

ISEG's Sustainability Policy

ISEG as a transformation agent

ISEG recognises its role in promoting a green, socially inclusive and fair economy, based on partnerships for a more sustainable development. We believe that economics and management should contribute to and respect the planet's limits, promote innovation, and ensure the preservation of current and future social well-being. ISEG aims to influence its entire community, particularly the students, to raise awareness of its role as an agent of transformation during this phase of transition to a greener economy.

Our priority Sustainable Development Goals

The 2030 Agenda of the United Nations, which includes the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), presents us with the main areas of sustainability that need to be reinforced by all economic agents by 2030. As ISEG has contributed over the years to furthering several of these SDGs, all of them which are important, we adopt the line that those SDGs where we can play a greater role in promoting the desired change are SDGs 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 15. Accordingly, our actions should be designed to generate a particularly positive impact on these SDGs in particular.



Background

This sustainability policy expresses a series of ISEG's commitments to the significant challenges faced by humanity at the environmental, social, economic, and ethical level. Our commitment should be considered to be a contribution to the European Carbon Neutrality Policy until 2050, as well as the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. This applies to all ISEG activities, including our relationship with our main partners.

This Policy is an integral part of ISEG's Sustainability Strategy for 2030, which is to be implemented via the 2021 - 2022 Action Plan, which will be reviewed every two years.

Commitments:

ISEG recognises that it can promote sustainability across two broad areas:

- By implementing good environmental and social practices in terms of the management of the Campus, and
- By promoting the topic of sustainability in lectures, degrees, research, projects, and community relations.

Accordingly, ISEG is committed to carrying out actions in the following axes of our Sustainability Strategy:

1. Education: increase the inclusion of topics related with sustainability in lectures, and expand the inclusion of the dimensions of sustainability within the scope of the degree offer.
2. Research: incentivise the development of research and projects that have a direct link with the SDGs and sustainability.
3. A Green and Healthy Campus: to have a campus which practices the best environmental practices in terms of energy efficiency and the circular economy; provide our community with access to healthy food; and implement initiatives that promote the physical and mental health of the ISEG community.
4. Community Involvement: be a strategic partner for our priority stakeholders.
5. Transparency: lead by example, be responsible for our declared commitments, and report our performance in a simple and clear way.

Responsibilities and Governance Model

The Sustainability Policy constitutes the basis of the 2030 Sustainability Strategy and it is based on the five above-mentioned strategic axes. This strategy has a biannual Action Plan, starting with the 2021 - 2022 Action Plan.

The Dean's Office is responsible for compliance with the Sustainability Policy and the implementation of the Sustainability Strategy, through the effective implementation of the biannual Action Plans.

The Chief Sustainability Officer is responsible for coordinating and assuring compliance with the biannual Action Plan.

A Coordinator for each of the five strategic axes will be nominated to ensure the carrying out of the actions identified in the biannual Action Plan.

Individuals chosen from among the ISEG community will be responsible for implementing the actions, who will be duly identified at the beginning of each biannual Action Plan.

Report

Every year ISEG will produce a clear and transparent report of the performance achieved and the level of compliance with the previously-defined objectives, together with a simple description of the obstacles encountered and a description of the respective necessary corrective measures required to ensure the implementation of the Action Plan.

Revision

The first biannual Action Plan focusses on 2021 - 2022. Work should start in 2022 on developing the 2023 - 2024 Action Plan, which should be presented to ISEG's Dean's Office by December, 2022, at the latest, followed successively by the same.

The Sustainability Policy is to reviewed at least every four years.