

Simultaneous Sustainable, Circular Economy & Urban Development Days



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Day 1

Sustainable Days

Tuesday, 13 October

10:00 Welcome and introduction to the three days

Organising committee

10:30 The role of power grid and energy storage in the clean energy transition

Linda Barelli — University of Perugia (UniPG)

11:30 The VIVES Green Office: Capacity-Building for Sustainable Transition.

Valérie Vandenbussche — VIVES University of Applied Sciences

„MSc. Valérie Vandenbussche: Is a part-time lecturer and coordinator of the Green Office at VIVES University of Applied Sciences (Belgium) and also a researcher at the Faculty of Sciences, Environmental Sciences, at Open Universiteit (the Netherlands). In September 2026, she was the keynote speaker at the 7th World Symposium on Sustainability in Higher Education.”

12:30 Break

14:00 Sustainability as an Economic Strategy: Resource Independency, Security of Supply and Competitiveness

Prof. Thomas Andorfer — OTH Regensburg

„Prof. Dr. rer. pol. Thomas Andorfer: Professor of Sustainable Business Management at OTH Regensburg (faculty of Business and Management). His work centers on Sustainable Business Management, integrating corporate responsibility, ecological transformation, and long-term ethical practices into modern business economics. He is a core member of the university's specialized “Sustainability Competence Field”

15:15 GreenEDU: greening education — interactive workshop

Dr. Bram Pynoo — VIVES · greenedu-project.eu

„Bram Pynoo is a researcher at VIVES University of Applied Sciences in Belgium. His work focuses on higher education innovation, digital learning, professional development, and internationally connected education. He coordinates and contributes to national and international projects that explore how higher education can respond to societal challenges through interdisciplinary learning, service-learning, and collaboration with external partners. Within GreenEDU, he contributes to the development of educational approaches that support the integration of sustainability into teaching, learning, and institutional practice. His background combines educational research, project coordination, and capacity building. He is particularly interested in how (sustainability or engaged) education can move beyond separate courses and become a meaningful part of curricula, learning environments, and partnerships between higher education institutions and society.”

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Day 2

Circular Economy Days

Wednesday, 14 October

Simultaneous sessions

09:00 From Linear to Circular – Rethinking Business Models

Prof. Sophia Schepers — OTH Regensburg

„Prof. Dr. Sophia Schepers: Professor of Sustainable Business Management at OTH Regensburg (faculty of Business and Management) and Scientific Head of the Technology Campus (Schwandorf) on Circular Economy and Sustainability. She worked in the automotive industry and brings interdisciplinary and cross-national exchange, formulating ESG and circular economy requirements from a customer perspective, and promoting innovative concepts in e-mobility and sustainability.”

09:00 LivingLab: Sustainable and Inclusive Mobility Futures

Prof. Wendy Guan Zhen Tan — Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL)

„Prof. dr. ir. Wendy Tan is Professor of Spatial Planning at HVL (Norway) and Senior Lecturer at Wageningen University (Netherlands). Specializing in sustainable mobility and inclusive planning, her interdisciplinary approach integrates architecture, urban design, GIS tools, and qualitative research to foster equitable urban environments.

As leader of the Sustainable Mobility and Transport Planning Group (SUSMOB), she directs major EU projects—including JUST STREETS and ARTEMIS—focused on mobility justice, equity indices, and car-free cities. Her research-oriented teaching engages students directly with municipalities through real-world, problem-based learning. Across research, education, and policy collaboration, Prof. Tan transforms theoretical insights into practical tools that advance sustainable transport for all communities.”

10:30 Environmental Sustainability: definition, level of implementation in the EU, and ongoing research

Francesco Di Maria — University of Perugia (UniPG)

12:30 From Ragpickers to Algorithms: Reimagining the Circular Economy

August Wierling and Valeria Jana Schwanitz — HVL

„ August Wierling is a theoretical physicist and Professor of Mathematics for Renewable Energies at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences. His current research focuses on data-driven energy system analysis and FAIR data, using computational and stochastic data-analysis methods. He is a Fellow of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science and has undertaken research stays at the Universities of Kyoto, Osaka, and Sapporo. He has also worked as a lecturer and researcher at the University of Rostock and the University of Jena, Germany, as well as the University of Georgia, USA.”

„ Valeria Jana Schwanitz is a physicist and economist and Professor of Energy Economics at the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, as well as a Distinguished Fellow at the Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems in Bristol, UK. Her research focuses on energy systems, human–nature interactions, and climate solutions. She is a member of the advisory board of NFDI4Energy, the National Research Data Infrastructure for Interdisciplinary Energy System Research in Germany, and a jury member of the WWF One Planet City Challenge 2024. Her previous positions and research stays include the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and the Technical University of Dresden (IHI Zittau), Germany, the University of Kyoto, the University of Osaka, and the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Japan.”

13:45 Day closes — afternoon free for working groups

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Day 3

Urban Development

Thursday, 15 October

09:30 **Green Campus: participatory design of a green space to promote biodiversity, improve outdoor experiences for students and the campus microclimate**

Prof. Petra Liedl — OTH Regensburg

„Prof. Dr. Petra Liedl : Professor of building climatology at OTH Regensburg (faculty of Architecture). Her work centers on Climate Design- promoting a deeper understanding between climate, building, comfort and energy in practice, teaching and research. She also takes part in campus greening initiatives at OTH.“

10:30 **Reconnecting a fragmented territory: the case of Assisi and its plain**

Matteo Lanfalconi — University of Perugia (UniPG)

11:30 **Break**

12:15 **The mobility paradox: Why people keep driving?**

Dr. Diego Volckaert — VIVES

„Dr. Diëgo Volckaert is a sustainability educator with a background in Applied Biological Sciences. At VIVES University of Applied Sciences, he teaches At VIVES University of Applied Sciences, he teaches Strong Sustainability, a course followed by students across all disciplines, helping them explore the opportunities and dilemmas of creating a more sustainable future., a course followed by students across all disciplines, helping them explore the opportunities and dilemmas of creating a more sustainable future. He is actively involved in sustainability initiatives across the university as a member of the Green Office and also teaches ecosystem services as a guest professor at Mid Sweden University. Beyond academia, Diëgo works with organizations as an auditor for the Voka Charter for Sustainable Entrepreneurship (VCDO), helping to translate sustainability ambitions into practice. He is one of the authors of *The Key to Tomorrow: Valuable Entrepreneurship*, a book that explores how businesses can create value while contributing to a more sustainable society.

13:00 **Break**

15:15 **Hydrogen: Seriously?**

Steven De Tollenaere — VIVES

„Steven De Tollenaere is a lecturer and senior researcher at VIVES University of Applied Sciences in Belgium, specialising in hydrogen and sustainable energy systems. He coordinates applied research projects and international collaborations, connecting education, research and industry. His work focuses on testing and demonstrating practical solutions that help companies transition towards cleaner energy and alternative fuels.“

16:15 **Closing remarks across the three days**

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