

WHY ESG EDUCATION?

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# WHY ESG in HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS?

## What is ESG?

Environmental, Social, and Governance Factors:





#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Impact on the planet

- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Air and water pollution
- Biodiversity
- Deforestation
- Recycling and waste management
- · Natural resource use
- Renewable energy
- Water scarcity
- · Energy efficiency
- Sustainability initiatives
- Relationships with regulators



#### SOCIAL

#### Relationships with employees, customers and community

- Diversity and inclusion
- Company culture
- · Data protection and privacy
- Customer satisfaction
- Relations with local communities
- Human rights
- Labor standards
- · Product safety
- · Employee training
- · Ethical supply chain sourcing



#### Corporate leadership standards

- · Board composition
- · Management diversity
- · Shareholder rights
- Lobbying
- · Executive compensation
- · Accounting transparency
- Separation of CEO and Chairman roles
- History of shareholder lawsuits
- · Relationships with regulators

# Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) benchmarks are a set of standards focused on enterprises' socially and environmentally conscious operations used as a litmus test for its purpose, proposition and policy.

- Environmental How does the organization address its carbon footprint, sustainable business practices, supply chain, stakeholder maps and partnerships?
- Social How does the organization manages its relationships with employees, shareholders, clients, partners, and their relationship with the community they are operating in and out, their policy and belief in diversity, human rights, equality and inclusiveness?
- Governance How does the organization organize its executives, their pay structure, shareholder rights, periodic audits, and internal financial controls?

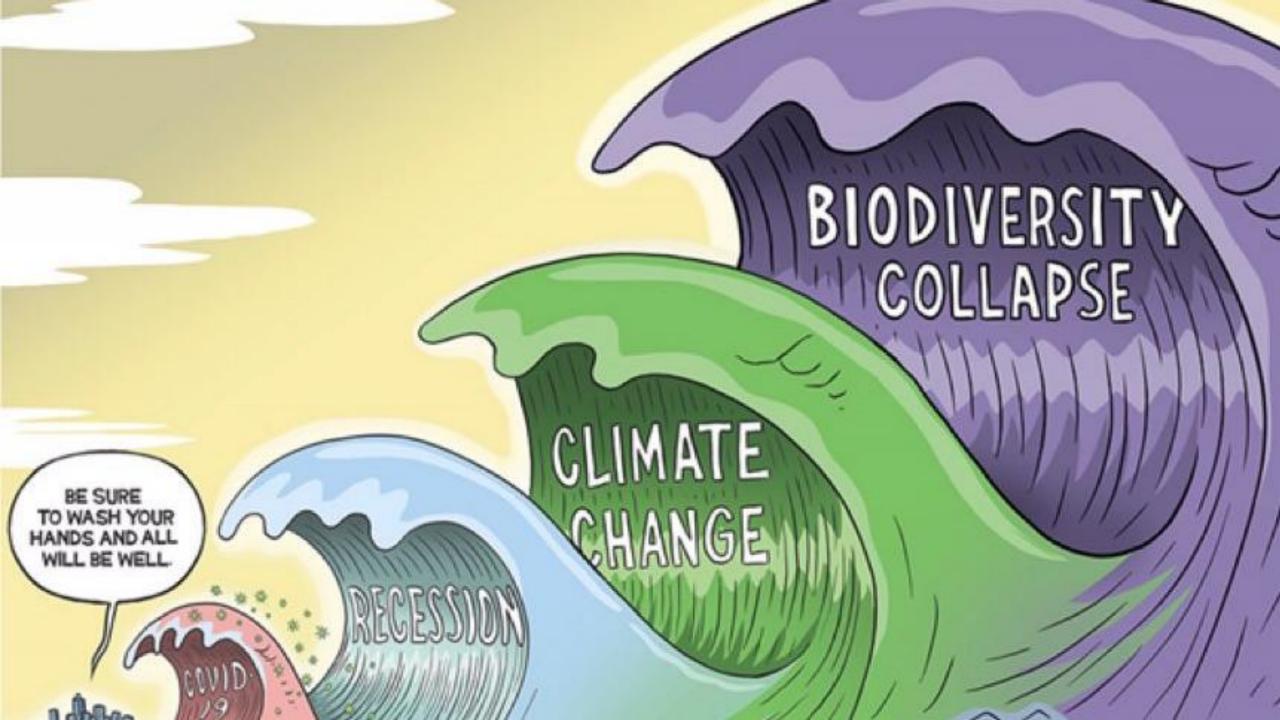
## WHY ESG in HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS?

