

**Call for Contributions: GET-AHED** 

Conference on Advancing
Environmental Sustainability in the
Higher Education Sector

The GET-AHED project invites researchers, educators, sustainability professionals, higher education leaders, and other interested stakeholders to submit contributions for its upcoming conference on **Advancing Sustainability in the Higher Education (HE-) Sector.** 

# **About GET-AHED**

GET-AHED (Green Education and Transition – A Higher Education Digital Buddy) is an Erasmus+ funded initiative aimed at supporting and empowering higher education institutions (HEIs) in their green transition. The main objective of the project has been to develop an online platform designed to support HEIs in improving their sustainability performance. The platform includes three core tools: (1) **HE Green Assessment** – a process-oriented sustainability self-assessment tool that delivers actionable insights into sustainability performance, highlighting areas for improvement and linking to helpful resources; (2) **HE Green Champion** – a training tool offering up-to-date specialised learning materials for students, staff, and leadership to strengthen institutional sustainability efforts; and (3) **HE Green Zero** – a collection of good practices and resources mainly focused on helping universities reduce their energy use and move towards using clean energy sources, with the ultimate goal of net-zero energy campuses.

As the GET-AHED project approaches its culmination, we are pleased to announce a conference dedicated to showcasing the platform's comprehensive components and the methodologies underpinning each element. This event aims to bring together researchers, practitioners and interested stakeholders to explore and discuss the advancements facilitated by the GET-AHED project.

We invite contributions that align with the project's focus on green education and transition within higher education institutions. Submissions should offer insights, research findings, or practical applications related to the broader themes of digital innovation to support the green transition and sustainability in the HE sector.

# **Conference Themes**

We welcome contributions that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Institutional strategies to embed sustainability in HEI operations
- Methods and experiences in sustainability self-assessment in HE
- Development of indicators for measuring and assessing sustainability performance in the HE context
- Design and delivery of effective sustainability training for HE students, staff, and management
- Good practices and innovative approaches in energy management and green operations at HEIs
- Participatory approaches and community engagement practices for facilitating green transformation in HE
- Digital tools and platforms that support institutional sustainability transitions (including the use of existing sustainability assessment tools and the development of bespoke instruments)
- Results and lessons learned from pilot implementations and related projects in sustainability





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# When and Where

The conference will take place from the 20th to the 21st of October, 2025, at Munster Technological University, Cork, Ireland, T12 P928 and will be hosted by the Hincks Centre for Entrepreneurship Excellence, Ireland's first centre for entrepreneurship excellence. Online participation will be possible (hybrid conference).

No conference fees.

### **Formats**

We welcome proposals for:

- Research papers and case studies
- Poster presentations
- Demonstrations of tools or good practices

# Who Should Contribute?

We encourage contributions from higher education institutions, researchers, policymakers, sustainability officers, IT and platform developers, students, and all interested stakeholders involved in the green transition of HEIs.

### **How to Submit**

Please submit your abstract (max. 500 words including spaces), along with a short bio of the presenter(s), by May 31, 2025 to <a href="mailto:get-ahed@wpz-research.com">get-ahed@wpz-research.com</a>

#### Join Us

Be part of a growing community working toward a more sustainable future for higher education. Share your work, inspire others, and help shape the transformation of HEIs across Europe and beyond.

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