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**DIPARTIMENTO 20182023
DI ECCELLENZA 20222027**

International Programme in Sustainability

(Minor in Sustainability)

Call for applications

1. THE PROGRAM IS PROMOTED BY

EUGREEN ALLIANCE

Universidade de Évora (Portugal)

University of Gävle (Sweden)

University of Oradea (Romania)

Università di Parma (Italy)

For the Academic Year 2026/27, the programme will be offered as a pilot initiative.

2. STUDY PROGRAM IN CONSORTIUM

a. Type of Consortium: International

b. Type of Agreement: Administrative-financial management under the responsibility of University of Parma

c. Coordinator Institution: University of Parma

d. Type of Certificate: Certificate to be awarded by each Partner Institution, within the EU GREEN Alliance.

e. Partner Institutions:

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University of Gävle (Sweden)

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f. Specific Regulation: No

g. Application dates:



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1st phase:

July 31 to September 4th, 2026

2nd phase

September 21st to October 2nd

h. Executive Program Committee:

Antonella Bachiorri - Università di Parma

Alina Badulescu - University of Oradea

Maria Ilhéu - Universidade de Évora

Komal Rambaree - University of Gävle

Composition of local commission (UniPr)

Antonella Bachiorri, Dip.to SCVSA

Clelia D'Apice, DUSIC

Laura Gherardi, DUSIC

Gianluca Maestri, DUSIC

Bernardo Tafuri, U.O. Progettazione Didattica e Offerta Formativa

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The International Program in Sustainability complements existing bachelor programs at the EU GREEN partner universities by allowing students to holistically explore sustainability concepts and practices. By incorporating the International Program in Sustainability within various fields of study, students can understand how their disciplines intersect with environmental, social, and economic issues in a sustainable approach. This integration is crucial for preparing graduates equipped to address sustainability's complex challenges in their future careers.

This interdisciplinary approach, therefore, encourages international collaboration and the exchange of ideas, allowing students to tackle sustainability challenges from multiple perspectives. Students can work on and/or develop innovative solutions that draw on their unique skills and knowledge by working with peers from different countries and educational backgrounds and fostering global citizenship. Engaging with context-based, real-world sustainability challenges within and beyond Europe allows them to apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings, enhancing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The holistic,



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interdisciplinary, and collective approach deepens their understanding of sustainability issues and empowers them to contribute to positive change within their communities and beyond actively.

4.OBJECTIVES

- To use their disciplinary skills and engage in interdisciplinary collaboration to explore potential solutions for sustainability challenges, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, food security, water management, migrations and integration, democracy, and human rights;
- To apply key sustainability competencies such as critical and systems thinking, complex problem solving, active citizenship, supporting and promoting justice and equity in planning, implementation, and integration of sustainability strategies, activities, projects, and policies;
- To provide opportunities for internationalization.

5. INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing the International Program in Sustainability, students will be able to:

- Apply sustainability values (such as integrity, fairness, stewardship) and ethics in assessing sustainability issues and in crafting sustainability visions related to socio-ecological systems;
- Deal with sustainability issues by embracing complex systems and critical thinking at various levels (local to global) and across different domains (environmental, social, and economic);
- Engage and act in collaborative international teamwork.
- Take action to envision sustainable futures

6. STRUCTURE:

Year/Semester in the study plan	Curricular Unit	Field of study	Total working hours	ECTS	HEI(s) that delivers	Mode of delivery	Language(s) of instruction	Mandatory/optional
Semester 1	An introduction to sustainability Studies: concepts and principles	Transversal	150	6	Joint	Online (Syn & Asyns)	English	Mandatory
Semester 2	Shaping Sustainability: project work:	Transversal	150	6	Joint	Blended	English	Mandatory
Depends*	Elective 1,2,3...**	At least one of the pillars of	150	3,4 or 6	University of Parma	Presenti al /Online	Italian and/or English	Optional



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	(See the Minor sustainability website.)							
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*Depends on when the course is being offered.

** The total number of ECTS credits to be earned through elective courses is 12. Consequently, the number of electives that can be chosen depends on the ECTS value of each course."

7. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND ADMISSION

i Required academic qualifications

Students enrolled in a higher educational program (Bachelor's degree programme across all scientific fields) at the University of Parma (within the EUGREEN Alliance), during the 2026/2027 academic year.

ii Specific admission conditions

Selection for this programme will be based on:

- Number of academic credits acquired -25%
- Average grade of the completed units – 25%
- CV (Transversal competences) – 25%
- Statements of personal motivation - 25%

iii Necessary documentation

- Academic certificate with the list of completed units and their respective credits and grades
- CV
- Motivation letter

8. APPLICATION SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

The application must be drawn up in plain paper and addressed to the Director of the Department, using the attached application form, and must be submitted no later than **4 September 2026**, using one of the following methods:

Applications for admission to the MINOR must be submitted through the ESSE3 platform:

<https://unipr.esse3.cineca.it>



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During this stage, applicants must:

- log in to their personal area at <https://unipr.esse3.cineca.it/auth/Logon.do>;
- access the menu **STUDENT SERVICES > ADMISSION PROCEDURES** and select the relevant programme;
- complete the application by following the instructions provided.

At the end of the procedure, the system will generate a receipt confirming the successful submission of the application to the selection procedure. This receipt is the only valid document proving that the application has been correctly submitted.

The application will be considered complete only if accompanied by all the following mandatory documents:

- self-declaration listing the examinations passed, downloadable from ESSE3;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- motivation letter outlining the reasons for applying to the programme.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Pursuant to Articles 46 and 47 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, applicants acknowledge the criminal liability provided for under Article 76 and the forfeiture of any benefits obtained, pursuant to Article 75, in the event of false or misleading declarations.

9. SELECTION RESULTS

The publication of the selection procedure results, which constitutes official communication and notification to all interested parties, is made available:

- through the **University Online Notice Board (Albo on-line)** at: <https://titulus-uniparma.cineca.it/albo/>
- and through the webpage: <https://scvsa.unipr.it/cerca-bandi>

10. NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS

Maximum number of UniPr students admitted: 8 (with a total cohort size of 32 students worldwide).

Minimum number of students required: 6 (minimum cohort size globally: 6 students)



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11. TUITION FEE

Free of Charge

12. ORGANIZATION / DURATION

a. Duration of the program: 1 to 3 year (flexible)

b. Number of ECTS of the program: 24

13. LEARNING TYPE

Blended-Learning

14. SCHEDULE TYPE

Mixed (diurnal and nocturnal)

15. CLASSES SCHEDULE (WEEK DAYS AND SCHEDULE)

Not applicable

16. PROGRAM DATES

Academic year

Course Starts at 26 October 2026

2026/2027

Unit 1 – 1st semester - October 2026

Unit 2 – flexible, after Unit 1

Electives – according to the accademic offer of the University of Parma

17. FINAL ASSESSMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM IN SUSTAINABILITY

For the final assessment of the Program, no additional examinations will be required.

The International Program in Sustainability (Minor) is considered concluded upon passing the assignments related to the different Mandatory and Elective Units (24 ECTS).

Considering the different grading systems across universities, the following weight distribution of grades will be applied: 30% for Unit 1, 40% for Unit 2 and the remaining 30% for the Electives.



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Certification: Upon successful completion of the International Program in Sustainability, students will receive an official international certificate issued by the University of Parma within the framework of the EU GREEN Alliance.

The certificate will attest to the successful completion of the program requirements and indicate the corresponding ECTS credits awarded.