



Sustainability at ETH Zurich:

Following a «holistic» approach







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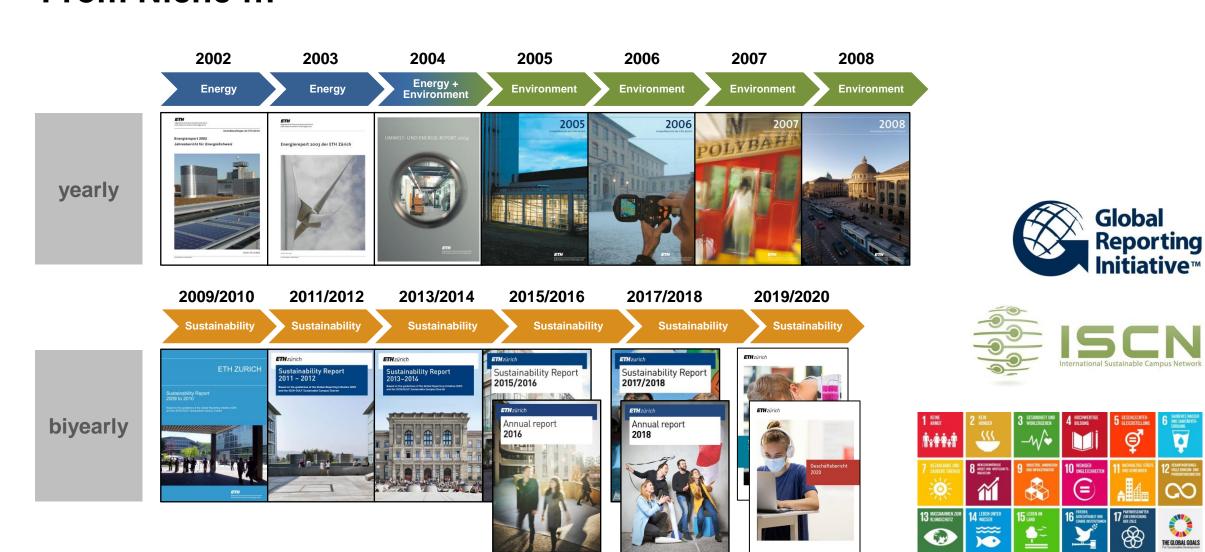
DIALOG

In 1987, ETH Zurich was the first European university to establish a Department of Environmental Systems Science, laying down an important cornerstone for long-term engagement.

Today, sustainability is relevant in all departments of ETH Zurich. The university has become an international excellence and reference center for sustainability research that incorporates the principles of sustainable development.



The Evolution of Sustainability Reporting at ETH Zurich: **From Niche...**



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Our approach / «secret» over the years: Focus on the Process, not only on the Product

Multi-Stakeholder-Process

While engaging a multitude of stakeholders (100+ people from the community involved) can be somewhat complex, it excellently fosters:

- Discussion
- Awareness
- Visibility
- Commitment

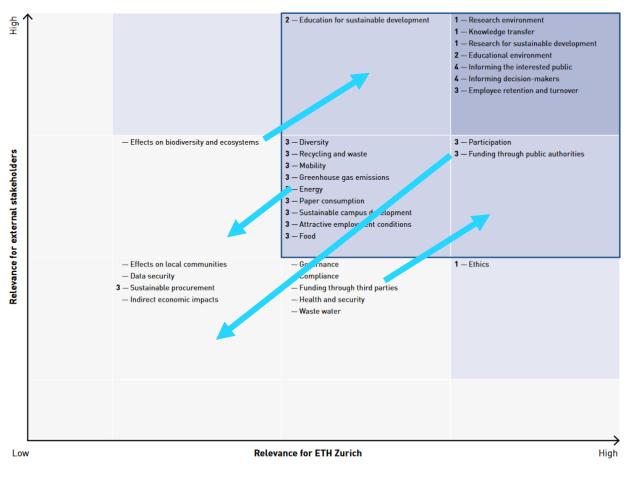
for sustainability at the institution.

Stakeholder Interviews: Discuss expectations, raise awareness!



