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UITM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2024-2025

(Due to the specificity of higher education institutions, information is presented for the academic year 2024/2025 or for the calendar years 2024 and 2025).



1 NO POVERTY



Goal 1: ELIMINATE POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS AROUND THE WORLD

UN explains: Poverty is more than lack of income and the necessities of life. Poverty is hunger, malnutrition, limited access to education and essential services, social discrimination, exclusion and lack of participation in the decision-making process. Economic growth must be inclusive, provide work opportunities and promote equality.

Extensive scholarship system

From the beginnings of UITM, the University has provided young people with the opportunity to study regardless of their financial situation. This remains the case today. Funding from the University's own budget, supplemented by funds from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, allows for extensive student support, including free tuition for talented students, financial support for living expenses during their studies, and one-time assistance for urgent life issues.

Additionally, in the 2024/2025 academic year, five UITM students received Ministerial Scholarships for significant scientific and artistic achievements. The maximum scholarship amount is 17,000 PLN and is paid (one-time) to the student by the University from funds allocated for this purpose by the Minister.

Social work – first-cycle studies

UITM is the only University in Poland offering the opportunity to study Social Studies in English. Work (undergraduate studies). This program offers an attractive curriculum, allowing graduates to work in social welfare institutions, non-governmental organizations (e.g., foundations, associations), and private aid and support centers both in Poland and abroad. In the 2024/2025 academic year, 128 students enrolled. These were international students from Zimbabwe, South Africa, Indonesia, India, Armenia, and Nigeria. Partners in the program include PSAR and MOPS. Additionally, as part of cooperation with the UNHCR Field Office in Rzeszów, meetings for students are organized as part of the Business Lodge (description – Objective 8).

Combating poverty and menstrual exclusion

With the awareness that menstrual exclusion in Poland is a fact, many women and girls cannot afford to buy essential hygiene products, which negatively impacts their well-being and their activity in the public sphere, inspired by the Student Government, UITM has been participating in the "Pink Box" Campaign since 2022. The campaign aims to combat poverty and menstrual exclusion, as well as to ensure universal access to free hygiene products for menstruation (and beyond) in public spaces and to educate people about menstruation. The campaign aims to help break down the taboos that surround menstruation is burdened in Poland, including both women and men in the discussion.



2 278 students received scholarships in the academic year 2024/2025, including:
1 749 students received scholarships exceeding the tuition fee

5 Ministerial scholarships for UITM students



128 students in the field of Social work in the academic year 2024/2025



2 "Pink Boxes" on the UITM campuses

**2 ZERO
FAMINE**



Goal 2: ELIMINATE FAMINE, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION, AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

UN explains: Currently the soil, drinking water, oceans, forests and biodiversity are being rapidly degraded. Climate changes are having an even greater impact on the environment on which our lives depend. They increase the risk of natural disasters such as droughts and floods. It is time to look at how food is produced, consumed and distributed.

Civilization challenges

For years, the University has been working to increase student awareness of the role of prevention in maintaining good health and quality of life.

Students in all undergraduate programs learn about the specifics of lifestyle diseases, their underlying causes, the role of a healthy lifestyle in preventing lifestyle diseases, and acquire the ability to critically evaluate health data. This is accomplished through lectures on "Health Education in Lifestyle Diseases" or The subject "Civilization Challenges," introduced in 2023/2024, was introduced. Discussions on solutions to ensure that the current generation does not become the end of this civilization proved so important to the participants that the subject will be continued in the next academic year.

Actions for real changes in the food production system

UITM is conducting extensive activities aimed at real changes in the food production system. In the 2024/2025 academic year, these included:

- conference of the Institute of Financial Research and Analysis at UliZ entitled "Can the civilization of suicides still be saved? Public support for agriculture and rural development - a diagnosis of the necessary changes and proposed solutions by UliZ experts" – October 25;
- speeches/interviews/podcasts by the President of UITM, T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Prof. Assoc. in 2025, including: Cities for Food Sovereignty Congress, panel "Food and Public Health" – June 5; a series of interviews for the Safe Food portal entitled "The world can be beautiful if it is ethical" – July 4, 11, 18; podcast entitled "Who is responsible for ecology?" – July;
- report entitled "Organic Farming in Poland. Environmental, Legal and Economic Conditions" by the Research Team on Food Safety and the Transformation of Food Production and Consumption at UITM – August.

Food production, consumption and distribution at the University's catering outlets

The University both educates and initiates processes that influence the attitudes and habits of the younger generation. Aware of the need to reduce meat consumption in favor of plant-based products for the sake of the climate, it is not only gradually increasing the selection of vegetarian and vegan dishes in its dining options but is also building its own database of agricultural producers to gradually increase the range of unprocessed dishes produced without harmful chemical inputs. Furthermore, in the 2024/2025 academic year, among other things:

- continued reduction in the use of plastic, including through the use of takeaway containers made of reed pulp;
- 5 water dispensers were installed on both University campuses, intended for use by both employees and students (implementation of goal 6);
- as part of the short supply chain, a year-long campaign was carried out to deliver ecological products to employees directly from the farmer to the recipient, on the UITM campus in Rzeszów.



809 participants

subject: Civilization Challenges



Nearly **45% of the gastronomic offer**

are vegetarian or vegan products

5 water dispensers

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Goal 3: ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

UN explains: We must continue to work intensively to overcome the incidence of many diseases and emerging health threats. By ensuring more efficient financing of health care systems, improving sanitation and access to doctors, and reducing pollution we can make significant progress in saving millions of lives.

World Brain Week 2025 Developmental Fridays

As part of World Brain Week 2025, on March 12-14, the Academic Center for Personal Development and Psychological Support at UITM conducted the following workshops:

- "Facts and myths about dyslexia", E. Zielińska, MA; "Stress and the brain – enemy or ally?", M. Kuzmyn, MA; "From chaos to diagnosis – how to recognize ADHD", P. Lament, MA.

Furthermore, from March 2025, ACROiWP has launched an initiative entitled "Development Fridays" addressed to all University employees who want to take care of their well-being, personal development and team relationships. So far, 5 workshops have been conducted, namely:

- March 7: The Art of Inner Peace (art therapy workshops), A. Ziemiakowicz, MA;
- March 28: "Relaxation Space", O. Kurek-Ochmańska, Ph.D.;
- April 25: "Team Spirit", M. Kuzmyn, MA;
- May 30: "Digital Balance", O. Kurek-Ochmańska, Ph.D.;
- June 27: "Harmony with Nature", J. Gosztyła, MA.