- Immerse, Catastrophic Affect of the Climate Crisis Impact to all lives in this planet earth, NOW!!!
- Crucial Need for Future Leaders in business, government and civil society.
- Emerging Need for Future Generations to address the ESG challenges in order to drive Meaningful CHANGE in their life, career, community, society and the planet earth.

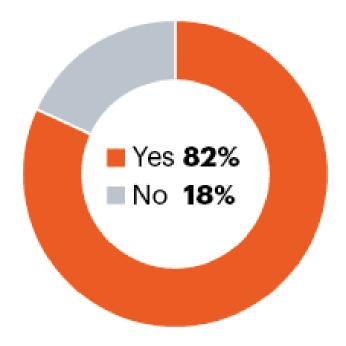




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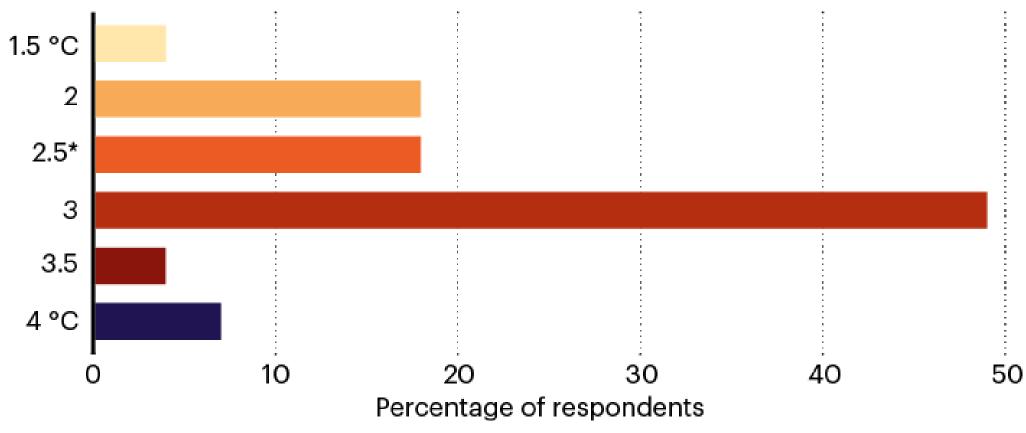


Do you think you will see catastrophic impacts of climate change in your lifetime?



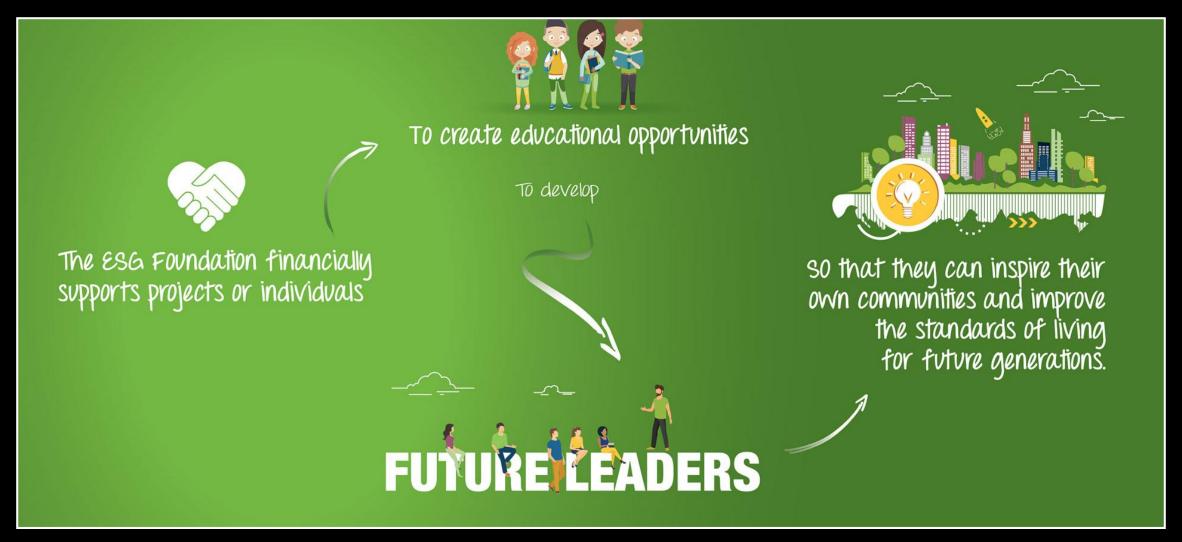
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## How much warming above pre-industrial times do you think is likely by 2100?