«I thought sustainability was only about environmental issues»

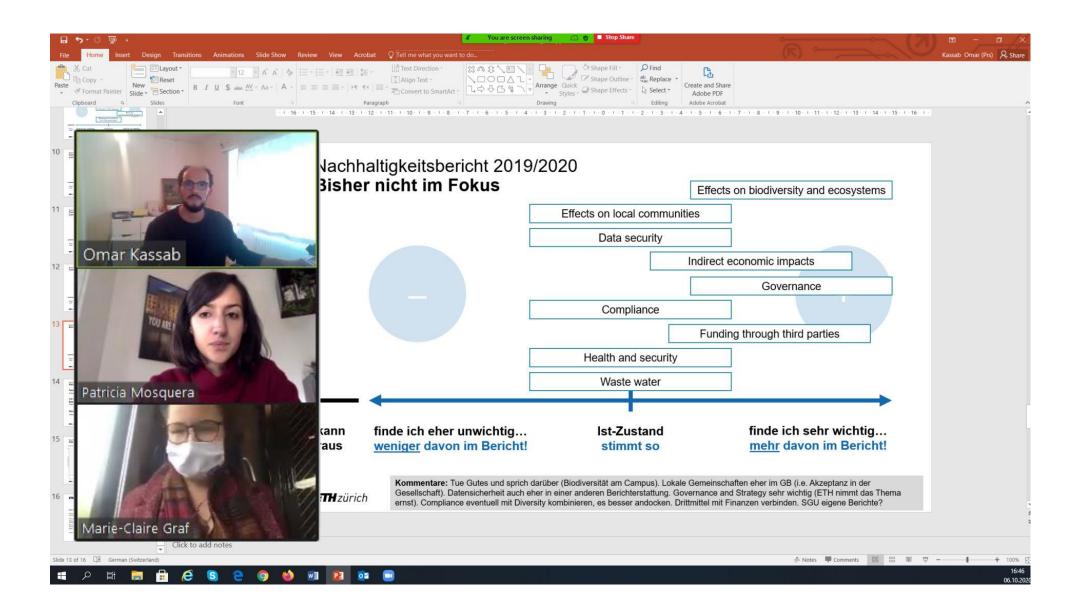
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Our approach / «secret» over the years: **Appreciate people**, **give them a voice!**









Wait a minute: Is that really an meaningful reporting practice?



In 2021/2022: <u>Evaluation</u> of the university-level reporting portfolio Some of the fundamental comments:

We need to **better align** out reporting processes

Sustainability Report 2019/2020

Putting **people first** is just the right thing to do

We should better use the **SDGs** in our reporting



Sustainability is a strategic theme. It should gain more visibility!

