

## SOS-International

### March - April 2023 Members' update

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#### Membership and governance

##### Rotational Presidency

The applications for the Rotational Presidency are now closed. The board of directors are now reviewing the applications and will deliberate on the elected president for the forthcoming year. We will then informally appoint the presidency and ratify it at the General Assembly at the end of May 2023.

##### Sustainability Month

April Sustainability Month, it might be still a new concept, but it is one that is going to stay! Sustainability Month is based on the idea that one day, Earth Day (22nd April), is not enough. Every year more people will know that April is Sustainability Month, until it becomes a common concept. And then in a few years we will make every year Sustainability Year ;-). For now, [join this Launch Event](#), where you get introduced to the concept. We will also have several interesting presentation, workshops and pitches!

##### General Assembly 30th May 2023

This will take place online and all members are encouraged to attend. Please note that the date is 30th May (instead of 31st as previously communicated). We are keen to ensure SOS-International is member-led therefore attendance and participation in the General Assembly should contribute to this.

#### Green Impact news

##### International Meet-up

On Monday 6th of March, over 30 people from our 7 participating universities in Belgium, France and the Netherlands took part in the online Green Impact Meet-Up! During the Meet-Up, they shared sustainability practices at their institution and exchanged ideas, inspiration and challenges.



During the event, the winners of the Special Awards (see below) were announced, and we had a little sneak peek into the new toolkit.

We were happy to meet so many enthusiastic changemakers and be able to share with them. Looking forward to next year!

## International Special Awards



The second edition of the International Special Awards has been concluded. With the Awards, we recognize exceptional students, staff members and teams who participated in the Green Impact program in 2022. The international independent jury selected three winners from the 14 nominees. Congratulations to Liesa, Elke and the Green ESG Team! Find more info on their achievements and the nominations on our website:

<https://sos.earth/greenimpactawards/>

## Update brochures 2023

We have updated our offer to better tailor the needs of our partner organizations on one hand, and adequately reflect our provided services on the other. Organizations can now opt for three Green Impact packages: basic, standard and premium. For more support, they can customize with bolt-on formulas such as communication support and Green Impact Project Assistants (GIPA's). Find more info in our brochures on:

<https://sos.earth/greenimpact/>

## Green Office news



### Green Office Movement Summit

From the 31st of March – the 1st of April the Green Office Movement Online Summit 2023 will take place with the theme of “Reimagining the Future”. SOS-international members are welcome to join as well. You can choose to join the whole summit for a discount price (the summit is free for Green Office Movement Members). Also, you can just join the Sustainability Month Launch, which is on a donation basis (we strongly recommend, if possible, to provide a donation, so we can organize more events and give more quality support). Find the link to the GOM Summit here and the Sustainability Month Launch here. The discount code for the summit is: GOMFriends2023.



STUDENTS  
ORGANIZING FOR  
SUSTAINABILITY  
INTERNATIONAL

31st of March –  
1st of April  
10:00 CEST  
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21:00 CEST

# Reimagining the Future

## 31st of March Impact & Finances

Sessions on:

- Sustainability Curriculum Mapping
- Regional Green Offices Cooperation Amsterdam
- Sustainability - Sustainability Ranking for Higher Education Institutions
- Green Impact



## 1st of April Sustainability Month Launch

Sessions on:

- Personal changemakers stories
- "The Young Persons Guide to the Future" - by Anne Snick, Club of Rome
- Pitches on Learner Driven Education
- Pitches from Sustainability Month Activities



## Green Office Online Coordinator Call

We had another coordinator call, where we discussed our plans for the next (in person) summit and other projects, as well as the added value of different parts of our membership. What we especially learned from that is that for the next coordinator call, we will strongly promote it to students too, so that from every Green Office, at least one student is present. Also, we will make sure that around May, we have a list of events and projects that we will work together on in the upcoming academic year. This way, it is much easier to collaborate on projects, including applying for grants for some bigger projects.

## Green Offices in Belgium

As part of our collaboration with the Sustainable Education point from the Flemish Government, we are meeting up with all Universities of Applied Sciences in Flanders (Belgium) that are interested in a Green Office. On the 19th of April, we will host an inspirational day with workshops, brainstorms etc. together with established and new Green Offices Initiatives, to learn together and inspire the Universities of Applied Sciences.