<sup>\*</sup>Includes 2 responses between 2.7 °C and 2.75 °C; 2.5 °C and 3.5 °C were write-in answers.





Crucial Need for ESG-embedded, Future Leaders in business, government and civil society.



#### Principles of Governance

The definition of governance is evolving as organizations are increasingly expected to define and embed their purpose at the centre of their business. But the principles of agency, accountability and stewardship continue to be vital for truly "good governance".





#### **Planet**

#### Inclusiveness

An ambition to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.



#### **People**

An ambition to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.





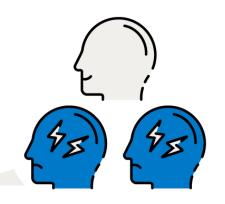
#### **Prosperity**

An ambition to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.

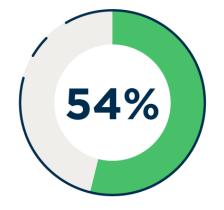
**Diversity** 







Two in three (68%)
feel anxious due to high
mental health burden
of climate change



Over half (54%)
would take a pay cut to
work for a business that
reflects their ethics



One in three (31%)
would turn down roles
in companies with
poor ESG credentials



Mental ill-health (including eco-anxiety) costs UK businesses **£45 Billion** a year



Six in ten (59%)
said they would stay
longer with a company
that had ESG
commitments



Half of people (47%)
said they would be more
productive working in an
organisation with strong
ESG commitments



# Why ESG Education Now? The Global ESG-Education Landscape

 Climate science shows that Europe is warming faster than anywhere else. The continent is also widely seen as a global leader on sustainability — driven by stronger climate policies, progressive environmental standards and renewable energy initiatives.

 Many European businesses have also made sustainability core to their strategies, governance and reporting. This focus is mirrored in business schools across the continent, where sustainability is increasingly woven into the curriculum to meet the growing demand for graduates who can balance business growth with environmental responsibility.



