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Title-case	Re-greening: how to increase sustainability of study and student associations active in Wageningen?
Commissioner-brief	Green Office Wageningen and Education, Research and Innovation department
Description of the assignment	<p>We are looking for students willing to explore the sustainability of the study and student associations active in Wageningen. We would like to learn what are current sustainability practices of those organizations, what else could be done and how to encourage them to increase their sustainability.</p> <p>Students are asked to make an analysis of current sustainability practices of study and student associations to establish a baseline. This includes aspects such as procurement, building management (where applicable), type and theme of activities and communication. This requires selecting relevant criteria and measuring relevant indicators. Besides learning how sustainable study and student associations are, we would like to identify the areas for improvement. We would also like to measure willingness to engage in change. In the last step, we would like students to give recommendations for specific actions that Green Office could implement to mobilize study and student associations to increase their sustainability. Those recommendations should be based on best practices from other organizations suggestions from study and student associations.</p>
Background	<p>Mission of Wageningen UR is 'to explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life', and its ambition is to 'take a leading role in the area of sustainable operational management'. In the last 8 years WUR has implemented various projects that improved its sustainability, resulting in winning an award for the most sustainable University in the Netherlands 4 times in the row.</p> <p>At this moment sustainability has become 'a part of DNA' of Facility Services department. But in order to make WUR truly sustainable institution, each single actor has to take its responsibility. Mission of Green Office Wageningen is to change of WUR's culture towards more sustainable. In 2017 we would like to reach out to actors who strongly influence student culture in Wageningen- study and student associations. This is in line with current developments- in many Dutch cities student and study associations take steps to increase its sustainability and promote it among its members.</p> <p>In order to effectively communicate with those organizations, we would like to first interiorize the current state of art, identify the most important issues and finally, develop action plan that will guide our actions. This ACT project will hopefully help us in achieving this goal.</p>
Literature	NO
Confidential	NO
Required expertise	
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