Reading between the lines, Borgloon

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YOUTH

Web-based application developed by The Shifters Belgium, in cooperation with The Shift and SDSN Belgium youth, analyses university curricula in Belgium and identifies climate and environmental sustainability courses, programs and professors with proven education expertise in this field. This innovative, extended and up-to-date mapping tool enhances the awareness among students, and facilitates inter- and multidisciplinary education and research on sustainable development within and amongst universities. At the policy level, the board of governors of the higher education institutions now has a tool to compare and the evidence to enhance their sustainability efforts.

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Her Majesty The Queen of the Belgians invited the Network Manager for a one on one exchange on SDSN Belgium in the Royal Palace

More than 350 PEOPLE ATTENDED

the webinar on the alignment of the European and Belgian recovery plans with the SDGs

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PARTICIPATION IN SDSN INITIATIVES

Together with CIFAL Flanders, SDSN Belgium and SDSN Europe advocated for aligning the European and Belgian recovery with the SDGs. The role of the SDGs in the recovery and resilience plans was discussed in a webinar which hosted senior officials from the European Commission and Belgian Government.

SOLUTIONS INITIATIVES

Large knowledge networks are difficult to align and manage, risking to lose scientific progress due to lack of detailed insights and effective communication. Belgian professors Vera Meynen and Ludo Diels created multi-purpose, well-connected and integrated clusters of researchers that are small but through their connection keep an integrated view and leverage their impact towards a carbon neutral industry and society. This solution was shared at the 2020 Global Solutions Forum.