

TEAM FINCH

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT
“Webinar on sustainability aimed for Student
Unions at UL, Bremen, Nova and USN”

Team members:

- Michel
- Paula
- Clare
- Anette



Presentation Outline

1. Presentation of the small-scale initiative
2. Reflections on the impact and implementation of the initiative at your universities
3. Reflections on your working process
4. What have you learned?
5. Reflections the road ahead for your initiative – at your universities and the possibility of spreading the idea to others?

OVERVIEW



1. Presentation of the small-scale initiative

In the next few slides we will outline our sustainability project as originally planned at the beginning of the project planning phase.



PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Online webinar:

“Introduction to sustainability” for student democracy groups

Participants:

- University of Limerick (Ireland)
- University NOVA of Lisbon (Portugal)
- University of Bremen (Germany)
- University of South-Eastern Norway

Target group:

Student democracy group at the four participating institutions

Timeline and tasks:

- Three team meetings August – October
- Deadline October 26



STEP 1

Each of the four team members contact the student democracy group at their own institution by the end of August:

- Check the interest
- Who will attend from their student demo group
- Will there be other students/ student groups they would like to invite
- When will be the best time to carry out the online webinar
- Check out duration of webinar in order for target group to be able to participate (max 2 hrs)



STEP 2

Each of the team members contact a student driven organisation focusing on sustainability/ environment or similar at their own institution by mid September

- **Anette** contacts the Fairtrade Goup at USN + Niklas Valter Kreander
- **Clare** will contact the UL environmental group or a lecturer in UL in environmental sciences/sustainability to see if they will speak at the webinar.
- **Paula** will contact the environmental group of NOVA's Faculty of Sciences and Technology to ask who can give a workshop to the students.
- **Michel** contacts the Green office, AstA Uni Bremen which is responsible for all students and also manages Students for Future Bremen and students of the project BreGoS



STEP 3 (planned)

Team group meeting 1 - 3

Meeting 1:

Date: Sept 11, 10 o'clock Norwegian time

Agenda:

- Status of point 1 and 2 at each institution
- Way forward:
 1. What to do next in order to finish our task in the BIP
 2. What to do next in order to continue planning the workshop for the student democracy groups
 3. Next meeting for Team Finch



STEP 3_(real)

8 Team group meetings

Agenda:

- Status of step 1 and 2 at each institution
- Way forward:

What to do next in order to continue planning the workshop?

→ sending e-mails and reflecting a lot



2. Reflections on the impact and implementation of the initiative at your universities

- Each university found the impact and implementation of the initiative varied. USN/UL: Uptake was fast. NOVA and Bremen, stakeholder capacity issues meant enthusiasm was high but availability was restricted.
- High interest in a cross universities event.
- Desire to network still very high.
- Implementation would be far reaching and would be very beneficial to the respective universities as sustainability is a growing issue within these institutions.
- Student Unions & speakers open to a broad range of topics.
- Should staff/student be provided with downtime to partake in societal issues on sustainability/environment?



3. Reflections on your working process

- **Michel**

As the initial planning was very confusing, the project didn't seem attractive to the participants

- **Clare**

Positive responses but challenges on scheduling the webinar

- **Paula**

Too many Organic Units in NOVA → small-scale project at ITQB

How to find an appealing subject ?

