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"The University of Sopron disseminates sustainability principles and develops sustainable solutions through its students and researchers, which is particularly important because successfully implementing this task benefits the University of Sopron, the city, the region, and the country."



Within the spirit of a **"Green University"**, the University of Sopron names and embraces a principle that not only makes sustainability and environmentally conscious education mandatory but also lays the foundation for strategic steps that transcend theory and put conscious, voluntary environmental protection and conservation into practice (University of Sopron Sustainable Development Strategy 2019).



In its sustainability efforts, the University of Sopron focuses on climate and biodiversity protection and ecosystem restoration. As a founding member of the **"Association of Nature-Positive Universities"**, the University of Sopron is part of a global network of universities launched by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the University of Oxford. The University of Sopron is the first Hungarian higher education institution registered in the network. It monitors its development programmes through SMART targets ("Nature Positive Pledge"). Crucial targets include the comprehensive development of the Botanical Garden (campus development), the shift towards institutional carbon neutrality, and the afforestation programme (Loyalty Forest).



UNIVERSITIES

804 people from 577 universities have joined the Nature Positive Universities network



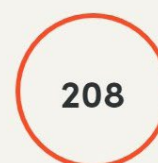
COUNTRIES

Universities from 115 countries are represented by our network



PLEDGES

High level pledges received from senior management of 128 universities across 50 countries



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

208 student ambassadors from 44 countries have signed up to take action on their campuses

In 2022, the University of Sopron won a prestigious International Sustainability Award at the **International Green Gown Awards**, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and managed by the UK-based Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) since 2004. As the only Hungarian finalist in the competition, the University of Sopron won a Green Gown Award in the “2030 – Climate Action” category, reflecting the prominent international recognition the university’s sustainability and climate protection efforts have garnered.



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The University of Sopron is also a founding member of the **Sustainability Platform of Hungarian Universities**. The platform – established by the Hungarian higher education institutions – is committed to implementing and achieving the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. The platform aims to share best practices and experiences, organise joint actions, and establish closer cooperation to ensure the wide dissemination of developments in the sustainability field.

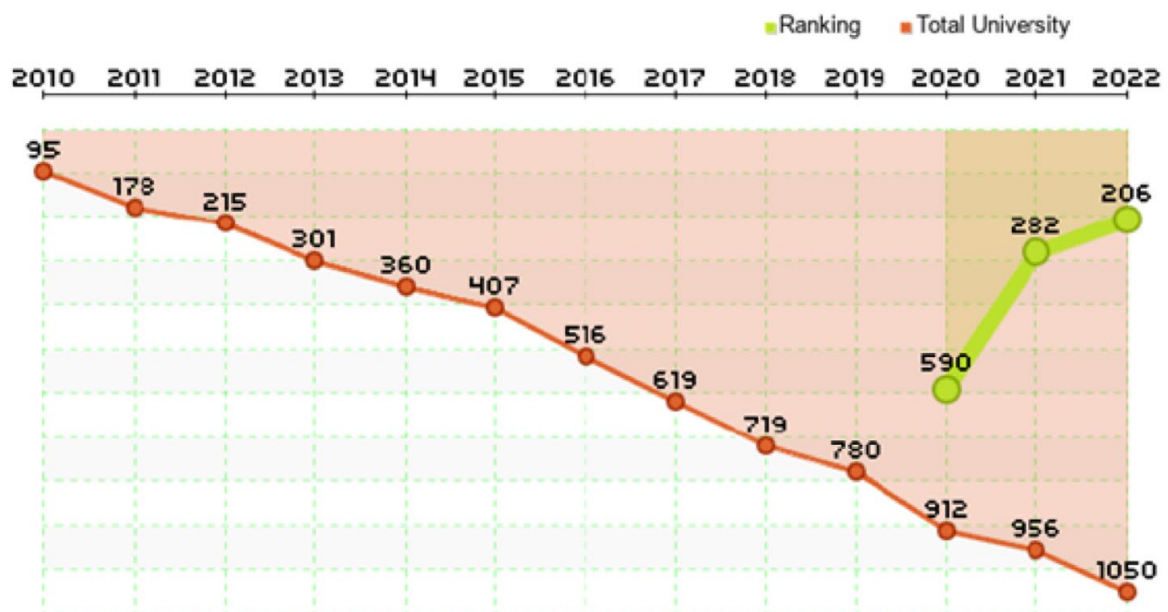




The University of Sopron qualified as a global gold-ranked university in 2022, ranking 206th globally (TOP 20%) in the **UI GreenMetric**, the highly-recognised environmental and sustainability-focused world ranking of 1050 institutions in 85 countries. The university is also in the European TOP 100, placing 61st in Europe and third in Hungary. The University of Sopron achieved the highest category after only three evaluation cycles, thanks

to the effective implementation of the Green University philosophy and its targeted sustainability-related developments.

In the individual assessment areas, the University of Sopron has made progress in the key area of "Energy and Climate Change", where it placed second domestically and fortified its second-place ranking in the sustainability-related performance dimensions of "Education and Research" and "Water Management".



World Ranking	SI Ranking	EC Ranking	WS Ranking
206	449	209	376
	WR Ranking	TR Ranking	ED Ranking
	148	134	161

Country Ranking	SI Ranking	EC Ranking	WS Ranking
3	4	2	8
	WR Ranking	TR Ranking	ED Ranking
	3	5	2

THE IMPACT RANKINGS

THE Impact Rankings monitor university success in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how these successes impact society. The rankings measured 1406 universities from 106 countries in 2022, and the University of Sopron ranked highly among the eight Hungarian institutions measured. It is in the global TOP 300 for some SDG categories and the top three domestically in SDG 12, "Responsible Consumption and Production", and SDG 15, "Protect dryland ecosystems". Among its domestic competitors, the University of Sopron finished first in the "Responsible Consumption and Production" category and second in the "Protecting Terrestrial Ecosystems" category. It also received a positive rating for its careful resource management, complex efforts to combat biodiversity loss and relevant scientific work in these areas.



Our main activities and areas of development as a Green University