## **DEFINING the New Horizons**



Super Silver Economy

## The 6S Economy

**Solo** Economy

**SRM** Economy

**Sustainability**Economy



Skill Gap Economy

## The Greatest S - Sustainable Economy





## Most are for People Pillars

## The 5Ps Pillars of Sustainability



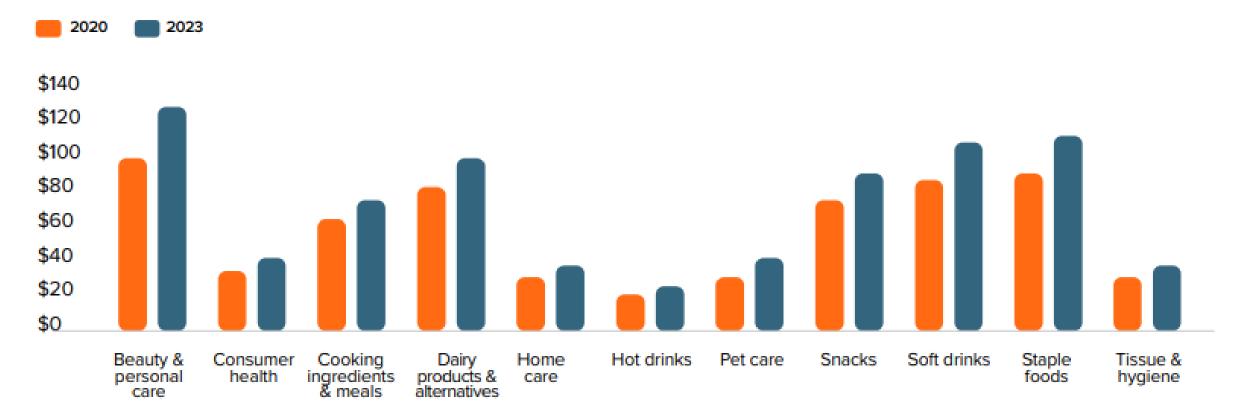








## Global retail sales of sustainable products by industry USD billion

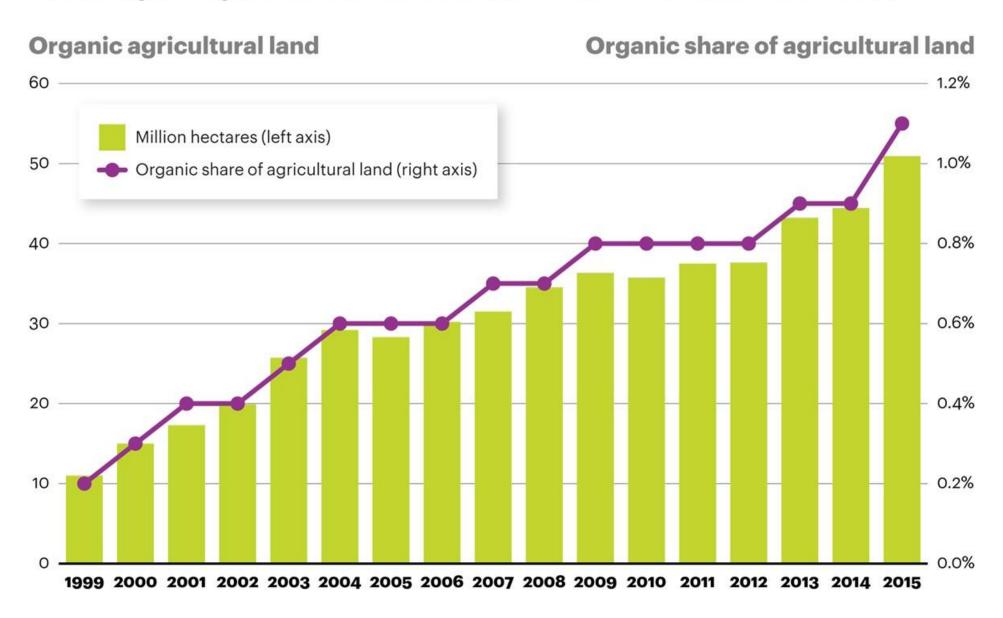


Source: Euromonitor International, Passport Sustainability

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>Euromonitor International, Passport Sustainability, Quarterly Opportunity Tracker

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#### Global organic agriculture has increased 360% since the turn of the century

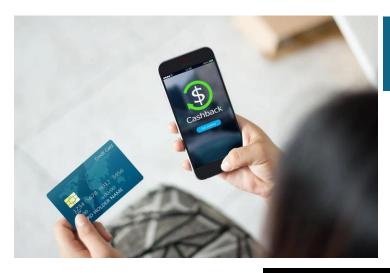


Sources: Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL), International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements Organics International; A.T. Kearney analysis

