

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY AND
INTERNATIONALISATION

Greening at European higher education institutions

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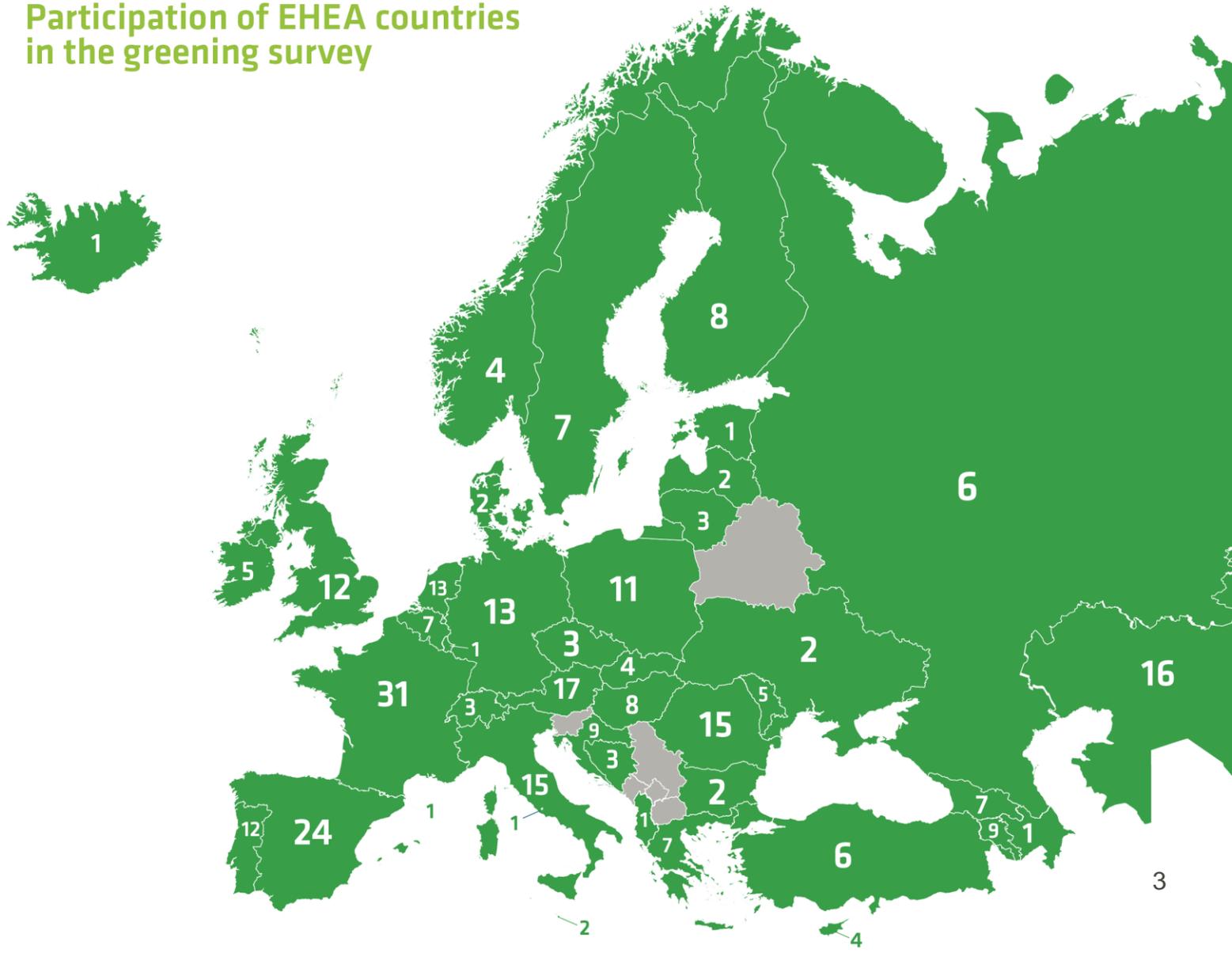


Participation of EHEA countries
in the greening survey

EUA survey
“Greening in higher
education institutions”