50+ Health Academy Health Week Poster Stellars 2025

Popularizing science and demonstrating its usefulness in everyday life in the prevention of lifestyle diseases, environmental threats, and the concept of active aging is the goal of the two-year project entitled "Academy of Health 50+", implemented from 2023 and financed under the "Social Responsibility of Science II" program.

In turn, drawing attention to the threats of lifestyle diseases and strengthening pro-health and pro-ecological attitudes and habits in the professional and private sphere was the aim of the Health Week carried out on April 7-1, 2025. For the second time, the initiative was addressed to UITM employees.

It's also worth emphasizing that health topics are of interest not only to students at the Medical College. As a result, the poster "Depression," by I. Miodunka, a student of Computer Graphics and Multimedia Production, won the top prize in the Poster Stellars 2025 competition (student category).

Two patents for inventions

In the academic year 2024/2025, the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland granted 2 patents for inventions to UITM.

The first one is the result of the project entitled "Method of extracting active substances from Chaga mushroom". The subject of the invention is a method of extracting active substances from Chaga mushroom (*Inonotus obliquus*). The extract is distinguished by its high antioxidant potential. The authors of the patent are: K. Szychowski, Ph.D., Prof., B. Skóra, Ph.D.; U. Binduga, Ph.D.; T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Assoc. Prof.

Another patent concerns an oil-free cosmetic composition intended for cleansing or care of facial skin, containing Jerusalem artichoke extract and ferment, obtained through the fermentation process using the SCOBY tea fungus (kombucha). The authors of the patent are: Z. Nizioł-Łukaszewska, Ph.D., eng., Assoc. Prof.; A. Ziemełwska, Ph.D.; M. Zagórska-Dziok, Ph.D.; A. Filipowicz-Rachwał, Ph.D.; T. Bujak, MSc., eng. and scientists from UML: M. Wójciak, Ph.D., Prof. and I. Sowa, Ph.D., Prof.

Both patents are the result of cooperation with the Podkarpackie Center of Innovation (PCI).



3 workshops as part of World Brain Week
5 workshops as part of the "Development Fridays" initiative



8 lectures and **8 workshops**
as part of the 50+ Health Academy
17 workshops and lectures during Health Week
and **6** types of research



2 patents of UITM

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Goal 4: ENSURE QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING

UN explains: Quality education is the foundation for improving people's lives and sustainable development. General access to education improves quality of life and enables innovative solutions to the greatest problems of the modern world. Providing quality education involves creating educational scholarship programs, workshops for teachers, building schools, and improving access to water and electricity in schools.

Educational offer for generations Rector's Coffee with a Graduate

UITM offers a wide range of educational opportunities. It is implementing the "Interesting Lesson" project, aimed at secondary school students. The "Patronage Classes" project offers a series of lessons on topics of interest to the school, and participating educational institutions can receive curriculum advice. The Public Academic High School with bilingual classes in Rzeszów operates under the auspices of UITM. To increase the activity and broaden the knowledge of adults, including seniors, the 50+ Academy is run.

The "Rector's Coffee with Alumni," monthly meetings between UITM alumni and the Rector's Office, aims to maintain and strengthen ties with alumni. Furthermore, the publication "Excellent Lecturers: A Handbook for Academic Teachers," edited by Rector of UITM, A. Rozmus, Ph.D. Prof. Assoc., provides practical support for the academic community of Polish universities (May 2025).

Projects promoting science

The University is involved in the dissemination of science through projects such as:

- "Big Questions in Science" – a series of popular science lectures organized in cooperation with "Tygodnik Powszechny";
- "In the Labyrinth of the World" – a series of discussion panels organized in cooperation with the Dominican Monastery in Rzeszów;
- "UITM Podcasts" – recordings of meetings and open lectures organized by the University.

Furthermore, inspired by President of UITM, T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Prof. Assoc., a team of more than a dozen scientists from various Polish universities worked for over a year on the publication "Caring for the Planet, You Care for Your Future." The publication, which will be released in 10. 2025 by UITM Publishing House and Aspra Publishing House, presents the relationships between climate, the environment, and humans in a comprehensive and accessible way.

Providing high-quality international education

UITM actively works to ensure high-quality international education. In 2024/2025, among other things:

- at the level of international cooperation, including: cooperation with universities and partners from various sectors in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and EU countries as part of the GreenTech project Horizons focused on building competences in the area of green development, digitalization and entrepreneurship; partnership with the Clinic in Beelitz in Germany regarding the possibility of implementing internships and professional internships for students and graduates of Nursing and Physiotherapy resulted, among others, in a study visit on June 13-15, 2025;
- at the level of regional cooperation: the implementation of the "Cultural Adaptation" project was continued, under which secondary school students have the opportunity to participate in classes conducted by foreign students of UITM; and the activities of EUROPE DIRECT Rzeszów, a member of the international network of the European Commission, gathered a group of nearly 11,000 recipients.



232 teaching hours in **28** schools as part of Interesting Lessons and **250** hours as part of Sponsored Classes in **32** schools
265 students of the Public Academic Secondary School with bilingual departments in Rzeszów
403 students of the 50+ Academy
 "Rector's Coffee with an Alumni" – **8** meetings



36,500 live participants and over **28 million views** of video reports
150,000 podcast plays on Spotify and
450,000 podcast views on YouTube



Further strengthening international cooperation in the area of education and innovation
74 teaching hours in **21** schools as part of "Cultural Adaptation"
 Nearly **11,000** recipients of educational activities about the EU

5 GENDER EQUALITY



Goal 5: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS

UN explains: Gender equality is not only a universal human right, it is also the foundation of a sustainable world in which people will live in peace and prosperity. Ensuring that women and girls have equal access to education, health care and decent work, and participate in decision-making on political and economic issues will strengthen sustainable economies and benefit societies and all of humanity.

Gender Equality Plan 2022-2025

Gender Equality Plan The Equality Plan adopted for implementation at UITM aims to create a space of safety and equality conducive to the harmonious development of all members of the academic community, which includes research and teaching staff, lecturers, administrative staff, and students. The strategic goals of the adopted Gender Equality Plan in the context of the 2024/2025 academic year include adding topics related to fundamental issues considered within the framework of feminist ethics to the educational content of the subject: Ethics (Polish-language tracks) and the economic importance of gender equality in the subject: Fundamentals of Economics (Polish-language tracks and Computer Science in English).

