

PRAXISDG – SETTING SUSTAINABILITY IN MOTION

CONCEPT

praxiSDG is a service-learning format with a strong sustainability focus, which activates knowledge, skills and intuition of participants for global citizens. By engaging in self-selected sustainability projects, developed together with partner institutions in the non-profit/civil-society sector, participants learn to act as *change agents* in programme design, strategy or operative activities (*service*). Based on the respective needs of the partner organizations, participants will work in interdisciplinary teams and design their individual projects, thus, *transforming from within*. The development of precisely formulated project goals for self-determined, sustainability-related action enables participants not only to learn about the significance of volunteerism, but also to evaluate and reflect on its opportunities and risks against the backdrop of their individual study contexts (*learning*).

NOTION

praxiSDG aims at...

- attracting participants with a strong sustainability agenda across all disciplines and study semesters;
- engaging participants in proactive, self-determined and experiential ways with thrilling partner-organization projects;
- providing innovative blended-learning opportunities, including four classroom-learning sessions and optional e-tutoring/consultation over one semester;
- facilitating a unique interdisciplinary learning experience with the support of tandem learning coaches; and
- concluding with a reflective e-portfolio with the option of receiving ECTS credits and certificate.

ADDED-VALUE

praxiSDG may yield promising effects in various ways, such as...

- gain unique learning experience in an interdisciplinary and sustainability-driven context;
- promote your own, existing, non-profit and sustainability-driven partner-organization projects;
- apply your academic and social expertise in dedicated heart-and-soul settings; and/or
- learn how to make use of reflecting experiences in professional contexts.

ELEMENTS

praxiSDG is roughly divided into three phases:

1. *kick-off*: find and shape your project, and build a thriving team with fellow participants;
2. *hands-on*: work on your project with your team and in close collaboration with the partner organization, supported by individually-tailored consultation sessions and e-tutoring; and
3. *reflect about*: present the results of the project phase and reflect on them within an academically sound framework and with the close methodological support of the coaching tandem.



JOINING



Participants may opt freely for *praxiSDG*; there is no pre-selection of participants according to their academic disciplines or study semesters. Registration takes place on a *first-come, first-serve* basis. Thanks to a blended-learning set-up consisting of both in-person and online sessions, it is open to committed participants of several universities in one region.

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