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Supporting the previous results of the work of the Coordination of Commissioners for achieving the Global Sustainable Development Goals, in line with the University of Rijeka Strategy 2021-2025, the University of Rijeka Senate, at its 60th session held on December 21, 2021, passed the following

**Statement
on adjustments and development of university policies and practices
in accordance with the sustainable development goals and climate neutrality**

1. In the University of Rijeka Strategy 2021 - 2025, the University of Rijeka emphasizes the need to raise awareness and stronger concrete action in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) and the principles of the European Green Deal. Policies and practices related to sustainable development goals and climate neutrality should be developed in all missions of the University – education, research, and public missions.
2. Following the identified global sustainable development goals, which represent the institutional priorities of the University of Rijeka, the following goals have been recognized as especially important:
 - A. Health and well-being (SDG 3);
 - B. Quality education (SDG 4);
 - C. Green and blue policies aimed at preventing the consequences of climate change;
 - D. Responses to climate change (SDG 13);
 - E. Clean, potable water and hygienic conditions (SDG 6);
 - F. Affordable and clean energy (SDG 7);
 - G. Responsible consumption and production (SDG 12).
3. Under the European Climate Target Plan, aiming to make the European Union climate neutral by 2050, the University of Rijeka identifies the following policies and practices as its priorities:
 - A. Circular economy, use of longer-lasting products that can be repaired and reused, recycling;
 - B. Renovated and energy-efficient buildings, cleaner energy, and top-notch technological innovations,
 - C. Clean air, clean water, healthy soil, biodiversity;
 - D. Transformation of transport trends towards the purification of public transport and reduction of the carbon footprint;
 - E. Training for the skills necessary for the transition.
4. This Statement of the University of Rijeka Senate aims to highlight the importance of the past individual and institutional research, teaching, and organization policies and actions of the University and its constituents, and to address the areas and topics of sustainable development and climate change in which further improvement is possible.

5. Following the above-mentioned, with this Statement, the University of Rijeka Senate provides the basis for action, namely:

- a. establishment of an interdisciplinary working group for the adoption of an action plan and/or measures for sustainable development and climate neutrality of the University of Rijeka;
- b. creating a state-of-affairs snapshot identifying good practices and needs at the University and its constituents;
- c. mapping of existing capacities in knowledge, resources, and collaborations that can contribute and/or that should be realized in the area of the above actions;
- d. identifying related local, national, European, and global strategies and policies and relevant stakeholders, including local and regional self-government and representatives of the economy and civil society, for coordinated action and successful knowledge transfer;
- e. creating a strategic plan to contribute to the achievement of the goals, along with the proposal of the body that would ensure the implementation and monitoring of the proposed measures.



Madam Rector
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