## **7 CONSUMER PERSONS TRENDS for 2025**

1. Wellness Pragmatists





2. Value Hackers

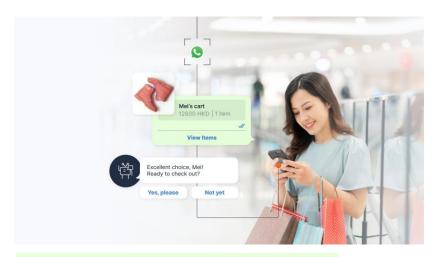


3.
ECO<sup>2</sup> (economical & ecological)
Logicalists

4. F<sup>2</sup> (Focus & Filtered)
Purchasers



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**6. JOMO Consumers** 



5. Al-as-PA Shoppers



7. Chosen-Kin, Modern Tribalists

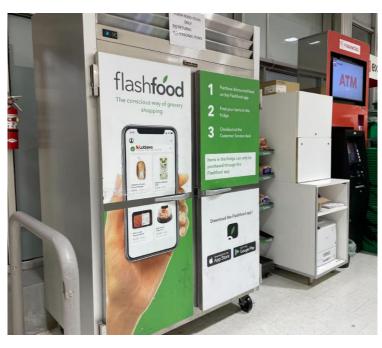










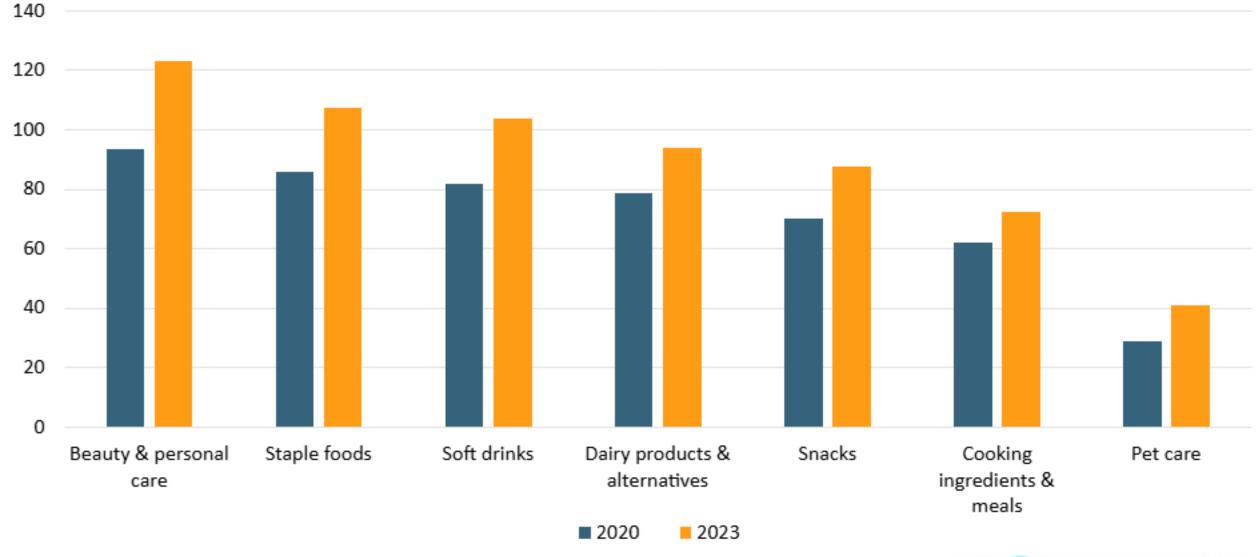




ECO2 Logicalists: Consumers search for brands that save both wallet and planets as possible!!!

### Global retail sales of sustainable products by industry 2020 - 2023







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- 1. ESG skills are increasingly sought after by companies because they drive sustainable growth and risk management. In 2023, global sustainable investment reached over \$50 trillion, and McKinsey reports that firms with strong ESG frameworks often see better market performance and operational efficiency.
- 2. While many of tomorrow's jobs don't exist yet, more and more companies are recruiting for roles with impact which focus on business sustainability and ensuring performance on a triple bottom line (people, profit and planet).
- 3. This trend underscores the critical need for job seekers or career changers to develop and highlight their ESG competencies to increase their employability.
- 4. Growing awareness of and interest in ESG related subjects are increasingly reflected in students' professional choices as they seek to align their career with their personal values. Business Schools note that more and more MBA applicants are looking for programs that can help them make a positive impact on the world.

"Two MBA students from the Cambridge Judge Business School made an unusual public pledge last spring: to take reducing carbon emissions to heart and integrate sustainability into their future careers as business leaders. Their Climate Legacy Commitment has since been signed by over 450 of their peers at 15 leading business schools, with support from employers including Kearney and Novartis.."

Gishan Dissanaike, the newly appointed dean at Cambridge Judge, says: "Our students are hoping to make a positive impact on the world. Two or three decades ago, they wanted an MBA to make as much money as they could. Today, it's the same, but they don't want to damage the planet or hurt fellow human **beings.**"

"I chose EDHEC Business School because of its outstanding commitment to sustainability, demonstrated by its 4th place ranking for ESG by The Financial Times, and the diversity it celebrates—not just in gender balance and age range but also in the rich tapestry of cultures represented by 31 nationalities." explains Zachary Cho, EDHEC Global MBA graduate and recently named one of the Best & Brightest MBAs 2024 by Poets&Quants.









Make an impact

## Strategic Actions on ESG for Thai High Educators

- 1. Embed ESG across all faculties
- 2. Treat campus as a living ESG lab
- 3. Launch governance & ethics training for academic leaders
- 4. Partner with civic/global ESG networks locally and globally
- 5. Policy the university, purpose-driven on ESG in long-term goal

As companies are recognizing the importance of sustainability and ethical practices, leading to a surge in ESG-related job roles, graduates are seeking more meaningful and impactful career paths.