Learning at Different Speeds: Scientific Productivity During the Pandemic – Experiences of Polish Researchers

On December 16, 2024, a popular science seminar was held presenting the results of the COVID GAP Polska project. The meeting, titled "Learning at Different Speeds. Scientific Productivity During the Pandemic – Experiences of Polish Researchers," was led by O. Kurek-Ochmańska, Ph.D.; I. Leonowicz-Bukała, Ph.D. and M. Struck-Peregończyk, Ph.D. The project involved qualitative research related to the scientific work of researchers during the pandemic crisis and its potential long-term impact on scientific development in the context of gender differences. The main research question concerned the determinants of academic productivity during the pandemic crisis, including variables such as social roles, family situation, and stage of scientific career development.

Activities that empower women and girls in the academic community and the region

UITM is engaged in a number of activities to empower girls and women in the academic community and the region. In the 2024/2025 academic year, these include:

- training sessions entitled "Stand Up. Oppose harassment in public places" were conducted for students and students of English-language and Polish-language tracks – October 10 and November 26 and 27;
- a representative of the UITM Student Government participated in a seminar entitled "Your Commitment Matters," organized as part of the Academic Security Network project. The seminar focused on topics such as the participation of student governments and organizations in shaping gender equality plans and anti-discrimination procedures – October 17;
- a debate entitled "Women's exclusion and gender inequality in the light of technology and climate change" was organized, during which the issues of exclusion and discrimination were raised, not only against women, but also against people with disabilities and the elderly – on November 5;
- on the occasion of International Women in Science Day, an interview was conducted with female scientists from UITM entitled "We need to believe in ourselves more" about scientific work from a female point of view – February 11.



The 4-person Rector's College includes **two** Vice-Rectors, **75%** of the positions of Deans of Colleges are filled by women, and **85%** of the Vice-Deans are women



Presentation of the results of the COVID GAP Polska project



Continuing activities to strengthen the position of girls and women in the academic community of UITM and in the region

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Goal 6: PROVIDE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL THROUGH SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

UN explains: Every person in the world should have access to clean water. On our planet, we have enough water to make this happen. However, due to a weak economy or poor infrastructure, millions of people, mostly children, die every year from diseases related to inadequate water supplies, poor sanitation and bad hygiene. Water scarcity, its low quality and improper sanitation have a negative impact on food security and livelihoods.

Water resources management Areas absorbing water

UITM systematically monitors water consumption and implements new solutions to reduce it. This includes modernizing sanitary facilities and harvesting rainwater. The first area of activity included installing air aerators on faucets and flush valves to regulate the amount of water needed in toilets. The purchase of rainwater tanks enabled the University's crops to be irrigated with drip irrigation from collected rainwater. This solution saves approximately 8,000 liters of municipal water per season.

UITM strives to ensure its campuses have as many green spaces as possible and as few concrete areas as possible. More than half of the entire University area is made up of water-absorbing areas – lawns, flowerbeds, forests, etc. This ensures that UITM campuses have recreational value and serve the local community.

Water, shortage, excess, quality

N. Guz, M.A., an employee of the Sustainable Development Office and assistant at the Department of Law and Public Policy at the University of Information and Management, participated in the Polish Geography Congress 2025 "Geography Without Borders" in Lublin. N. Guz, M.A., presented a paper entitled "Anthropopressure in the Agricultural Landscape: Potential Environmental Consequences of Monoculture Crops." part of her research work. The presentation was delivered as part of the thematic session entitled "Water, deficiency, excess, quality," organized by the Hydrological Commission of the Polish Geographical Society in the Climate and Water block (September 11-12, 2025).

Soil and Water Laboratory

The Soil and Water Laboratory was established to support teaching in the Sustainable Development in Economy program, as well as to conduct research by UITM staff. It is equipped with equipment and instruments that enable research on changes in soil fertility and nutrient content depending on soil type and the influence of anthropogenic and stress factors. These include determining granulometric composition, phytotoxicity, total nitrogen, phosphorus, organic carbon, and humic acids in soils. It analyzes effective and balanced nutrient management and develops fertilization schedules and recommendations for organic farming and health-promoting foods based on soil testing. The laboratory's equipment also allows for water analysis for nitrates, orthophosphates, and detergents, as well as analyzing the causes, sources, and progression of surface water eutrophication.



25% reduction in water consumption by installing aerators and aerators in taps and cisterns
8,000 liters of rainwater collected per season
More than **50%** of the UITM campus area is water-absorbing



"Water, deficiency, excess, quality" session of the Polish Geography Congress 2025 with the participation of a representative of UITM



1 Soil and Water Laboratory

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Goal 7: PROVIDE EVERYONE WITH ACCESS TO SOURCES OF STABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY AT AFFORDABLE PRICE

UN explains: Overcoming challenges and taking advantage of numerous opportunities in today's world involves access to energy. Energy is necessary to perform work, ensure safety, fight climate change, produce food, or in efforts to increase national incomes. Access to clean fuels and technology must be increased, and the use of renewable sources of energy in buildings, transportation and industry needs to be enhanced.

Clean renewable energy

Clean and affordable energy is the focus of research and outreach activities of UITM representatives. In the 2024/2025 academic year, these include:

- as part of the Green Blog run by UITM, the President of the University, Dr. DSc, Eng. T. Pomianek, prof. UITM, discusses the fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the development of renewable energy – "The development of renewable energy and caring for our health are key priorities", March 27, 2025;
- the main theme of the Ethics 2025 conference – "IEEE International Symposium on Ethics in Engineering, Science, and Technology" – with the participation Vice-Rector for Science and International Cooperation, K. Szocik, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc. – were new technologies, ethics and social justice (new technologies in such areas as: artificial intelligence, ubiquitous connectivity, autonomous systems, robotics, autonomous transport, clean renewable energy, genomics, digital twins, space technology and healthcare technology), June 6-8, 2025.

Stay safe, Europe!

A visual interpretation of the priorities of the Polish Presidency 2025, including security in the energy dimension, was the main theme of the exhibition "Security, Europe!" by graphic artist A. Sowiński, created at the invitation of EUROPE DIRECT Rzeszów at the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów from June 2025.

