**4.7 Reporting, Committees and Outreach**

A most desirable feature of any implementation that improves sustainability is that its impact will be as broad as possible. This effect can and should be strengthened by reporting and outreach.

**4.7.A Evaluation D-PHYS 2020**

Our aims, strategy and efforts in implementing sustainability in our operations are presented to the external evaluation committee in Autumn 2020.

Comments

* A relevant observed conflict of interest in implementing sustainability in our operations is an envisioned negative impact on performance. Our performance is evaluated by an external committee of peers in intervals of 7 years.
* We will discuss and solicit feedback on the balancing of aims and conflicts at this opportunity.
* As our peers, the evaluators may take up ideas and exports them to their institutions.

**4.7.B Reporting**

D-PHYS members are encouraged to report on particular implementations of sustainability in established reporting channels.

Comments

* Good ideas will have an unnecessarily limited impact when they are implemented only for a single research group. Ideally they can be taken up by peers and superior instances.
* Successful implementations will easily inspire and convince peers.
* There are numerous reporting channels where relevant items may be communicated such as ETH AAA or funding agency scientific reports.

**4.7.C Communication**

D-PHYS maintains a mailing list on sustainability where news, events and suggestions can be communicated to interested department members. A departmental wiki on sustainability collects knowledge, implementations and ideas.

Comments

* A mailing list offers an easy, efficient, universal and non-intrusive mode of communication. A wiki is open for contributions by department members and serves as a resource for our community and beyond. Further structures for interaction could be established upon demand.
* The mailing list allow a group of department members to stay in touch and keep each other updated about relevant developments.
* Useful ideas can be spread for swift implementation by interested peers.
* The mailing list and wiki shall be advertised to all department members at regular intervals, e.g. once per semester, potentially with a digest of news items.

**4.7.D Roundtables**

Organise regular roundtables on sustainability.

Comments

* Roundtables offer an occasion at which perspectives on general and current sustainability and related issues can be exchanged in casual atmosphere.
* Roundtables may be scheduled at regular intervals, e.g. once or twice per semester and at a convenient time, e.g., during lunch times. They would be open to students and staff.
* Alternative topics to broaden the scope may be working conditions in academia including study.
* This would be too specific for D-PHYS and better implemented centrally at ETH (both in the centre and at Hönggerberg) or hosted by SSC.

**4.7.E Committee Work**

D-PHYS members bring up and discuss relevant issues of sustainability (including CO2 impact) in their work in departmental and external committees.

Comments

* This goes without saying but deserves being emphasised.
* Active discussion of issues of sustainability within groups can activate unused resources and generate new ideas.
* This has an outreach component for external committees and committees involving external members.

**4.7.F Alumni Talks**

We may invite D-PHYS alumni who are actively involved in the green economy or institutions working on sustainability for career networking talks and events.

Comments

* We can learn from others. Perhaps we are more likely to learn from our own alumni with a physics background and education.
* This will also show a career perspective to our students and non-permanent members.

**4.7.G Conference Reporting**

Assessing and reporting the CO2 impact of workshops could be done at the level of common workshop tools (e.g. indico).

Comments

* This suggestion would bring awareness for CO2 impact and provide an assessment tool to the wider community of our science.
* One option may be to upgrade the indico conference website management tool which is used widely within our community. This could be done by developing an add-on or by encouraging the core development team to do this. Indico website: <https://getindico.io>