



Call for Contributions: Special Interest Group on Sustainability at the 8th CARPE Symposium 2025 in Porto

Dear Colleagues,

The **CARPE Symposium 2025**, taking place from **May 14–16, 2025**, offers a unique opportunity to collaborate and advance our shared goals in sustainability. As part of the symposium, the **Special Interest Group (SIG) on Sustainability** invites you to submit new ideas to shape meaningful initiatives and foster collaboration within our consortium.

We have allocated **three 1.5-hour sessions** for the SIG on Sustainability, each focusing on a distinct area to drive forward innovation, cooperation, and collaboration:

Session 1: Developing New Research Projects

This session focuses on **strengthening collaboration between research groups at partner universities**. We invite contributions that:

- Highlight ongoing Sustainability **research projects** that could benefit from collaboration.
- Explore possibilities for **joint funding applications** (e.g., Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, Interreg).

This session is an opportunity to **connect researchers, explore synergies, and establish long-term collaborations** across the CARPE network.

Session 2: Enhancing Cooperation in Education

This session focuses on **strengthening educational cooperation** within the CARPE network in the field of **Sustainability**. Contributions may explore ideas for:

- **Erasmus+ projects, joint curriculum development, and sustainability programs.**
- **Best practices in Sustainability education**, including online and hybrid learning models.
- **Upskilling and professional training** for students, researchers, and professionals.



- **Collaborative teaching initiatives**, such as joint degree programs, blended intensive programmes or shared course materials.

We also welcome contributions that aim to improve Sustainability **education across disciplines and institutions**.

Session 3: Strengthening Collaborations, Connecting with other SIGs and Innovating the SIG on Sustainability

This session invites contributions aimed at **enhancing interdisciplinary collaboration** and **innovating the SIG's structure and activities**. In addition, we seek ideas that help connect the **Sustainability SIG** with other SIGs, such as **Health, AI and Data Science Cities, Pedagogy** to explore how the SIG on Sustainability can contribute to advancements in these fields. Possible contributions could include:

- **Joint research / education projects and funding proposals.**
- **Ideas for shared lab facilities**
- **Regular knowledge exchange sessions, special issues, or joint publications.**
- **Collaborative initiatives between different SIGs**, exploring cross-cutting themes.
- We are also open to **ideas for creating new, more focused subgroups** within the SIG
- Other creative **approaches to enhance engagement and collaboration across the network.**

This session is open to ideas that can make the SIG more impactful and effective while strengthening connections across the CARPE network.

What We Expect from Your Contribution

To ensure engaging and productive sessions, we kindly ask contributors to provide a **short description (abstract) of their potential contributions**. Specifically, we ask participants to outline:

- **Current projects and expertise** – What are you already working on within the field of Sustainability?
- **Collaboration opportunities** – On which research projects, educational initiatives, or other activities can we collaborate? What is the goal and the potential funding source for your idea / project?



- **Resources and knowledge you can bring** – What expertise, data, or facilities can you offer to the network?
- **Expertise sought** – Specify the skills, knowledge, or partners needed to bring your idea to fruition.

This will help us **map ongoing initiatives** within the SIG and identify potential synergies between members and other SIGs.

Submission Guidelines

- **Deadline for submission:** April 6th , 2025
- **Format:** Abstracts (up to 300 words) describing your ongoing work and potential contributions, including the details outlined above.
- **Submission:** Please send your contributions via this [LINK](#).

During the symposium

You will be awarded a timeslot during one of the three session to present your proposal and discuss it within the SIG.

This is your chance to **collaborate with peers across the CARPE network, leverage funding opportunities**, and **create impactful projects** that advance sustainability in research, education, and professional practice.

For more information about the CARPE Symposium 2025, visit the [CARPE Symposium 2025 website](#).

We look forward to your inspiring ideas and active participation in the **SIG on Sustainability** at CARPE 2025!

Warm regards,

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