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Social Sustainability Report 2023

Highlights

The Report

The **Social Sustainability Report 2023**, the **fourteenth edition**, was drafted by adopting the **Standard for Social and Sustainability Reporting** developed by RUS with the *Gruppo Bilancio e Sostenibilità* (GBS), following an **initial application** of the RUS guidelines with the **2022 edition**. The standard is aimed at standardising the social and sustainability reporting of the universities, from a system perspective. The document presents the activities and results of the University in terms of **social output** and in correspondence with the **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. It is addressed to Sapienza's **stakeholders**, who are set out in an introductory table highlighting their specific interests with respect to the topics dealt with in the Report.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Structure and content of the Social Report

Bilancio sociale di sostenibilità 2023



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Defining sustainability policies

Among the activities of 2023, some novelties are directly related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

In July 2023, the Governing Bodies approved the **'Sapienza Policy for Sustainability'**, a document prepared by Sapienza's Technical Scientific Committee on Sustainability, which for the first time explicitly states the preference for working with partners that meet environmental, social and governance **(ESG) sustainability criteria**.



Training for sustainability

The academic year brought the new edition of the training course, in Italian, "**Sustainability Sciences: Cultural, Ecological and Digital Transition**", completely free of charge for students already enrolled at Sapienza.

The evolution of this initiative will be the '**lesson zero**' offered by the 11 Faculties to all students enrolled in each programme. As part of the development of educational activities, **new degree programmes** were activated at the **Latina and Rieti branches** in 2023, including some explicitly related to **green** issues.



Sustainability across research projects

Sustainability - in particular the **ecological transition** - is a cross-cutting theme for many of the projects in which Sapienza is involved within the **PNRR**, including **Rome Technopole**.

There is much scientific research that can be directly linked to the SDGs; in the Social Sustainability Report, a table is dedicated to the **press releases of scientific publications** published in 2023 related to the goals of the 2030 Agenda, as a non-exhaustive list..



SDGs for Outreach

In 2023, numerous Outreach activities took place, with events and initiatives throughout the year, such as the celebration of the **centenary of Italo Calvino's birth**.

In the context of **SDG 5** Gender Equality, the second edition of the training campus '*Obiettivo5. Parità di genere*', organised in collaboration with the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera.

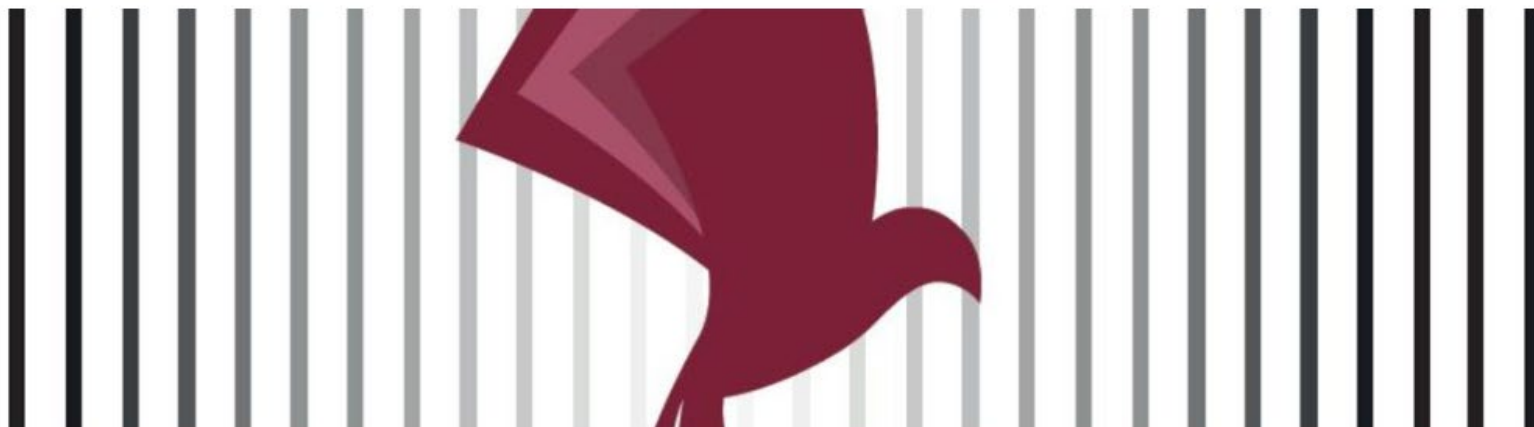
In 2023, Sapienza's commitment against mafias, correlated to **SDG 16**, continued with the new training course '*Dialoghi sulla legalità*', created with the aim of promoting the sharing of constitutional principles and commitment against mafias and violence.



Sapienza for inclusion

With regard to **SDG 1** on the fight against poverty, in 2023 Sapienza again guaranteed free enrolment for over **40,000 enrolled students**, while about **32,000** had their fees reduced.

Sapienza University's Prison Campus, linked to SDG 4 on quality education for all and **SDG 10** on combating inequality, continued with new initiatives and reached **53 enrolments**.



Customer satisfaction analyses

A new section of the document is dedicated to the main customer satisfaction surveys, involving internal and external stakeholders:

- **Services to the public** (Public relations office and Student Affairs Offices)
- Organisational **wellbeing** survey
- Students' opinions on **teaching**



Report evaluation and improvement

Sapienza continues to improve the Social Sustainability Report, also through the **involvement of stakeholders**.

As of this year, the report is subject to an **assurance process** carried out by Sapienza's **Scientific- Technical Committee for Sustainability**.

Instead, readers and **users** are invited to comment and suggest using a questionnaire published at the end of the document.

