

SDGs Labs

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SDGs Labs aims to build a culture of collaboration and knowledge exchange between business and higher education institutions with the goal of a holistic incorporation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into modern business practices of the agribusiness and food production sector.

We aim at the creation of innovative and practical tools and methods, as well as designing co-learning spaces for mutual exchange of knowledge, expertise and best practices along the entire value chain.

8

PARTNERS

coming from business and science

4

COUNTRIES

Austria, Germany, Italy and Portugal

3

YEARS

for realizing a common goal:
Making the SDGs our business

OUR CONSORTIUM



BACKGROUND

The European agribusiness and food production sector is facing an uncertain future as it has to deal with the dramatic and multidimensional consequences of global change.

This includes not only the increased scarcity of elementary resources such as water, fertile soil and the loss of biodiversity, but also extensive challenges due to increasing population numbers and the consequences of climate change.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

To tackle these challenges and interwoven problems in their full range, the European agribusiness and food production sector has to increase its innovative capacities for new products and services. In this context, the SDGs can serve as drivers of innovation and boost for change.

Scientific studies have shown that the agribusiness and food production sector has the potential to contribute to the implementation of over a quarter of the 169 targets associated with the 17 SDGs.



KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PROJECT

- 1** **SDGs INNOVATION LABS**
Interactive learning spaces and formats for companies operating in the agribusiness and food production sector, where the SDGs are tackled as opportunity to encounter sustainability challenges with innovative, sometimes also unusual ways and means.
- 2** **SDGs CO-LEARNING LABS**
Development of collaborative settings that enable knowledge exchange and mutual learning between higher education institutions (HEIs), start-up incubators, companies and other stakeholders (such as suppliers, middlemen and consumers).
- 3** **SDGs TRAINING ACADEMY PROGRAMME**
Interactive learning tools for start-up incubators and university facilities in Europe. In addition to free-access online learning and teaching materials, there will also be the opportunity of a fee-based certification process to become a certified „SDGs Training Academy“.
- 4** **SDGs PIONEER ACADEMY PROGRAMME**
Facilitated workshops for already existing companies, aiming at incorporating the SDGs holistically into their business practice. Herein, also concrete challenges that already exist within the companies will be dealt with.

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