By integrating ESG skills into your CV, you not only demonstrate your commitment to responsible business practices but also position yourself as a forward-thinking candidate capable of driving long-term success.

An ESG and sustainability-focused MBA is a perfect way to propel your career in the direction you want. What are ESG skills and how can an MBA help you enhance your employability and contribute to the sustainable success of your organization?

## How to incorporate ESG into educational curriculum?

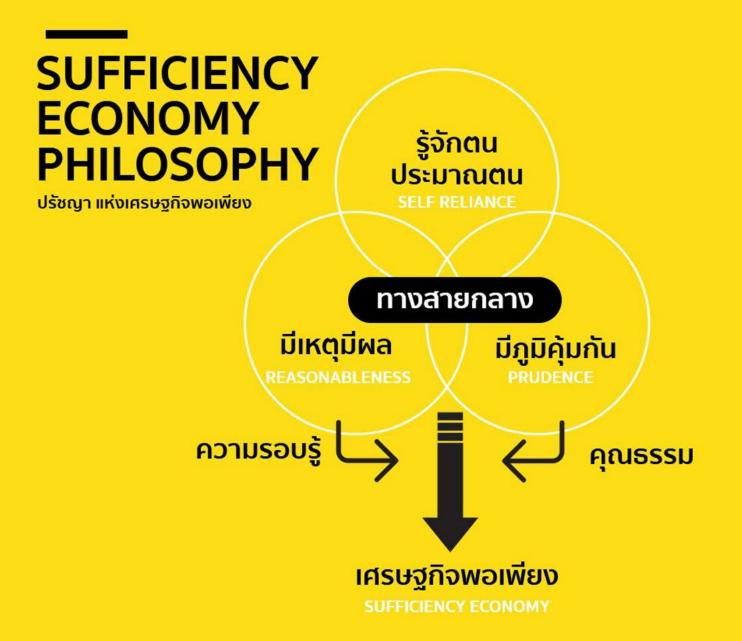
- 1. Introduce courses that focus on environmental issues, sustainability, and ecological conservation.
- 2. Emphasize hands-on learning with projects and fieldwork.
- 3. Encourage discussions on social justice, inclusivity, and community engagement.
- 4. Motivate students to participate in community service and volunteer work.
- 5. Education can equip citizens with the knowledge, attitudes, motivation, commitment, and skills to collaboratively and individually address current problems and prevent new ones.

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- 6. It involves Teacher Training Workshops designed to signify the role of teachers and help them comprehend major environmental and social issues and develop teaching methods to address them.
- 7. The workshops use lectures, participant presentations, field visits, and case studies. Similarly, Youth and Children's Workshops employ a workshop-based, multi-disciplinary learning approach, encouraging active engagement in environmental and social justice issues.
- 8. Education programs expose students to various issues and perspectives, encouraging critical thinking through interactive discussions, experiential exposures, hands-on activities, and games

## Why SEP Aligns with ESG Education for Thais

- SEP encourages balance—against extremes in consumption or growth.
- Moral and knowledge pillars mirror ESG's blend of ethical stewardship and data-driven decision-making.
- Fostering resilience integrates both ecological sustainability and governance readiness via MODERATION.
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SEP Principle	ESG Alignment	Application in Education
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Resilience	Climate & social risk mitigation	Scenario learning, adaptive curriculum design
Knowledge	Data-driven decisions	Research, analytics, inquiry-based pedagogy
Morality	Social equity & justice	Service learning, community engagement

## ESG in Higher Educations (Strategy to Implementation)

Why and to what end



What is driving your institution to prioritize environmental sustainability?



Has your institution
established
sustainability-related
goals and
commitments?

What



Do you have a strategy in place to achieve your goals? Have you identified key levers? How



Do you have the structures, people, systems and financial resources to execute your strategy?

