

# Sustainability within the University of Genoa

# About the University of Genoa



**1481**  
year of foundation



**5**  
Schools



**22**  
Departments



**15**  
libraries



**Top 1.5%**  
international ranking



**160+**  
academic cooperation  
agreements in more than  
60 countries



**33.000+**  
students including 3000+  
international students



**31**  
PhD courses



**5.000+**  
graduates per year



**28 M€**  
research grant funding



**3°**  
among big Italian  
universities in  
internationalisation



**1.450+**  
student exchanges  
(IN and OUT)



**560**  
Erasmus+ agreements



**110**  
different nationalities



**125 +**  
degree programmes  
including 1 BSc and  
17 MSc in English



**4**  
campuses



**809**  
interns



**4.300+**  
researchers including  
1200+ tenured  
professors

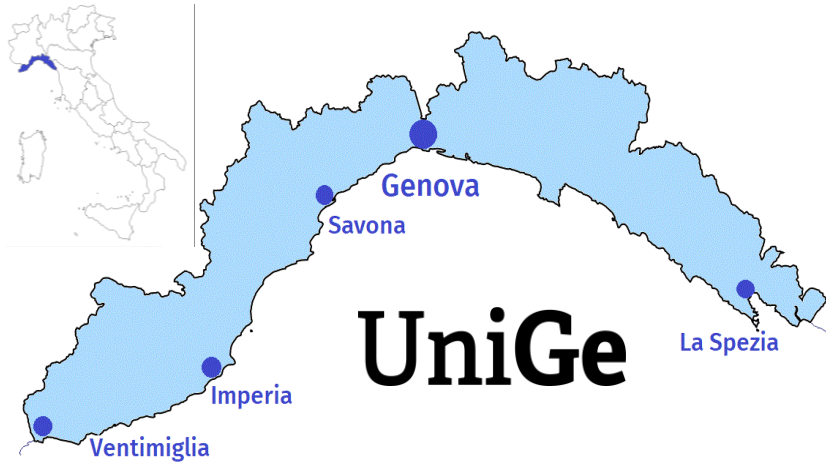


**2500**  
staff members



**29**  
double degree courses

# UniGe Campuses



## Headquarters & Campuses

UniGe is spread in different areas of the city of Genoa.



### UniGe Campus

Since 1992



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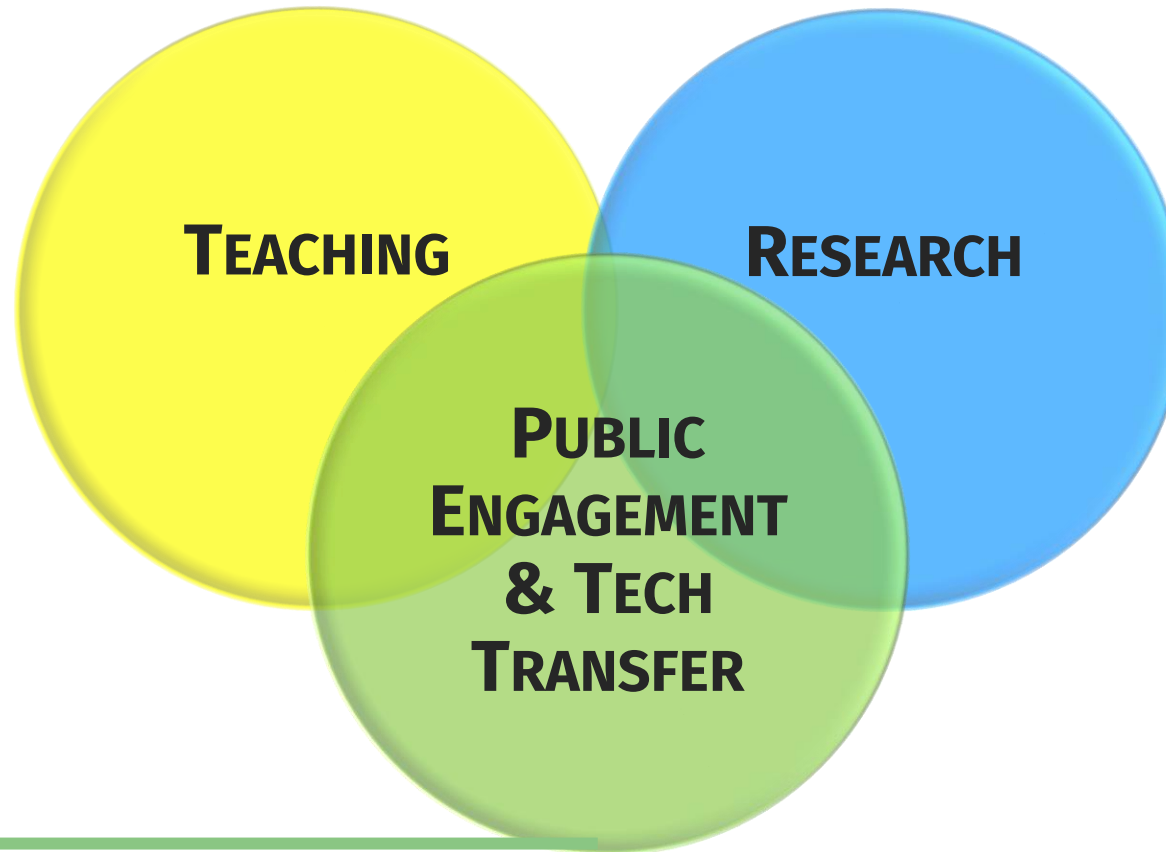
Since 2011