We really liked the monitoring system of the sustainability goals

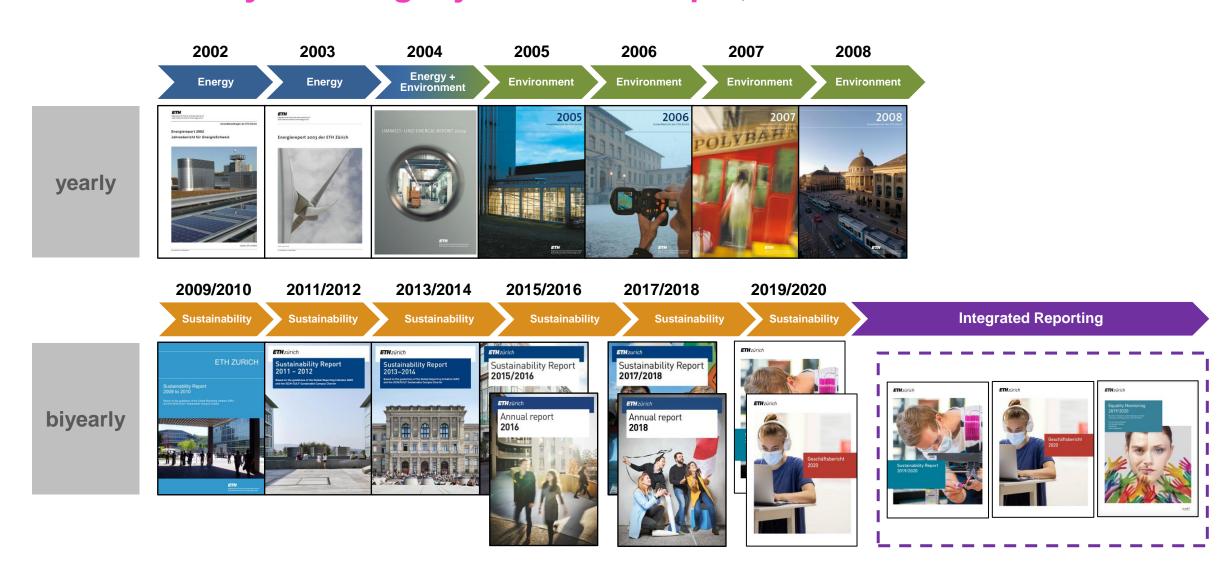


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We need **integrated thinking** for diversity
and sustainability

So what's next? Integrated Reporting.

Sustainability: No longer just a niche topic, ...but a backbone!



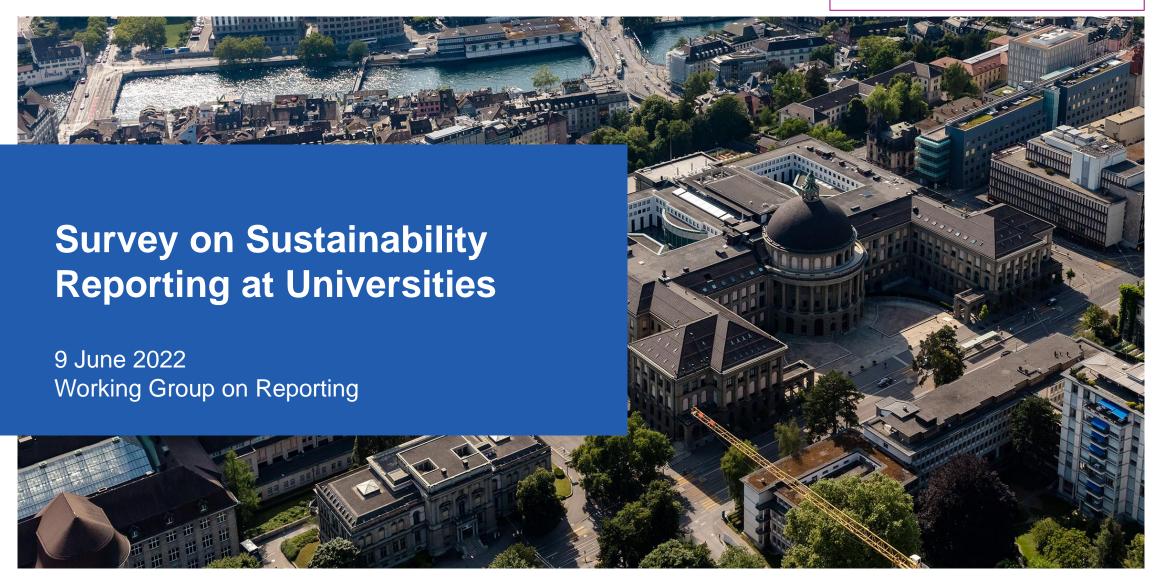
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What happened so far



Times Higher Education Impact Ranking: A catalyzer towards more sustainability in Universities?



ISCN/Benchtech August 2020

Kristina von Oelreich KTH and Alexander Nebel EPFL

In 2020:

Survey on the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking

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https://www.leadquizzes.com/blog/survey-topics-and-ideas/

NEW SURVEY COMING UP

What is the aim of this survey?

- Provide overview of the landscape and strategic prioritization of sustainability at <u>universities worldwide</u>.
- Increase awareness:
 - of the range of practices used by universities for sustainability reporting.
 - for opportunities and potential impacts of sustainability reporting.

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We will roll out the survey in the comings weeks and we would appreciate your participation!