### WHY: What is driving your institution to prioritize environmental sustainability?

Institutions are increasingly interested in environmental sustainability. Almost 75% of institutions surveyed by the EY-Parthenon team indicated that environmental sustainability is important to them

This aligns with trends observed more broadly across the US and globally. A 2021 study¹ from EY found that 55% of Gen Z say that they are "very" or "extremely" interested in environmental issues

Figure 3: Importance of environmental sustainability

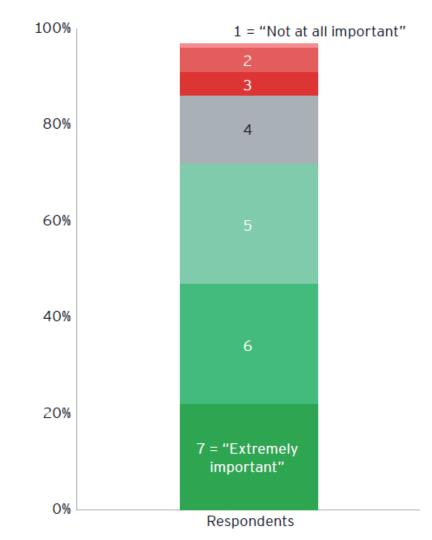
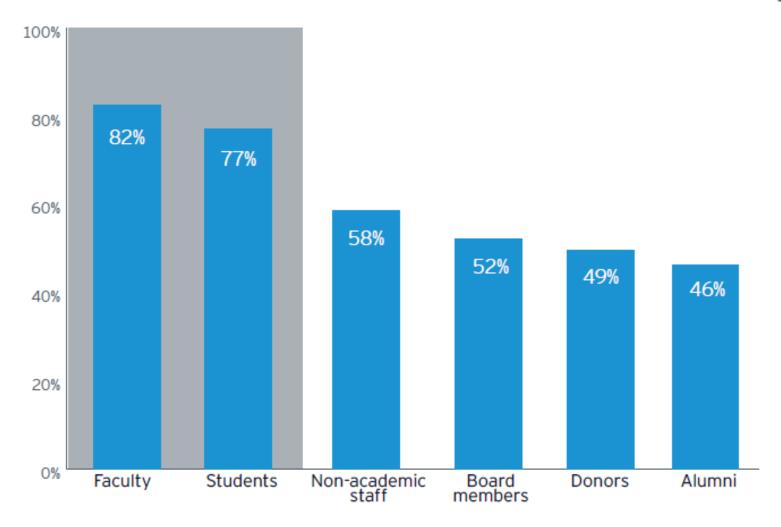


Figure 4: Importance of institutional commitment to environmental sustainability, by stakeholder group



As one sustainability administrator at a large research university reflected:



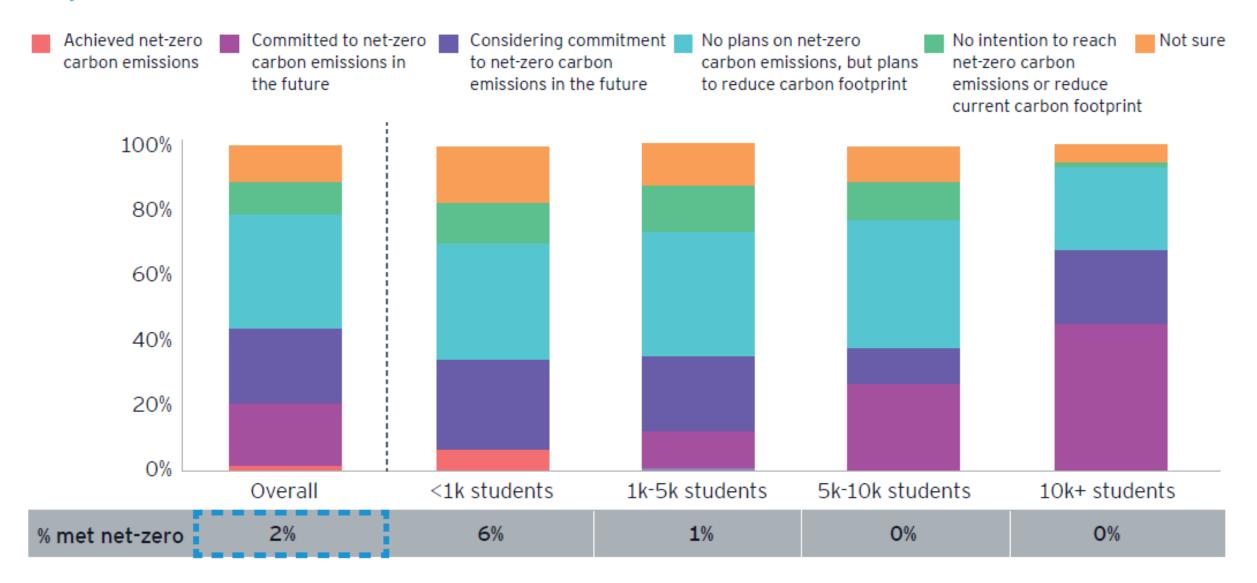
The sustainability efforts at our university were initially primarily driven by our students. We then took the reins with driving some of the green building efforts and a call to climate action, but the culture started with the students.

