examples for action within companies including fair trade actions, reduction of the carbon footprint and respect for labour rights. These reflection activities and sessions have been complemented by an exhibition about the Sustainable Development Goals, which has occupied the central corridors of the university.



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Required resources

- Professors involved in the seminars and discussions
- Classroom, projector, laptop.
- Material for the exhibition about the Sustainable Development Goals

Obstacles

The main obstacle has been to promote the participation of the students and to involve them in the reflection activities and sessions.

Benefits and contributions

The main benefit of this programme is to sensitize and increase awareness among students as well as professors and staff involved in the training programme about the relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals and the role of companies.

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