The exhibition was held under the patronage of the Polish Presidency and was presented both at the University headquarters, in the gallery next to the Professor J. Chłopecki Auditorium on the University of Information Technology and Management Campus in Rzeszów, and in the city branches of the Voivodeship and Municipal Public Library in Rzeszów.

Solar panels in Kielnarowa Smart buildings

Solar panels are installed on the UITM campus in Kielnarowa, and their energy is used to heat water. The energy generated from this green source in 2024 amounted to over 8,000 kWh. In addition, each of the UITM buildings has at least 5 Smart Building elements.



Continuation of the scientific and popularization involvement of UITM representatives in the area of clean and affordable energy



Energy transformation – one of the 7 dimensions of security indicated by the Polish Presidency 2025 – **the topic of the exhibition signed by UITM**



Over 8,000 kWh of green energy in 2024

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Goal 8: PROMOTE PERMANENT, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL PEOPLE

UN explains: economic growth requires societies to form conditions that enable people to engage in quality work that drives the economy without harming the environment. New work opportunities must be created and decent work conditions must be provided for the entire working-age population. Access to financial services should also be increased, enabling proper income management, wealth accumulation and effective investment. Increasing resources for the development of trade, banking and agricultural infrastructure will also help to increase economic productivity and reduce unemployment level in the world's poorest regions.

Certificates

The University has extensive experience in implementing proven, certified educational solutions.

Studies at UITM enable students to obtain prestigious language, business and IT certificates that are valued by employers.

Business Lodge Industry fairs and festivals

UITM is hosting a series of "Business Lodges" for UITM students. These meetings involve meetings with employers and business practitioners, introducing them to the ins and outs of a given industry. During the 2024/2025 academic year, meetings were held with experts from companies such as Skrivanek sp. z o.o., Poltransplant, Criss, Lufthansa Group Business Services sp. z o.o., Ideo Force, the International Organization for Migration, Uniter.PRO, SaS, UNHCR, Agencja KS, Agencja Juice, INCLUE, TVN Warner Bros., Agencja Koala Marketing, Agencja ATOM Agency, and the US in Rzeszów.

Moreover, the University has once again become an Academic Partner of Carpathian Startup Fest 2025, one of the largest events in the Podkarpacie region in the field of entrepreneurship and startups.

Green path to success

"The Green Path to Success: A Practical Guide for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Environmental Management" is a book by J. Berniak-Woźny and Vice-Rector for Innovation and Sustainability at UITM, M. Gosek, Ph.D. The book was released in April 2025. The authors focused on the interdependence of business and the natural environment, the benefits that companies can derive from the green transformation, and practical advice on how to initiate this transformation in their companies. As M. Gosek, Ph.D. emphasizes, among others: *SMEs have a certain advantage over large corporations in the green transformation – they are more flexible, make decisions faster, and implement changes more easily. The green transformation is not a cost, but an investment in the future. Companies that begin now will be leaders in their markets in 5-10 years.*



Yet over **100,000** certificates awarded:
32,000 IT certificates, **84,000** language
certificates and **1,000** business certificates



Several meetings held as part of
the "Business Lodge"
The University is an academic partner
of Carpathian Startup Fest 2025
Over **1,000 companies** cooperating with
the UITM Career Office on a daily basis



Practical support for small and medium-sized
enterprises in environmental management
by representatives of UITM

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Goal 9: BUILD DISASTER-RESISTANT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND SUPPORT INNOVATION

UN explains: At the core of efforts to achieve environmental goals is technical progress, including increasing material and energy efficiency. Without technology and innovation there will be no industry, and without industry there will be no development. More investment in highly advanced technologies is needed to increase efficiency of manufactory production. Attention should be paid to the development of mobile phone services that improve people-to-people contact.

Carpathian Startup Fest 2025

Carpathian Startup Fest 2025 is an event that has become a permanent fixture in the calendar of key initiatives supporting innovation, startups, and the development of modern business in the region. The University was represented at the event by the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, B. Przywara, Ph.D.; M. Ryś, Ph.D., lecturer at UITM and originator of "HackCarpathia"; and M. Mróz, M.A., Director of the Center for Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship.

Additionally, M. Mróz delivered a presentation entitled "Academic Entrepreneurship: Innovation Laboratory or Theory Factory? How Universities Can Realistically Prepare for Business." In her presentation, she outlined practical actions taken at the University to develop entrepreneurial competencies among students and create an environment conducive to innovation. UITM actively participates in the debate on the future of education and the role of higher education in creating pro-innovation attitudes.

Cooperation with representatives of the business world in the area of implementation of modern technological solutions

The IT Services Center at UITM implements a number of projects for external business clients. In the 2024/2025 academic year, these included:

- research and development services related to the development of an innovative product, including cooperation with the Cristalstone brand – from November 2024;
- cooperation with e-service Sp. z o. o. – IT services related to the use of modern technologies in hardware and software configuration, including: Cybersecure Local Government; Improving the efficiency and availability of e-services in Municipalities and Districts – from September 2024.

Connecting the worlds of science and business: 16th edition of the InternetBeta conference 16th edition of the National Scientific Conference "Science and passion are the key to success"

InternetBeta is a conference distinguished by its interdisciplinary nature, creating a space for meetings between representatives of the most important advertising and digital agencies, investors, startups, managers and owners of the largest websites and online stores, people responsible for marketing and innovation, working for the largest and niche brands, as well as sociologists, psychologists, representatives of local governments and NGOs.

The National Scientific Conference "Science and Passion: The Key to Success" is an annual event aimed at promoting the work of young scientists, presenting research and perspectives, and integrating academic communities. Previous editions have established "Science and Passion" as a permanent fixture on conference calendars across Poland.



Debate on the future of education and the role of higher education in creating pro-innovation attitudes with the participation of representatives of UITM



At least **15** design projects as part of the research and development service



85 speakers and **320** participants of the 16th edition of the InternetBeta conference
125 speakers from **26 universities** in Poland and abroad and **130** participants of the 16th edition of the Conference "Science and passion are the key to success"

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Goal 10: REDUCE INEQUALITIES WITHIN AND BETWEEN COUNTRIES

UN explains: The international community has made significant progress in saving people from poverty. However, inequality still persists around the world and not everyone has equal access to health care, education and other goods. It is crucial that everyone can benefit from inclusive economic progress, based on the three pillars of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental. Taking into account the needs of disadvantaged people and marginalized groups should become a common principle in policies seeking to reduce inequality.