Chief Sustainability Officer Large public university

#### TO WHAT END: Has your institution established sustainability-related goals?

- Net-zero carbon emissions refers to the status of taking as much carbon out of the environment as you put into it.
- Net-zero carbon emissions goals are a common ambition among higher education institutions and often serve as a good starting point for discussions regarding environmental targets, but they may not be right for every institution.
- As shown in Fig. 5, roughly 40% of surveyed institutions have committed to or are considering a commitment to reach net-zero carbon emissions, with some interesting differences by size of institution.

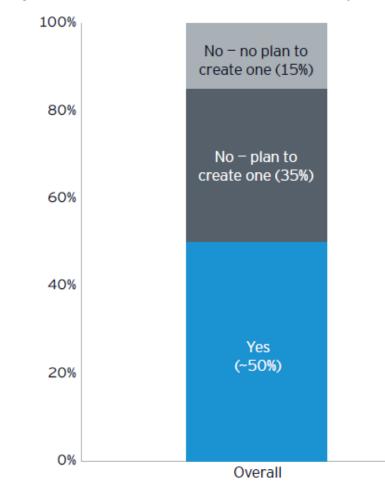
Figure 5: Current status of net-zero carbon emissions



#### WHAT: Do you have a strategy in place to achieve your sustainability goals?

Figure 7: Prevalence of an environmental sustainability strategy

Of the institutions with plans to achieve netzero carbon emissions, about 50% (Fig. 7) already have an environmental sustainability strategy in place; however, these strategies represent a variety of targets and levels of institutional readiness to execute.



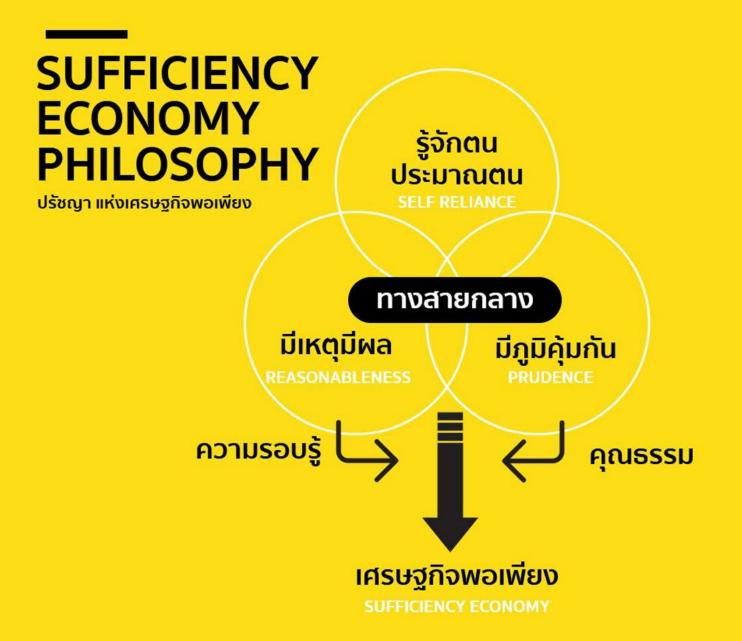
An additional 35% of institutions intend to create a sustainability strategy in the coming years.

## HOW: Do you have the structures, people, systems and funding to execute your strategy?

- Making progress against goals requires selecting a governance model that works for the institution, given its context and culture.
- 2. Regardless of whether governance is centralized or shared, effective execution may benefit from a core group of people who are more or less dedicated to the effort.
- 3. Achieving ambitious sustainability goals may also require identifying sources of funding.
- 4. Commitment to execution has to come from all levels of the organization from the board, the president and the executive cabinet to students and faculty to management and staff.

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# "What barriers or opportunities do you see in your university for ESG alignment?"

#### THANK YOU



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