



RCE
Regional Centre of Expertise
Education for Sustainable Development
Graz - Styria

Mission

The mutual knowledge and experience transfer for sustainable change processes between global and local actors, research and practice, teachers and students.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GLOBAL - LOCAL IN RESEARCH AND PRACTISE

Objectives

- Networking of local and global sustainability initiatives
- Project-initiation and support in the range of education for sustainable development, regional development, tourism and innovation transfer
- Global experience exchange through a Global Learning Space for Sustainable Development
- Raising awareness for sustainable development among the region's society

RCE GRAZ-STYRIA'S FOCUS GROUPS



FOCUS GROUP: SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY

The Sustainable University Graz Task Force has been founded in 2004. Members of this Task Force are representatives of the University's management, students, researchers, lecturers as well as environmental consultants and regional actors who are working on strategies and activities for a sustainable university. The first sustainability report by an Austrian university was published in 2006.

ACTIVITIES:

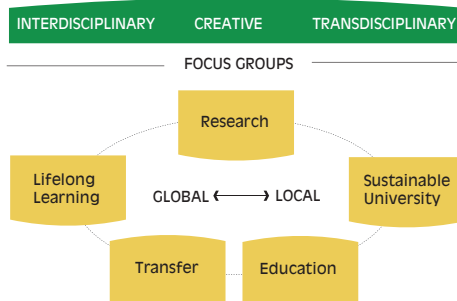
- Management of the Sustainable University Graz Task Force
- Sustainability Report 2008
- International establishment of the Sustainable University Graz

FOCUS GROUP: TRANSFER

Central task is the mutual, regional and global knowledge and experience transfer. Together with regional and global partners, projects are elaborated and initiated.

ACTIVITIES:

- Sustainability Trail in the woods of Trofaiach, in co-operation with the local youth-centre
- Live-transmission of events to Kirchbach - KBS
- Cooperation in teaching and research with Keimblatt Ökodorf, Riegersburg
- Innovation-transfer with Sekem Development Foundation, Egypt
- Organisation of Conferences: Engineering Education for Sustainable Development [EESD]



FOCUS GROUP: RESEARCH

Research focuses on transdisciplinary regional development processes, innovation transfer as well as Education for Sustainable Development.

ACTIVITIES:

- Transdisciplinary change processes in regions
- Innovation transfer to support sustainable regions
- Local and global influences of RCEs
- Sustainable Tourism

FOCUS GROUP: LIFELONG LEARNING

RCE Graz-Styria is offering further education for students, teachers, researchers, regional developers and managers as well as interested private persons.

ACTIVITIES:

- Workshop "Tools and Methods for Sustainable Change Processes in Regions and Economy"
- Virtueller Campus for a Sustainable Europe (VCSE)

FOCUS GROUP: EDUCATION

Together with the University of Graz, RCE is offering practice oriented courses for students in various fields of sustainable development. Furthermore, RCE Graz-Styria is supporting its partners in organisation and promotion of lectures.

ACTIVITIES:

- Workshop "Tools for Sustainable Change Processes in Regions and Economy"
- Interdisciplinary practical course: "Sustainable Change Processes in Regions"
- MSc study course: "Sustainable City- and Regional Development"

RCE GRAZ-STYRIA: PROJECTS

RCE Graz-Styria targets to build up a network of sustainability initiatives, creating and supporting new innovative activities as well as supporting a knowledge transfer between university and society. A global network of RCEs is building the Global Learning Space for Sustainable Development (GLS) which contributes to an experience transfer between cultures as well as a worldwide learning process, how sustainable development can be transmitted and awareness can be raised among the society.

RCE Graz-Styria is located at the Department of Geography at the University of Graz and is acting as an interface in the fields of Sustainable Development between University and society.

Sustainability Trail in the woods Trofaiach



Students of Environmental System Sciences at the University of Graz were working together with young people from the local Youth Centre on the creation of a Sustainability Trail in the woods of Trofaiach. They came up with eight wall charts that focus on global and local aspects of sustainability such as:

- Climate Change
- Water Resources
- Poverty Alleviation
- Energy Consumption
- Alimentary/Consumption
- Education for Sustainable Development
- UN-Millennium Development Goals

This project was awarded as an official Decade's Project by the Austrian UNESCO Commission.

Intergenerational Learning



Sustainable Development must be integrated in all levels of education. RCE Graz-Styria and the University of Graz are offering lectures not only for students but also for all interested persons. New forms of intergenerational learning allow students and interested persons of all age groups to learn together and to learn from each other about sustainable development.