



Sustainable Development Policy

1. Vision

The Közép-Európai Egyetem (a university duly organized under the laws of the Republic of Hungary, registered under registration number FI 27861, having its registered at 1051 Budapest, Nádor u.9., hereinafter: the University) will promote awareness of and engagement in sustainable development through its learning and teaching, research, community and business engagement activities, and will work towards the principles of sustainable development in all aspects of its own activity. The University aims to become a centre of excellence in building sustainability into research and teaching and learning and will work with local, regional, national and global bodies to help build sustainable learning communities and enhance their well being.

The concept of the University is to promote long-term graduate education in the Central and Eastern European region and to facilitate the intellectual collaboration of European nations. The main goal of the University is to offer programs and research opportunities, which are both equally accredited in Hungary as well as in the United States of America, building on the educational and intellectual traditions of the region and to ensure that students receive the highest level of education, to provide them with the opportunity to excel in the creation of new knowledge in the humanities and social sciences, and to help developing the policy implications of both.

2. Definition and principles

- 2.1 Sustainable Development was defined by the World Commission on Environment and Development within the Brundtland Report (1987), „Development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
- 2.2 The University’s Sustainable Development Policy is integrated with other University processes and is compliant with the relevant legislation and regulations.
- 2.3 The Policy is based upon commitment to the following principles:
 - continual improvement, through setting objectives and targets, continuous monitoring and review;
 - complying with, and where appropriate exceeding, the applicable legal and other requirements relevant to our operations;
 - close cooperation with the partner education institutions in New York State and Hungary, and other higher education and scientific institutions and organizations;
 - prudent use of natural resources and the prevention of all kinds of pollution;
 - communicating University commitment to sustainable development across the institution and beyond it.

3. General

- 3.1. The University, including its ancillary operations, is committed to improving its performance in sustainability in all areas of operations. University will develop appropriate standards for managing sustainability at University. Specific targets, priorities and timetables for achieving these objectives are developed in a consultative process involving faculty, staff and students, as outlined in the procedures of this policy. In the process of meeting the University mandate for teaching and research, efforts focus on the following inter-related areas:
 - 3.1.1. The University contributes to the protection of its environmental life support systems. This means minimizing the pollution of air, water and soil.
 - 3.1.2. The University preserves and enhances the integrity of ecosystems at the University through careful management, and the development and implementation of remediation measures for degraded sites as appropriate.
 - 3.1.3. The University seeks ways to conserve resources and reduce waste. This means developing methods to minimize the energy and material intensity of university activities and reducing waste.
 - 3.1.4. The University encourages recycling in all ways and in all facilities of the University.
 - 3.1.5. The University has information and reporting systems in support of decision making based on sustainable development principles including life cycle, social and environmental costing and accountability to stakeholders.
 - 3.1.6. The University seeks to ensure its long term economic viability through responsible and effective management, the development of a comparative advantage in its educational and research activities, innovative methods to calculate and account for external costs, to identify cost-savings and new sources of revenue and through innovative partnerships with the larger community.
 - 3.1.7. The University works to enhance its capacity to teach, research and practice sustainable development principles, and to increase ecological/social/economic literacy and practices among faculty, staff, students, and the public at large.
- 3.2. The University implements this policy, mindful of the need to balance ecological, social and economic imperatives, in an open and transparent decision-making process with the involvement of all stakeholders.
 - 3.2.1. The University establishes a standing 'CEU Sustainability Advisory Committee.' The CEU Sustainability Advisory Committee advises on strategy and actions towards the achievement of the CEU Sustainable Development Policy and fulfilment of CEU's commitments as a signatory to the University Charter for Sustainable Development (COPERNICUS).

4. Monitoring

Key performance indicators will be identified for the areas identified for action. Schools and departments will be encouraged to measure, and improve their use of all resources, including transport fuels, energy, water and paper. All members of the University will be encouraged to continue contributing ideas and concerns through discussion in their departments and Schools.

5. Revision of the Policy

The present Policy shall enter into force after its approval by the Senate of the University. The Policy shall be published by the Rector of the University.

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CEU President and Rector

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