### UniGe Botanical Gardens

Since 1983

# UniGe Missions



*The so-called “third mission” seeks to transfer knowledge outside academic environments to improve people’s lives and contributing to the social, cultural and economic development*

# Sustainability in UniGe

## Our commitments



UniGe contributes to the achievement of the common goals set by the Agenda 2030



# Sustainability in UniGe

## Our commitments

- **Sustainability is one of UniGe main goals**
- Promotion of sustainability in every aspect of academic life
- Collaboration with policy makers, governments and communities, industry and other universities
- Sharing our good practices, experience and projects to stakeholders

*UNICA GREEN PLEDGE signed by UniGe Rector on 28/04/2016*



# Sustainability in UniGe

## Networks & Rankings

UniGe is part of:



Italian University Network for Sustainable Development - RUS



Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe – UNICA GREEN



International Sustainable Campus Network – ISCN



QS Sustainability world university ranking



UI Greenmetric world university ranking on sustainability



# Sustainability in UniGe

## Management

- **Equal opportunities committee (since 1988)**
- **Commission on Environmental Sustainability (since 2015 )**
- **Vice-Rector for Sustainability (since 2016)**
- **UniGe working group on Sustainability (since 2021)**
- **Sustainability office (since 2023)**
- **Sustainability Commission (since 2024)**





# Sustainability in UniGe

## The strategy

### Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026

- Sustainability as one of the 5 strategic lines (integrating sustainability into educational offerings, research and relations with the territory)
- Strategic Goals - Third Mission Ob. 9 - Promoting actions in favor of sustainability

### Three-Year Program 2022-24

- Action 9.3 - Improve the management of the University in terms of environmental sustainability
- Action 9.4 Promote actions for the dissemination of the culture of sustainability

# Sustainability in UniGe is above all ...



**CLIMATE**



**ENERGY**



**MOBILITY**



**EDUCATION**



**CIRCULAR  
ECONOMY**



**EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY**



# Sustainability in UniGe is... Climate

- Since 2010, **participation to UN climate change conferences**
- Since 2014, **Annual UniGe GHG emissions measuring**
- Declarations signed in 2019:
  - the UN global campaign "Race To Zero for Universities and colleges"
  - "The Sustainable Development Goals Accord"
  - the Climate Emergency declaration
- **2022-2030 UniGe Climate Strategy**



# Sustainability in UniGe is... Energy



- UniGe Working group on energy saving + Energy Manager
- Participation to national and international specific working groups
- Since 2019, **use of certified green energy**
- **Renewable energy production** for internal use
- **Energy consumption and production monitoring**
- Sustainable energy campaigns
- Guidelines and MOOC





# Sustainability in UniGe is... Mobility

- Mobility Manager
- Home-work **Mobility Plan** to boost sustainable mobility
- Participation to national specific working groups
- Participation to specific projects – i.e. PRINCE
- **Bus pass free for fresh students**
- **Discounts for UniGe community for train, bus and car sharing**
- **Bike parking** inside UniGe Campuses
- **Use of electric cars**



# Sustainability in UniGe is... Education

- **Basic sustainability courses offered to UniGe students and staff**
- Several BSc and MSc strongly focused or related to sustainability
- **National trans-disciplinary PhD course in Sustainable Development and Climate Change**
- Several Master's degrees and Postgraduate Courses on Green Energy, Smart City and Sustainable Mobility
- Massive Open Online Courses (**MOOC**) on Sustainability
- Specific courses for teachers and NGO on **Global Citizenship**

**Education** (GCED) and Sustainability  
UniGe

*Corso di perfezionamento  
"Progettazione della smart city" ed.  
2024*

05/02/2024



NEWS

*Managing  
Sustainability: Theory  
and Practice*

25/07/2022



The free online course (Massive Open Online Course - MOOC) "Managing Sustainability: Theory and Practice" is now

# Sustainability in UniGe is... Circular economy

- **Promoting separate waste collection** and reducing waste production
- **Use of water bottles among students** and staff and **Plastic Free Campaign**
- Looking for innovative solutions to improve a circular economy
- Assuring an increasingly effective **application of the Minimum Environmental Criteria in purchasing**
- Promoting sustainable procurement and investment policies
- Application of sustainability criteria to services and projects



# Sustainability in UniGe is... Equal opportunities

- **Equal opportunities committee**
- **Positive Action Plan** (since 2004) to prevent discrimination and to promote equal opportunities
- **Gender balance report** to assess the impact of UniGe the policies on women and men and to enable the planning of actions to remedy situations of inequality
- **Gender Equality Plan**
- Guidelines for the use of inclusive language







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