Career paths from a gender perspective

In May 2025, students from the SEARCH Social Research Club, operating at the University as part of the RISE research project (Rzeszów Initiative for Student Activation – Career Paths from a Gender Perspective), began surveying their colleagues from their alma mater.

The aim of this research is to gather information on students' experiences of combining studies with work, which will then allow us to determine how this affects their academic and professional development, and to identify any barriers and challenges in this area, including those related to gender. The survey is anonymous and safe – it has been approved by the Research Ethics Committee of UITM.

It is planned to conduct a survey among students of other universities in Rzeszów.

Counteracting mobbing, discrimination and violence

UITM has a policy in place to combat mobbing, discrimination, and violence against students and staff. In 2020, the University appointed a Rector's Representative for Combating Mobbing and Discrimination. In October 2023, K. Kurzępa-Dedo, Ph.D. who holds this position, joined the Academic Network for Safety and Equality, an organization of individuals at Polish universities who serve in roles related to the protection of academic rights and values, as well as safety, equality, and diversity among both students and staff.

In addition, first-semester training is conducted for students of all Polish- and English-language study paths, during which the assumptions of the University's policy against discrimination and violence and the Gender Equality Plan are discussed, as well as the forms of assistance and support offered by the University as part of the Academic Centre for Personal Development and Psychological Support.

Women's exclusion and gender inequality in the light of technology and climate change

The starting point for the debate held at UITM on November 5, 2024, entitled "The exclusion of women and gender inequality in the light of technology and climate change" was the presentation of the book by the Vice-Rector for Science, K. Szocik, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc., entitled "Feminist Bioethics in Space. Gender Inequality in Space Exploration" published by Oxford University Press in 2024. The event addressed contemporary issues such as exclusion and discrimination, not only of women, but also of the disabled and elderly. *There are five areas that indicate persistent real discrimination. The first concerns power and politics – men still dominate. The second refers to housework – for women it is a duty, but for men it is more of a privilege. The third highlights that women's work focuses on meeting consumer needs, while men are associated with sales and production-oriented activities. The fourth point concerns women's physiology, which is more complex and extensive compared to men's. The fifth refers to the risk of violence, including sexual violence, to which women are particularly vulnerable,* pointed out K. Szocik, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc. Other participants in the discussion included: I. Leonowicz-Bukala, Ph.D.; M. Birek, Ph.D.; P. Wieczorek, Ph.D.; W. Sudoł-Kaszuba, MA, chaired the debate.



Rzeszów Initiative for Student Activation – Career Paths from a Gender Perspective – a research project of the SEARCH Social Research Club



Membership in **the Academic Network for Safety and Equality (ASBiR)**
10 training courses for students on counteracting discrimination and violence



Contemporary problems – exclusion and discrimination – in the UITM debate

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Goal 11: DO EVERYTHING TO MAKE CITIES AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESISTANT TO THE EFFECTS OF DISASTER AND SUSTAINABLE

UN explains: Cities are centers of culture and science, industry and productivity, as well as social development, and this is also where new ideas are born. When a city flourishes, people benefit from social and economic development. With the number of people living in urban areas expected to rise to 5 billion by 2030, effective urban planning and management practices must be implemented to meet the challenges of urbanization. Cities should grow, at the same time we need to improve the efficiency of resource use, strive to reduce pollution and combat poverty.

Data & AI Inspiration Day: Future Technologies in the Service of Cities GreenCamp

In cooperation with representatives of UITM, R. Pater, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc., Dean of the College of Management at UITM, and A. Gawel, Ph.D., Vice-Dean for Analytical Studies at UITM, and SAS, the Municipality of Rzeszów organized the conference "Data & AI Inspiration Day: Future Technologies in the Service of Cities." The event, held on March 20, 2025, aimed to exchange knowledge and experiences on the use of data and AI to support sustainable urban development. Additionally, the University joined the nationwide GREEN_CAMP ON TOUR initiative, which encourages local communities to create and implement green innovations. Green_Camp workshops were held at UITM, during which participants collaborated on ideas for environmental protection and ecological change in their cities. The event took place on July 24, 2025, and was organized by the institutions that form GREENowacje, the only green incubator in the country.

Air quality monitoring

The university actively participates in combating smog. In order to reduce air pollution with dust and hazardous compounds, only ecological stoves are used to heat rooms. Airly CAQI (PM) device was installed on the Rzeszów Campus, which continuously measures PM10, PM2.5, and PM1 particulate matter concentrations, as well as air temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, and wind speed. The measurements are available online via the UITM website, also serving Rzeszów residents. The online readings complement research conducted over the past four years, which has shown a steady decline in particulate matter pollution. Linear regression of selected PM10 particulate matter test results showed a decrease of over 70%. A similar decrease was observed for PM2.5 and PM1 particulate matter over the past four years.

Kielnarowa Campus – exhibitions / green infrastructure / outdoor gym Bicycle rental

The UITM campus in Kielnarowa is both a student campus and a modern conference and recreation complex, providing ideal conditions for organizing congresses, conferences, workshops, training sessions, team-building events, social gatherings, and leisure activities. The facility is nestled in the beautiful surroundings of the Dynowskie Foothills, just 10 km from Rzeszów. Its specialized infrastructure also allows for the organization of sports camps, making the campus a popular venue for sports teams.

The Kielnarowa Campus, in the Tourism and Recreation Center, houses the Green Bike bicycle rental, which is available free of charge to University staff and students, as well as ALO students. The rental shop offers six Ecobike electric bicycles, among other items.



Conferences and workshops for sustainable cities and communities with the participation of representatives of UITM



The University has been monitoring air quality for **5 years**



132 – total number of events organised at the Kielnarowa Campus in the academic year 2024/2025
6 Ecobike electric bikes Traffic available to members of the academic community of UITM



Goal 12: ENSURE MODELS OF RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

UN explains: Sustainable consumption and productions are related to promoting effective use of energy and other resources, lasting infrastructure, access to basic services, decent workplaces, including in the environmental sector, and better life quality. The use of such patterns helps in the implementation of development plans, reduces economic, environmental and social costs, strengthens economic competitiveness and reduces poverty.

3rd Safe Food Forum What food policy for Rzeszów?

