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4 key actions taken by Faculty of Agriculture in delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals

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In the period from 2006 to 2010, on our faculty, sustainable development implied only environmental concerns and related ecological agriculture. In some modules and study programs, the Faculty has developed an ecological approach and environmental preservation as a component of sustainable development, identifying them with global sustainable development.

During this time it was designed one Study program called "Interenagro" completely in English and focused on environment.

Faculty of Agriculture in last two years has devoted more attention to the objectives larger than environmental protection and ecology in the last period. It is connected to the strategy of sustainable development given by Ministry of Science and the University of Zagreb.

In the period after 2015, at the faculty were carried out activities that cover the wider area of sustainable development goals.

1. In teaching, due to the need to reactivate the Faculty of Agronomy in all study programs, it was necessary to harmonize the competences and learning outcomes with the global goals of sustainable development.
2. The new Statute incorporates the possibility of extra-curricular and lifelong learning, as well as the first new study programs encompass several goals and components of sustainable development. One of new study programs called „Renewable energy sources" and it is completely committed to sustainable development. The Faculty also participates in specialist studies University of Zagreb called Sustainable Local Community Development and Sustainable Urban Environment Management.
3. Extracurricular activities of students - especially young teachers are stimulated to carry out non-teaching training with meeting the goals in the area of sustainable development. Concrete workshops were organized for students and citizens in the area of composting, maintenance of city gardens, setting up roof gardens and building cycle routes for etc.
4. The economic council of agribusiness sector and the council of local government were organized as advisory bodies of the faculty. This is especially important for the application of new scientific projects and the career of graduate students, both of which are supported if they are in line with the government's sustainable development strategy.