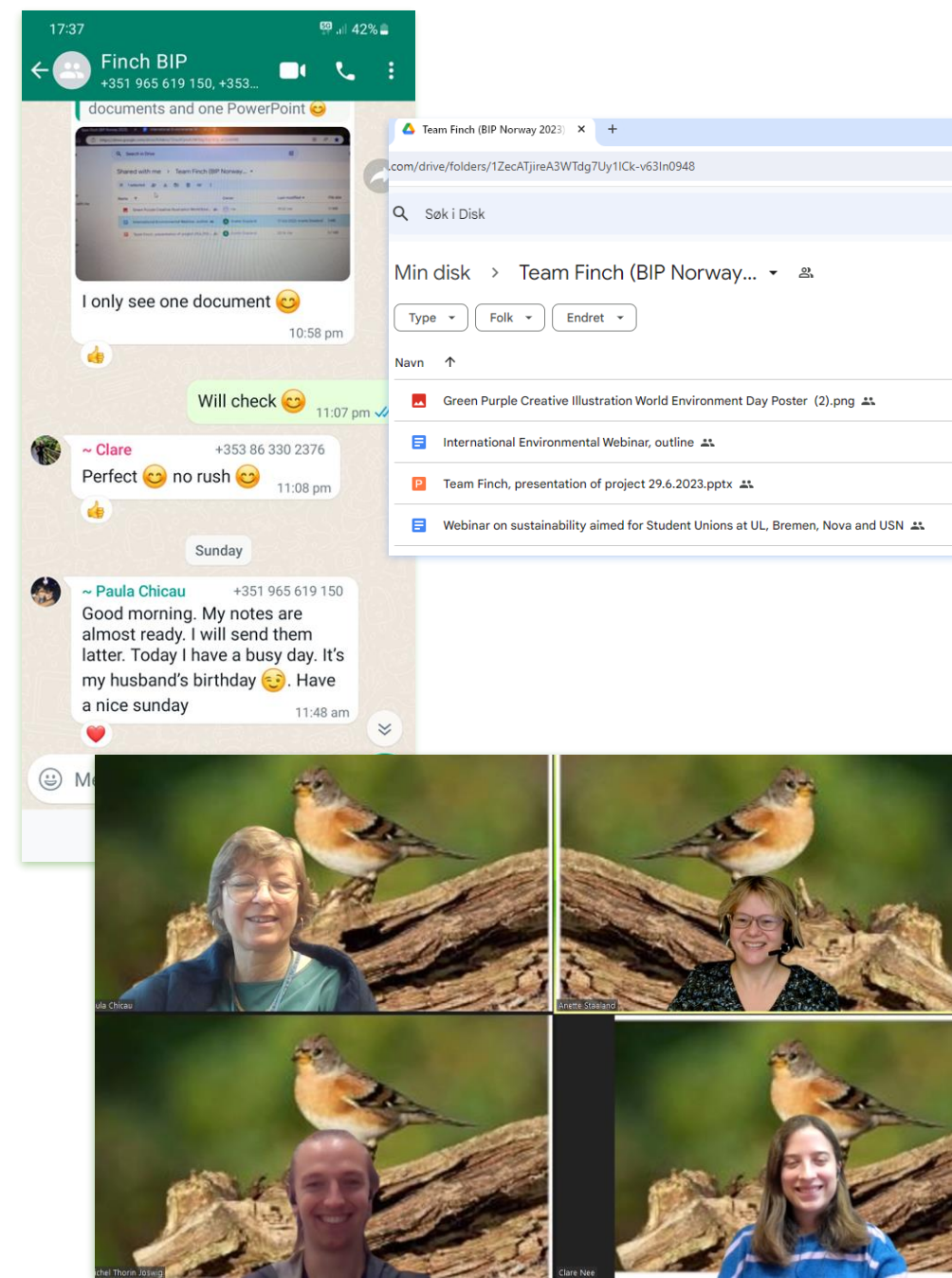
- **Anette**

How to find an interested speaker ; time; date; topics



4. What have you learned?

- Important to have **time for initial discussions**:
 - to get to know each other to become a **well-functional team**
 - have **thorough discussions** about the **aim** of the project and **how to get there**
 - get a common understanding of:
 - the project
 - division of work
 - what we want to achieve
- **Coordination across four universities** and countries challenging:
 - find **time for the team to meet, plan and follow up** due to busy work schedule
 - finding **time, concept and topic for webinar** across all universities
 - **time to follow up** the presenters and the target group
 - challenging to **put forward a new initiative** to the university body
 - required plenty of **communication, organisation and teamwork**
- Positive **findings**:
 - possible to work through challenges with **good teamwork and the active discussions**
 - project **gave new experience** added to our communication skill set
 - honed our skills for creating **attractive and feasible initiative** for both students and staff
 - **students were enthusiastic and very positive** to the initiative
 - academic staff easy to ask to hold presentations
 - **Main findings**:
 - **in the end: extremely rewarding**
 - importance of **good teamwork** and a positive attitude



5. Reflections the road ahead for your initiative – at your universities and the possibility of spreading the idea to others?

- The aim is **networking**
- making this a **regular event**
- advertising to **additional groups**
- success depends on **variety of topics and participation** of listeners
- Giving **interest to other universities** to participate or implement own project
- **improvements in planning phase** for future Webinars



Planned Webinar on sustainability aimed for Student Unions at UL, Bremen, NOVA and USN

Topics:

- USN:
 - **Topic:** Green Purchasing (Socially Responsible Investment and Sustainable Investments),
 - **Speaker:** Niklas Kreander <https://www.usn.no/english/about/contact-us/employees/niklas-valter-kreander>
- University of Bremen:
 - **Topic:** Green Office
 - **Speaker:** Jeroen Langejan
- Universidade Nova de Lisboa (NOVA):
 - **Topic:** Sustainable Tourism at the Azores
 - **Speaker:** Carolina Maçanita
 - <https://sustainable.azores.gov.pt/en/>
- University of Limerick:
 - **Topic:** Sustainability in Universities
 - **Speaker:** Yvonne Ryan
 - <https://www.ul.ie/research/dr-yvonne-ryan>

Time in total: 45 min

Time for each speaker:

- each speaker gets 8 minutes each, and 2 minutes for questions (40 min in total)
- 4 speakers (one from each university)
- 5 minutes for questions in the end/ wrapping up

Target group:

- students (in student unions and others students that are interested in sustainability)



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**SPEAKERS FROM GERMANY, IRELAND, NORWAY AND
PORTUGAL**



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THANK YOU

