

SDGs workshop within the VIPIO virtual exchange programme

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Overview of the online workshop “Meet in VIPIO 4th task: Introduction to the SDGs”

- > Designed to
 - > introduce a small group of Austrian and Finnish students to the SDGs
 - > and to engage them in a comparative analysis of community actions and initiatives that contribute to achieving the SDGs.



Background: what is VIPIO?



- > Partner university: Savonia University of Applied Sciences in Kuopio (Finland)
- > Online project **VI**iennakuo**PIO** within the Biomedical Science Bachelor degree programme (3rd and 4th semester)
- > The “Meet in VIPIO” virtual exchange programme: part of this overall project

Background: what is “Meet in VIPIO”?

- > Voluntary intake at the beginning of the academic year
- > Four students from Vienna and four students from Kuopio
- > One task per semester, over first four semesters of their studies
- > Sometimes in pairs and sometimes in small groups

Why workshop on the SDGs

- > Overview of tasks up until now:
 - > 1st task Get-to-know-you
 - > 2nd task Case Studies
 - > 3rd task Biobanking
 - > 4th task COVID-19

- > For the 3rd round changed 4th task to workshop on the SDGs

What did we want to get out of this workshop?

- > Aim: raise awareness of the SDGs
- > Learning outcomes: participants are more aware of what is happening around the SDGs in both their community (or on their campus) as well as in the partner community (or on the partner campus)



Format of workshop on the SDGs

- > First online meeting: introduction to the SDGs, task explained and groups announced
- > Final online seminar: groups presented their findings



Group activity

- > Look through resource material
- > Agree on focus area (city/campus)
- > Go out and take photos (3 to 5 per group)
- > Discuss and compare (Kuopio and Vienna)
- > Reflect on possible next steps
- > Final seminar: share findings



Photos and connection to SDGs

- > Document
- > Link
- > Discuss and compare



Outcomes and feedback

- > Good examples brought by each group; groups well prepared
- > Workshop more participative than expected (discussion after presentations)
- > Excellent feedback from my lecturer colleagues

Outlook

- > Meet in VIPIO project is currently on hold
- > Next steps:
 - > incorporate Internationalisation@Home in next Vienna curriculum
 - > better promote the project in Kuopio
 - > stay in touch with partner university

