How sustainable a university is? New indicators for university rankings

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Short abstract

The main aim of this contribution is to investigate the possibility to include sustainability among the performance features that can be taken into consideration by university rankings.

The introduction of sustainability indicators in existing global rankings could be an important way to encourage universities to promote new models of production and consumption and to stimulate people into adopting good practices.

We propose a comprehensive set of indicators aimed at measuring how sustainable a university is, which takes into account three different different aspects of sustainability:

- 1. environmental or green sustainability;
- 2. social sustainability;
- 3. relation with the local community.