

Positive Impact Collaboration



WHY

There is a broad range of activities related to sustainability and creating a positive impact for people and planet going on in the HSG ecosystem. However, we lack awareness of each other's efforts and are missing potential for synergies and more impactful collaboration. With the urgency of our interconnected eco-social crises, we are convinced that communities such as HSG need to further step up their game and lead towards positive impact.



HOW

To create momentum towards a positive impact transformation at HSG, we need new participatory infrastructures to develop our individual and shared capacities for collaboration and taking effective action. The Positive Impact Collaboration aims to break down silos between organizational boundaries and stakeholder groups to become aware of and learn from each other, to scale existing positive impact and design new collaborative action.

A **core process** encompasses four meetings a year that always have structure. Additional **thematic groups** are mostly self-organized but linked to the core process. See the launch program for details. We are committed to documenting the knowledge created in the core meetings and thematic groups in a structured and accessible way for all members of the HSG ecosystem.



WHO

The Positive Impact Collaboration is a self-organized initiative. Everyone at HSG working towards positive impact – whatever that means to them – is welcome to join. We are committed to creating an environment of trust and open-mindedness where we welcome and appreciate different perspectives and each other as full human beings.

“The Positive Impact Collaboration can help build energy around university's sustainability efforts across teaching, research, campus operations and outreach. I'm certain this bottom-up initiative will help scale HSG's efforts towards creating a positive impact.”

Prof. Judith Walls, Delegate Responsibility and Sustainability, Chair of Sustainability Management IWÖ-HSG

Launch Program

November 15, 2023, 10:00-12:30

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15min	Check-in
30min	HSG Sustainability initiatives update <i>Updating each other about projects and activities around sustainability and positive impact at HSG</i>
30min	Focus topic <i>Pitching and (optionally) joining thematic groups</i>
15min	Break
30min	Project workshop <i>Collaborative sprint on 2-3 projects brought in by participants</i>
30min	Check-out & open exchange <i>Facilitating serendipity by talking to community members</i>



FOCUS: THEMATIC GROUPS

Thematic groups are organized by community members. During the co-creation phase for conceptualizing this initiative, we identified **Values, Curriculum, Research, Infrastructure, Data, and Travel Policies** as possible thematic groups. New thematic groups can be launched whenever at least two people are interested in collaborating.

“From the many interactions of our Working Group, we see the need to establish new participatory infrastructures. The Positive Impact Collaboration can provide valuable scaffolding for exchange and collaboration throughout the HSG ecosystem.”

Prof. Dirk Lehmkuhl, Head Working Group Social and Economic Sustainability Strategy, Dean SEPS-HSG