On November 26, 2024, the 3rd Safe Food Forum was held in Warsaw, with the participation of representatives of UITM: President of UITM, T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Prof. Assoc.; Director of the Office of Sustainable Development, K. Palimaka, Ph.D. The forum provided an opportunity to exchange knowledge and a space for deeper reflection on the future of food and climate policy in Poland. One of the lectures was delivered by President of UITM, T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Prof. Assoc. Pointing out the processes that are dangerous to our civilization, which are accelerating and mutually reinforcing, he stated: *It's time to abandon the thoughtless civilization of consumption and stop being hostage to the system. We are wasting precious time. Let's wake up from our lethargy!*

Furthermore, since January 2025, at the request of the Minister of Science and Higher Education, the University has been implementing a project entitled "What Food Policy for Rzeszów?", which aims to provide local government support in developing a food policy for Rzeszów, essential to complementing the city's sustainable vision. The research team consists of: P. Sobiesiak-Penszko, K. Banul-Wójcikowska, J. Erbel.

Open lectures 2024/2025

UITM offers open lectures on important topics, including responsible consumption and production. Such involvement includes cooperation with Professor W. Rees from the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning, Canada and a presentation by Prof. Rees, on invitation University, lecture entitled "Modern Humans: Unsustainable by Nature and Nurture." As Professor W. Reese emphasizes, contemporary techno-industrial society consumes renewable resources faster than ecosystems can regenerate and produces (often toxic) waste in quantities that exceed nature's capacity to assimilate. Overconsumption is the ultimate state; it destroys the biophysical foundations of human existence and leads it toward collapse. Governments, international institutions, and most ordinary people remain blind to this problem. The situation of contemporary humanity has deep roots in both human nature and contemporary social constructs. In short, the unsustainable development of global society is a natural phenomenon reinforced by flawed cultural narratives. The aforementioned public lecture took place on March 10th.

Responsible production with Enterprise Europe Network

Specialized workshops on sustainable consumption and production, organized by the Enterprise Europe Network at UITM (established in 2010), are an example of the EEN center's extensive offerings for Podkarpacie entrepreneurs. Recent training courses include:

- "INCOTERMS 2020 and their role in the process of concluding and implementing foreign transactions" – 24/10/2024 (online training);
- "Tourism business – brand building, regional potential, financing" – December 9, 2024 (webinar in cooperation with the Business Incubator in Krosno);
- "From idea to success – support from European funds for development and innovation" – February 17, 2025 (webinar);
- "Managing environmental requirements in the enterprise – taking into account BDO, KOBIZE, GOZ, ESG, CBAM" – April 9, 2025, Krosno;
- "Employment of foreigners from EU/EEA countries and third countries in Poland and abroad – in the light of the new regulations of 2025" – 29/05/2025, Rzeszów.



3rd Safe Food Forum

with the participation of 2 representatives of UITM
Support from UITM for Rzeszów's food policy



Excessive consumption is one of the topics
of the spring open lecture series at UITM



5 training courses conducted

A total of **154** training participants



Goal 13: TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS

UN explains: Current climate changes are felt in every country on all continents. They disrupt the development of national economies and threaten human lives and entire societies. People experience severe impacts from climate change, including those related to changing weather patterns, sea level rise and extreme weather events. The emissions of greenhouse gases created by human activities continue to increase and push climate change forward. If we do not take action, the average global temperature in this century is expected to rise by over 3° Celsius, or even more in some regions of the world.

UITM Teaching for the Climate

UITM students have at their disposal: 1. Biodiversity Laboratory, which allows for research on the diversity of plants and seeds, 2. Soil and Water Laboratory (description – Objective 6), 3. Microbiology Laboratory, intended for research on, among others, bacterial morphology and microbial culture, 4. Educational garden enabling them to deepen their knowledge in the field of biodiversity – where they learn to better understand nature and environmental changes.

In addition, students of all fields of study can take part in a competition for the best diploma thesis on the topic of sustainable development in the areas of environment, society, and economy, the first edition of which was announced in 2024. The University's efforts, combined with other climate-related teaching initiatives, are resulting in student successes, including in the 2024/2025 academic year: the HexaTeam team (A. Prędką, M. Seredyński, M. Wawrzak, M. Decowski, I. Jajuga – UITM, and M. Niemiec) received an award at the NASA hackathon in Stalowa Wola. The coveted project was developed as part of one of 21 challenges: "GLOBE Protocol Games," and the challenge itself involved creating a game that would disseminate knowledge about environmental protection.

Science Seminar

The Science Seminar is a new scientific initiative at UITM, held monthly since the 2024/2025 academic year. Individual seminars are led by scientists from both UITM and other universities and are devoted to selected issues in the field of science and methodology of individual disciplines. One of the lectures in the area of sustainable development – as part of the aforementioned initiative – entitled "Who is responsible for ecology?" was delivered by the President of UITM, T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Prof. Assoc.

Among the student scientific activities in the field of climate, it is worth highlighting the work of, among others, the Humanus Science Club, under the supervision of P. Wiczorek, Ph.D. The Humanus Science Club organized, among other events, Australia Day, which not only introduced students to the culture and history of Australia but also emphasized the importance of environmental protection and the rights of the continent's indigenous inhabitants. The event also included a debate with S. Markowski, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc. an employee of the University of Information Technology and Management, an Australian researcher and expert in economics and environmental policy, who presented the impact of industrial activity on climate change and discussed the role of indigenous communities in protecting ecosystems.

Green blog

The University runs a green blog, initiated by the President of UITM, T. Pomianek, Ph.D., eng., Prof. Assoc. The green blog is devoted to the existential threats facing humanity: global warming, environmental degradation, and the problem of waste. It also aims to raise awareness of the devastating impact of the ongoing process of environmental degradation, including the loss of biodiversity. The blog is also devoted to issues of Polish agriculture and the so-called "provinces." Leading experts in the presented area are invited to write articles, including: P. Januszewicz, Ph.D., Prof.; Z. Karaczun, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc.; P. Kramarz, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc.; M. Bzowska-Bakalarz, Ph.D., Prof.; J. Krupa, Ph.D. Prof. Assoc.; B. Hromovyk, Ph.D., Prof.; prominent environmental activists. Through the blog, the University wants to contribute to public education.



