

FUTURE PROEF AWARD

SUSTAINABILITY COMPASS FOR FINAL ASSOCIATE'S WORK OR PROJECT

This document can support you in developing your Associate's work or project and integrate sustainability. You should also use the criteria below to motivate your participation in the Future Proef Award (in the justification form).

You can think of it as a **sustainability compass** or a **kind of guide** to work towards sustainability with your final project. Just remember that it is not comprehensive and that there are different ways of interpreting sustainability.

1. BROAD VIEW ON SUSTAINABILITY

The jury of the Future Proef Award will evaluate to what extent you demonstrate a broad view on sustainability in your research or project.

The following questions are meant to broaden your thinking process about sustainability and help you explore various perspectives. However, they are not all-encompassing.

Embodying sustainability values:

- Have you paid attention to environmental, economic and social aspects?
- Do you pay attention to respecting needs and rights of nature and its species? Are you working to restore and renew healthy and resilient ecosystems?
- Do you pay attention to equity and justice for current and future generations?
- Do you create social and ecological value with your work, design or practice?
- Do you take into account the values of others (such as concerned stakeholders)? Are you in dialogue with them and seeking a sustainable path together?
- Did you focus on a sustainability challenge during your final project, or was sustainability a guiding principle in carrying out your final project?

Systems view:

- Do you work with various stakeholders to achieve a better understanding of the challenge?



2. IMPACT ON SOCIETY

The Future Proef Award jury will evaluate the potential positive impact of you/your final thesis or final project on **society**.

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Contributing to the well-being of the planet and society:

- To which sustainability challenge(s) does your final thesis provide an answer?
- Does your final thesis produce results that benefit the planet and society? Does your final thesis contribute to improvements in society? Think about concrete findings, solutions that come out of the final thesis, such as new methods or technologies that people can use and potentially realise change. Of course, these can also be your own concrete realisations.
- Does your work encourage others to think, feel and/or act differently and more sustainably?

Responding to social need:

- Do you respond to a specific question or need of a stakeholder from the field?
- Did your topic choice for this final thesis arise from your own perceived need in

3. CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Future Proef Award jury will assess the extent to which you/your final project contributes to creativity and innovation for sustainability.

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Innovation for the future:

- Have you thought about what a sustainable future might look like and how you could contribute to it? Have you applied existing new sustainable knowledge and/or innovations from your sector?
- Or maybe you are reaching out with new ideas or solutions yourself, or contributing to a sustainable future through your own realisations?

Creative approach:

- Do you engage with imagination and fantasy? Or do you use creative methods (storytelling, design, design...)?