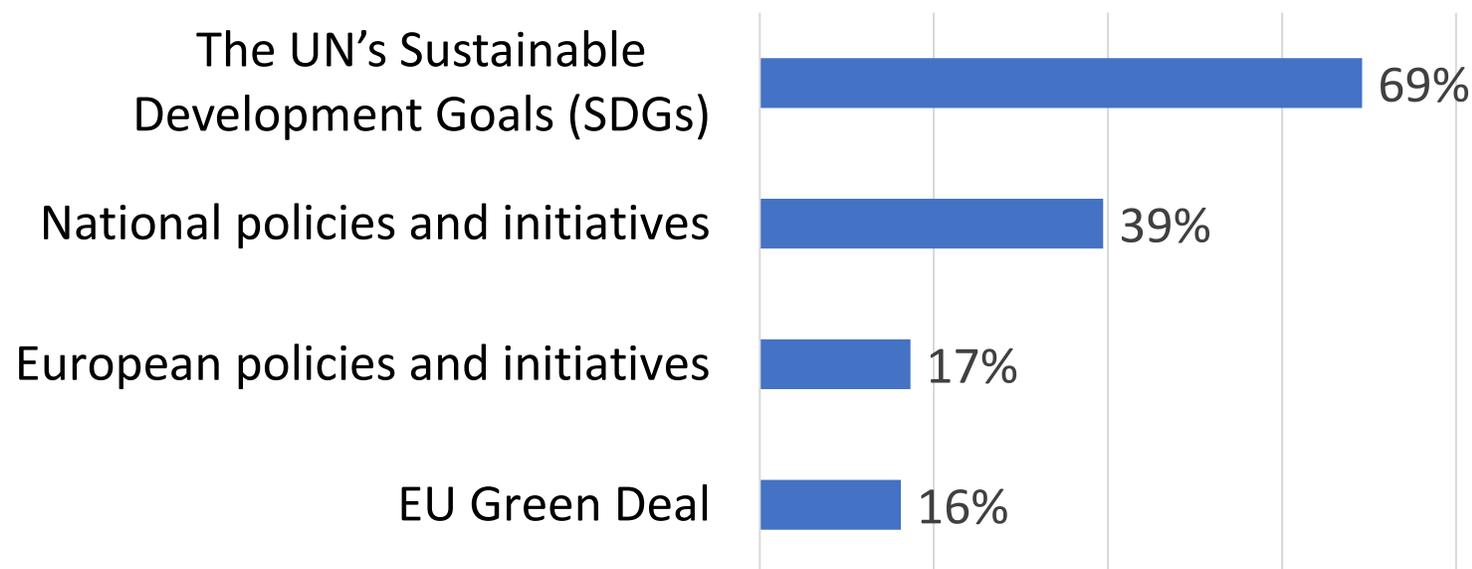
305 responses from
the EHEA

*EUA survey on greening (2021).
Q2 : Please select your country/
higher education system .*



61% have a strategy in place, 27% under preparation

Strategies framed by...



*EUA survey on greening (2021).
QU9: Does your institution have a strategy or a similar document that refers to greening explicitly?;
QU9.2 If yes, does your strategy explicitly relate to any of the following?*

Drivers for engagement

Ranked as most important (% very important)

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| Institutional values | 59% |
| Leadership engagement | 56% |
| Student engagement/ initiatives | 52% |
| Staff engagement | 51% |
| Institution's third mission and wider community | 42% |

*EUA survey on greening (2021).
Q11: Please rate how important the following aspects are in driving forward your institution's engagement in greening?*

HEI activities for environmental sustainability

Campus management, research, partnerships

| | comprehensive policy | some activities |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| Recycling and waste management | 68% | 31% |
| Reducing the environmental footprint of laboratory research | 24% | 54% |
| Partnerships with other HEI | 46% | 42% |

Education

| | Greening | SDG |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----|
| considered in curriculum reform | 25% | 61% |
| included in all/most study programmes | 21% | 53% |

*EUA survey on greening (2021).
QU5: Does your institution have any greening measures in place?;
QU 6: Which of the following activities and measures take place at your institution?;
QU9: Does your institution have a strategy or a similar document that refers to greening explicitly?*

HEI activities for environmental sustainability: Mobility

*EUA survey on greening (2021).
 QU6: Which of the following activities and measures take place at your institution?*

Standard and/or compulsory at >33%

- Digital tools for teleworking, teleconferencing, and virtual mobility
- Teleworking or condensed working (also post Covid-19)
- Teleconferencing and hybrid conferencing

Standard and/or compulsory at >25% (but encouraged at > 33%)

- Virtual mobility as a replacement for some of the physical mobility for staff
- Virtual mobility as a replacement for some of the physical mobility for students

Standard and/or compulsory at 15% or less (but encouraged at > 33%)

- Sustainable commuting
- Low carbon forms of transportation for student & staff mobility and meetings

Barriers and enablers

*EUA survey on greening (2021).
Q13: Which barriers does the implementation of greening measures face at your institution?; Q14: What would be helpful for the future advancement of greening activities at your institution?*

| Main barriers | | Potential enablers | |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| General underfunding | 53% | Enhanced national funding support | 64% |
| Lack of specific funding incentives | 46% | Peer learning and exchange with other HEI | 53% |
| Only few staff engage | 37% | Enhanced European funding support | 51% |
| Activities are not sufficiently strategized | 34% | More engagement from staff | 45% |
| Coordination issues | 30% | More engagement from students | 35% |
| Only few students engage | 25% | European initiative on greening higher education institutions | 35% |