

Report for the attention of the world student community for Sustainable Development WSCSD – July 2011

This overview contains information about our activities during the first half of 2011. The first half of the year 2011 was successful for our student community. We had a variety of activities going on throughout these months and some new members joining in. Our annual German reports can be found [here](#).

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Projects



TheAlternative.ch For a Sustainable Digital World

TheAlternative

TheAlternative is the digital branch of [project21]. Aim of TheAlternative is to promote a sustainable handling of knowledge and culture in the digital age. In particular we aim to advocate the use of open source software as an alternative to proprietary software as well as alternatives in related areas, such as CreativeCommons.



STUDIO!SUS

Studio!Sus

The students' guide to sustainable development is issued twice a year, with a different focal topic each time. This year we published already the 15 edition on mobility and right now we are planning the 16 edition on Ecodesign, which will be published during the coming fall semester. The magazine contains about 50 pages with interviews and articles from experts and students and has a print run of 4000 copies per issue. It is distributed at the ETH and University of Zurich. All issues are available as pdf and can be downloaded [here](#).



E-VeloLink

With E-VeloLink, we plan eBike stations at both ETH Zentrum, which is situated in the city, and ETH Honggerberg, which is situated on a hilltop in Zurich. The system is planned to be fully automatic, flexible and accessible during 24 hours. Since there are no market-ready systems for such eBike rental systems we are, in collaboration with partners, developing components and assemblies to set up such a system. This project is now in a crucial planning phase and we are looking forward to see how the project will evolve.



Energie WG

To reduce energy consumption of our lifestyle is one of the biggest challenges of western societies. We have created an energy label especially designed for students who share a flat (which is very common in Zurich). The goal is to raise people's awareness on the issue and also show them how they can easily save energy and money. EnergieWG is a platform for energy efficiency living. Tip how to save energy at home can be found [here](#). One can also get a certificate for his/her flat.



Studikonto

The [Alternative Bank Schweiz](#) offers a bank account for students, which is based on criterias of sustainability. [project21] actively performed a survey among students to gather information about the needs of students for such a bank account. The results of this survey subsequently led to the creation of the student account.

Events

Welcome Apéro

The get in touch with student who are interested in [project21] we organized a welcome apéro in the beginning of the spring semester.



WednesdaySpecial a.k.a. Mittwochspecial

Every semester we invite three guest speakers who talk about a specific subject. The spring semester's subject was "different ways to engage for the climate". We got new inputs from the experts and had exciting discussions.



Science Slam with sustainable BBQ

A [friendly student community organized a so-called ScienceSlam](#), which is the scientific companion piece of a poetry slam. Each presenter has 8 minutes to present his topic in a most entertaining way and the audience decides who wins the slam. [project21] organized a sustainable, vegetarian BBQ that accompanied the event.



Linuxtage

During the LinuxDays the project TheAlt promotes in several courses the use of Linux operating systems and helps with the installation.



Solarcinema

[project 21] collects with solar panels the power needed for the annual open-air cinema at ETH using solar panels. Such an open-air cinema needs a lot of power and it is worthwhile to use environmentally friendly resources. Primary goal of this event is to raise awareness about the possibilities of technologies that are available on the market.



Vegetarian BBQ course

In a sustainable and vegetarian BBQ course we would like to show in a practical manner that sustainability tastes marvellously. Cooks and nutritionists from the vegetarian restaurant Hiltl showed us how to have a gorgeous vegetarian BBQ.

Other activities

Articles on Klimablog

Susanne and Céline wrote some articles for the "climate blog" of ETH. The articles, however, are available in German only.

<http://blogs.ethz.ch/klimablog/autorenteam/studierende-bloggen/droscher-susanne/>

<http://blogs.ethz.ch/klimablog/author/susanned/>

<http://blogs.ethz.ch/klimablog/autorenteam/studierende-bloggen/ramseier-celine/>

<http://blogs.ethz.ch/klimablog/2011/06/21/energieeffizienz-im-gebäudebereich-ein-riesiges-potential/#more-6931>