Report on Initiatives for Sustainability from the European School Community
2019 - 2020

Our schools have been investigating lots of different ways of improving their environmental, social and economic sustainability, to face the challenges of climate change and the opportunities highlighted by the European Green Deal. Your Parents' Associations are also in touch to share ideas and learning points to support our schools as we all go though a sustainable transition together. Here are just some of the many projects going on in our network:

Transport and Mobility: In Woluwe (EEB2) and Laekern (EEB4) organisers have taken on the Velo Mai bike challenge which was designed for EU workers based in Brussels, but offers all schools some interesting ideas on how to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. In Mol they organise car-pooling.

Educational Events: The parent's rep in Luxemberg 2 has brought her professional expertise to organise number of fun events for all members of the school community, such as this sustainablity week.

Biodiversity: in Luxemburg 1 there has been a programme of urban gardening which saw the kids growing their own food, which ended up on their plates in their school canteen. In Munich they moved from seedlings to saplings and got involved in this forest replanting scheme.

Social diversity: Some of our schools are doing great work at moving the conversation on social diversity towards more openness and acceptance, such as people working at the Rainbow Group at Uccle (EEB1) and on this series of LGBQTA workshops run in Munich.

Framework and Policy: Some schools already have some guiding framework in place, others are still reviewing the options, such as the eco-school framework. In Varese we follow the local Green School programme, and in Waluwe (EEB2) philosophy teacher and activist Mathew Pye has set up a Climate Academy. Lackern has a published the EEB4 policy document which outlines clear action plans on a series of issues such as single-use plastics, use of bicycles, and helping us change our ways.

Appendix:

Schools comparison sheets, taken from Google workbook – please feel free to add projects and links if you can.

EEB1 - Uccle	
Contact: Deitrich Rometsch	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
	Wellbeing Working Group - Parents Association
	Education Support and Gifted Children
	School policy on Ed Support
	Rainbow Group - LGBQT education & support group
	kiva
Sustainability in Education	
1	School model united nations
2	Coding to make school more 'Green'
	s
Engaging with our communities	
1	Community Building work within Parent's Association
2	Science Symposium - all ES and wider network
Governance and Communication	
1	Students Magazine
2	

EEB2	
Bengt Davidsson - PA	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
1	
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3	Velo Mai
Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	wellbeing working group run by PA
2	Educational Support team - school
Sustainability in Education	
1	Climate academy - for the brightest students
2	
Engaging with our communities	
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Governance and Communication	
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EEB3 (PA contact Nele)	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	APEEE WG "Well being - Prevention of violence at
2	
Sustainability in Education	
1	Ecology Trip for S4
2	EEB Green
Engaging with our communities	
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Governance and Communication	
1	CA member with special responsibility for communic
2	

EEB4 - teacher contact.	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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	Sustainable TRansport: VELO MAI
Sustainable Procurement	
1	Eco Schools labelling
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
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Sustainability in Education	
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Engaging with our communities	
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Governance and Communication	
1	Green and Clean School Project WGs
2	This year's agenda & action plan
	Green and Clean School Projects - website

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	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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	sustainable transport - Car Pooling
Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	Ed Supp
2	Learning to learn support
3	Kiva & student councelling
	Anti bullying policy
Sustainability in Education	
1	UNIS - sustainable development
2	MUN - Model United Nations
	Model European Commission
Engaging with our communities	
1	Career guidance and Work experience
2	Link to PA from school website
	Afterschool activities and childcare (PA)
Governance and Communication	
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Frankfurt	
PA contacts: Yvonne Ruane & Audrey H	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	Ed Support - school psychologist
2	Ed sup & mindfulness - PA
	mindfulness - school
Sustainability in Education	
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2	Careers advisors and links
Engaging with our communities	
1	Charity: Christmas in a Shoebox
2	Parent to Parent support - community PA
3	Eurokids charity (childcare etc) by PA
Governance and Communication	
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Karlsruhe	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	Ed Support
2	
Sustainability in Education	
1	MUN - model UN
2	
Engaging with our communities	
1	parents association - social fun
2	PA website in 3 languages, link
Governance and Communication	
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Munich	
PA contact - Sien Hanck	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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2	Urban Gardening: school garden
	Forest planting
Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	Ed Support
2	LGBTIQA workshop
3	Anti-bullying tips for Parents - from School
Sustainability in Education	
1	MUN - model UN
2	MEC - model EU parliament/commission
Engaging with our communities	
1	Handicrafts campaign - volunteering & charity
2	SOS children in Greece appeal
3	Pupils Committee - Primary and Secondary
Governance and Communication	
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Lux2	
PA rep - Tiziana Tamborini - who's organised loads of thi	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
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Sustainability in Education	
1	SKETCH
2	Sustainable Fashion
Engaging with our communities	
1	School magagazines Primary and Secondary
2	Connections with Research + Tiziana
Governance and Communication	
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Bergen (PA contact Jeremy Raboul)	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
1	gardening - soup made from vegetables grown in the school vegetable patch
2	Teachers - Plan to reduce printed paper - use more electronic communications
3	Parents - bought recycling bins for school grounds
4	Recycling for printer cartridges, batteries
5	Solar Panels and metre to see how much energy saved
Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
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Sustainability in Education	
1	Scince projects in Sustainability
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Engaging with our communities	
1	food collection, organised by parents association, raised 1760E in 2020
2	Charity - parents send money generated from recycling to charities
Governance and Communication	
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Alicante (PA contacts, Barbara and Juan)	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
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Sustainable Procurement	
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Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	bullying policy online
2	
Sustainability in Education	
1	project week: last week of school students could do: yoga, firsta aid, dance, fixing bikes, sex education, self-defence, debating, learning about developing countries, mindfulness, art, music, chess, 3d printing, crochet, UN model council, etc
2	Steamulus
Engaging with our communities	
1	xmas market
2	
Governance and Communication	
1	project week magazine - edited by student media team
2	school magazine covering topics from health and wellbeing to ca

Lux 1 - Helen	
	Specific Actions / plans?
Sustainable Buildings and Grounds	
1	Solar Panels
2	Reducing Waste programme
3	Soft Mobility Plan - bikes & walking
Sustainable Procurement	
1	Reducing Meat in Canteen
2	Chicken Sheds in Malemaille - feed canteen waste
Mental Health and Wellbeing	
1	Pastoral Care
2	KIVA
	Ed Support
Sustainability in Education	
1	Careers guidance
2	Student Sustainability Ambassidors
3	Bicylce Repair Workshop
Engaging with our communities	
1	Child care provisions
2	PA - link on site, but password protected!
Governance and Communication	
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