4 educational facilities for a better understanding of nature and environmental changes

Competition for a diploma thesis on the topic of sustainable development

3rd place for UITM students at the NASA hackathon in Stalowa Wola



A new cyclical scientific initiative of UITM – a science seminar

The involvement of the UITM Scientific Circles in the field of climate



Academic year 2024/2025: **17** articles, **14** authors, nearly **3,000** page views



Goal 14: PROTECT THE OCEANS AND SEAS AND USE THEIR RESOURCES IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY

UN explains: Oceans – their temperature, chemical structure, currents and life within them drive the world's ecosystems, without which human life on Earth would be impossible. Rainwater, drinking water, weather and climate, coastlines, much of our food and even the oxygen we breathe are all dependent on seas which act as a regulator. For centuries, important trade and transportation routes have been running through the seas and oceans. Careful management of these irreplaceable resources is the key to a sustainable future. However, the condition of coastal waters is deteriorating due to pollution, and ocean acidification is threatening the functioning of ecosystems and biodiversity. These phenomena also have a negative impact on local fisheries.

Responsible wastewater management

Wastewater from both University campuses is discharged to the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Municipal Water and Sewage Plant in Rzeszów. The wastewater treatment technology involves full mechanical and biological treatment of wastewater, removing nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus). Treated wastewater flows by gravity into the Wisłok River, 100 meters from the treatment plant, while sludge is directed through a pumping station to the Separate Fermentation Chamber (SFC). Fermentation produces stabilized digested sludge and biogas, which is used to generate electricity and heat in cogenerators and boilers. Dewatered and dried sludge is used in industrial agriculture and for land reclamation.

Haapsalu Graphic Design Festival 2025 in Estonia

Five representatives of UITM were among the authors of works qualified for the Haapsalu post-competition exhibition Graphic Design Festival 2025 in Estonia. This year's edition, whose main theme is "Paradox", gathered 84 posters, which were presented at the Haapsalu Municipal Gallery from May 31st to June 29th. For the post-competition exhibition, Haapsalu, the works of P. Longawa, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc. and UITM students (representing the graphic design and computer graphics and multimedia production fields: D. Kamiński, G. Wrzesień, K. Łogonowicz, and I. Miodunka) have been qualified for the Graphic Design Festival 2025.

The poster by P. Longawa, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc. presents the problem of over-exploitation of our planet's water resources, and the resulting destruction of the environment. Meanwhile, the poster by student K. Łogonowicz symbolically presents the problem of excessive use of plastic, water pollution, and its tragic consequences for marine animals.

Stop water pollution

The poster by P. Longawa, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc., was selected for exhibition in the Alive Poster Festival 2025 competition. The work addresses the problem of water pollution. The poster is titled "Stop water Pollution" depicts a drop of water made of barbed wire. The author alludes to the idea that if people continue to pollute more and more bodies of water, the water will eventually become unfit for drinking. The poster was presented as part of the competition theme "River for Life" – where participants were asked to grapple with the practical, social, and symbolic role of the San River.



100% of wastewater is discharged into certified municipal and city networks, where it is processed in accordance with applicable regulations



Works by students and lecturers from UITM at the Haapsalu exhibition Graphic Design Festival 2025 in Estonia



Poster „Stop water pollution” among those distinguished by participation in the Alive Poster Festival 2025 exhibition

This year's number of entries is **565** posters from **44** countries



Goal 15: PROTECT, RESTOCK AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF LAND ECOSYSTEMS, MANAGE FORESTS SUSTAINABLY, FIGHT DESERTIFICATION, STOP AND REVERSE SOIL DEGRADATION, HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS

UN explains: Forests cover 30.7% of the Earth's surface. They not only provide food security and shelter for various forms of life, but also play a key role in combating climate change, protecting biodiversity, as well as are the place where indigenous people live.. Protecting forests will allow us to improve natural resource management processes and increase land productivity. Every year 13 million hectares of forest are lost, and ongoing degradation of drylands has led to the desertification of 3.6 billion hectares of land. Despite the fact that nearly 15% of areas are now protected, biodiversity is still under threat.

Forest on the UITM Campus in Kielnarowa

The UITM Kielnarowa Campus includes a 2.8-hectare mixed forest and two wooded plots with a total area of 17 ha. Each year, a decision is made regarding new plantings based on a tree stand review . In the 2024/2025 academic year:

- a forest garden is being created (edible forest),
- fruit trees and supporting trees (black alder) and quince bushes were planted,
- piles of branches were prepared as shelter for animals (hedgehogs, grass snakes, etc.),
- two "living gates" made of willow were created,
- the number of hives has increased, currently there are 8,
- a flower meadow with an area of 25 ares was created,
- the cultivated part of the garden, where vegetables are grown, has been planted on the north side with a living willow fence, which, as it grows thicker, will act as a windbreak,
- 5 additional composters appeared,
- for the purposes of research at the Department of Cosmetology, plots with plant cultivations are maintained (various varieties of yarrow and mallow),
- trees growing on campus were marked with wooden plaques.

A publication of high quality, scientific importance and wide impact

The publication "Cannabidiol and Minor Phytocannabinoids: A Preliminary Study to Assess Their Anti-Melanoma, Anti-Melanogenic, and Anti-Tyrosinase Properties", which authors are K. Gawel-Bęben, Ph.D. Prof. Assoc., K. Czech and S. Vlad Luci describe a preliminary study assessing the anticancer, antimelanogenic and antityrosinase properties cannabidiol and minor phytocannabinoids.

This work was awarded the title of best publication by the journal Pharmaceuticals.

3rd edition of Natural Cosmetics International Meeting

Natural Cosmetics International Meeting is an international scientific conference organized by the Department of Cosmetology at UITM, under the scientific patronage of Phytochemical Society of Europe (PSE), Austrian Drug Screening Institute and the Committee on Therapeutics and Drug Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, as well as MatTek Life Sciences, PharmaGnose, and NaTure, an organization certifying natural cosmetics and their ingredients. The conference is also held under the honorary patronage of the Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship. The conference is aimed at scientists researching the cosmetic properties of natural raw materials and representatives of the cosmetics industry interested in implementing innovative solutions in the raw materials and natural cosmetics offered. Participants in the third edition of the conference had the opportunity to listen to lectures delivered by speakers representing domestic and international research institutions. It is worth noting that a separate lecture session entitled "Sustainability in Natural Cosmetics" was devoted to the implementation of sustainable development principles in the sourcing of natural cosmetic raw materials and the production of natural cosmetics.



