

Sustainable UniPadova

The University of Padova designed and is promoting the "Sustainable UniPadova" project, a container and catalyst for initiatives aimed at sustainability. Its aim is to coordinate and give visibility to all the actions organised by the University in terms of sustainability and to support the launching of new initiatives, the development and implementation of best practices, as well as their transfer and dissemination. As part of the "Sustainable UniPadova" project, the University published the "Sustainable commitments charter 2018-2022" which defines its goals by paying specific attention to communication and the involvement of the entire academic community.



Dematerialisation and digitalisation

Thanks to the digitalisation of several administrative processes, in 2018 the University saved about 15 tonnes of paper - equivalent to an 18-tonne **reduction** of CO₂ emissions.

Sustainable energy

Thanks to the energy efficiency, control and awareness raising actions, in 2018 the University succeeded in **reducing the energy consumption** by 3.4% in comparison to 2017, despite the increase of workload and number of employees and co-workers. Furthermore, the average of CO₂ **emissions per student** in 2018 - 347 kg - was 5.5% lower than in 2017. By purchasing **green energy** for its buildings, in 2019 the University is going to reduce its CO₂ emissions by 13,500 tonnes, 6.7% of the total.

Sustainable purchases

The University has modified its purchasing policy by adopting **e-procurement** processes in order to make the selection procedures more sustainable, efficient and fast. It promotes recycling and the re-integration of materials in new cycles, with a view to developing a **circular economy**.

Green campus

In 2018 the University launched the UniTreePD project which exploits the new geographic information technologies (Webgis and Smartphone survey) to **map and enhance its environmental heritage**. Its 322,000 sqm include, among the others, the Botanical Garden (a UNESCO world heritage site) and the Villa Bolasco Park in Castelfranco.

Waste management

In 2016 the university uniformed the criteria for its **waste sorting system** in all its facilities by raising awareness in the entire university community through the campaign "Non restare indifferente" ("Don't be indifferent"). The University is also working on reducing its production of **special waste**.

Mobility and transports

Through benefits and discounts, the University encourages its community to use public and zero emission means of transport. Between 2017 and 2018 it conducted **a study on commuting** which involved 2,000 employees and more than 13,000 students. In January 2019 the **Night Bus** was launched. This service, run by Busitalia Veneto and financed by the University and the Municipality of Padova, enables the use of public transport during night hours.

A sustainable construction planning

The University of Padova committed to a wide programme of **construction development** for about **179 million** euros from **2019 to 2021**. As part of this programme, the restoration project of public spaces promotes the **regeneration of the city** thanks to a sustainable planning.

Welfare

The health and wellbeing of people that study and work at the University are promoted by **encouraging the participation in sports** both at a professional and non-professional level and by offering food education initiatives addressed to the whole academic community. Students and employees can count on a series of medical, psychological and counselling **services**.



🚪 Inclusion

The University of Padova was one of the first in Italy to invest in the services required to ensure full participation of students with special needs in university life. The University has been **implementing a project for an Inclusive University** that covers all aspects and involves the entire academic community, focusing on a strong sense of belonging and personal enhancement in order to deeply change its environment.

♀ Equal opportunities

Since 2016, the University of Padova has drafted the **Gender Equality Report** as a tool for evaluating the impact of budget policies on gender, thus integrating the gender prospective in budget procedures at all levels. In 2017 it also released the "Guidelines for an administrative and institutional language that is attentive

to gender differences" and developed training initiatives for staff in order to implement it. In 2018, the **"Elena Cornaro University Centre"** (CAEC) for research and training on knowledge, cultures and gender policies was established with the aim of raising a greater awareness in the university and the society as well as promoting and strengthening training and research on gender issues.

📖 Education

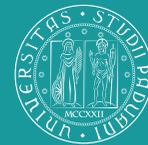
Our University mapped **all degree programmes**, course units, PhDs and short specialisation programmes devoted to the 17 SDGs of the 2030 Agenda in order to foster all the numerous academic activities focused on **sustainable development**.

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