2,8 ha of the total area of the Campus covered with forest vegetation
17 ha covered with forest vegetation



The publication of UITM scientists was recognized by the Pharmaceuticals magazine



Over **170** conference participants, including over **50** foreign participants from companies all over the world: Europe, Africa and Asia



Goal 16: PROMOTE THE EXISTENCE OF PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES TO ENABLE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; ENSURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL; BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS

UN explains: Murder, violence against children, human trafficking and sexual violence pose serious threats to peace and inclusive societies. Access to justice must be provided for all people and effective, responsible and friendly institutions must be created at all levels.

Poster4Peace	Amnesty International Letter Writing Marathon	Carpathian Initiative for the Reconstruction of Ukraine
UITM students, under the supervision of P. Longawa, Ph.D., Prof. Assoc. are tackling various challenges in their work, including global peace issues. In this area, the initiative of the Peace Museum in Vienna is worth noting. The aforementioned museum strives to contribute to world peace by educating the public and organizing graphic design competitions, including Poster4Peace. The work of two students of Computer Graphics and Multimedia Production, I. Miodunka and K. Panek, qualified for Poster4Peace. I. Miodunka's poster, "Peace Herald", depicts an origami dove – a symbol of peace. The word "peace" written in various languages on its surface emphasizes the idea of unity across borders and cultures. The entire piece serves as a reminder that maintaining peace in the world requires a collective effort. K. Panek's poster, "Peace", was inspired by traditional paper cutouts. It depicts two figures holding birds, symbolizing hope and harmony. The blue background is the color of the sky, and the white pattern is associated with purity and simplicity.	Amnesty International Letter Writing Marathon, held from December 3-10, 2024, at UITM, once again wrote letters that could change the lives of those whose rights have been violated. The event was organized by the Humanus Interdisciplinary Research Group, under the supervision of P. Wiczorek, Ph.D. at the Department of English Philology. The Letter Writing Marathon has been organized since 2001, and for nearly two decades at the University. The marathon is a symbolic expression of solidarity and commitment of the academic community to defending human rights and promoting equality. This year, support was provided to individuals whose human rights have been grossly violated by various institutions, governments, and corporations. As part of the event, the IQ Club at UITM hosted a debate and workshops aimed at raising awareness of human rights and supporting individuals whose fundamental freedoms have been violated. Participants included: students of English Philology and Social Work, members of the Humanus Student Council, students of Rzeszów schools (9th General Secondary School and School Complex No. 3), as well as representatives of the academic staff.	The Carpathian Initiative aims to strengthen cross-border co-operation, with an emphasis on the exchange of experiences, knowledge transfer, and joint investment and infrastructure initiatives. The project combines elements of business and academia and is supported by European Union institutions. The first meeting of the Carpathian Initiative took place on March 11, 2025, at the headquarters of the Prešov Regional Government in Slovakia. UITM joined the efforts to rebuild Ukraine due to its extensive experience in cooperating with that country. The University has extensive experience in educating students from Ukraine (nearly 7,000 graduates) and cooperating with Ukrainian universities. UITM employs numerous researchers from Ukraine. It was crucial for the University to: a) engage in aid for refugees, including through the organization of a multi-month after – school club for Ukrainian children and their caregivers, and b) implement the educational initiative – the Cisco4Ukraine Project. Start IT in collaboration with Cisco Networking Academy (supporting refugees from Ukraine in acquiring digital skills and increasing their chances of employment in the IT industry). Furthermore, UITM, in cooperation with the governments of Ukraine and Sweden, is implementing a project that trains government employees in Ukraine in networking technologies and cybersecurity using Cisco solutions and the NetLab platform.
➤ 2 works by UITM students noticed by the Peace Museum in Vienna	➤ Over 1,500 signatures on petitions defending human rights	➤ UITM's involvement in the Carpathian Initiative for the reconstruction of Ukraine

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Goal 17: STRENGTHEN MECHANISMS FOR THE FORMATION OF GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND REVITALIZE EXISTING PARTNERSHIP

UN explains: Effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda requires partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society. Such inclusive partnerships should be built on principles and values, a shared vision and shared goals that put people and the planet at the center of action. We need such partnerships at global, regional, national and local levels.

UI GreenMetric	Inclusive partnerships	European University
In the international UI GreenMetric ranking, UITM ranked second among Polish universities for the third consecutive year. The ranking takes into account ecological and sustainable development solutions, and included 1,477 universities from around the world. In 2024, universities from 95 countries around the world, including 15 from Poland, participated in the UI GreenMetric ranking. UITM is ranked 242nd globally, ranking second in Poland. The UI GreenMetric ranking has been assessing universities' activities related to sustainable development and climate protection since 2010. The ranking methodology draws from best practices, including: Times Higher Education, Webometric, HEEACT, QS Ranking, The College Sustainability Report Card.	Working towards the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the University collaborates with numerous entities at the global, regional, national, and local levels, including over 860 leading business and management schools from 99 countries worldwide, as part of the UN-supported "The Principles for Responsible Management Education" initiative, taking action to build a more sustainable future. In 2025, as part of PRME's mission to educate responsible leaders ready to face today's greatest challenges, including the fight for the natural environment and climate, it will: – the "Sustainable Development Leader: Today and Future" competition was organised with the financial support of the LEGO Foundation; – as part of the Human Resources Management course in the International Business Management program, students developed an innovative project – Volunteer Day, combining theory with practical application in the area of human resources management and corporate social responsibility. Moreover, UITM, together with over 150 Polish universities, is a signatory of the University Social Responsibility Declaration, a voluntary commitment of higher education institutions to promoting the concept of sustainable development and social responsibility in educational programs, scientific research, and management and organizational solutions of universities.	In June 2024, the University joined the group of European Universities. UITM, along with 8 other universities is realizing "Smaller (strategic) Universities Network for Regional Innovative and Sustainable Evolution – SUNRISE" project. UITM partners are technical universities with extensive experience in research programs, including the Horizon Europe program. The SUNRISE project thus joined UITM's family of European universities committed to promoting European ideas in education and research. Together with its partners, the University is shaping a model of cooperation for the development of local communities in the spirit of sustainable development. The project's beneficiaries include students, University staff, and the UITM community. Currently, there are over 60 European University Alliance projects across Europe, and Polish universities participate in over 30 of them. This means that approximately 30 Polish universities operate within these alliances, including four private ones, including UITM. Furthermore, UITM is the only University in the Podkarpace region operating within such a program.
 242nd position in the world ranking and 2nd in Poland	 PRME Declaration of University Social Responsibility	 UITM is the only University from the Podkarpace region and one of four non-public Universities among all University alliances