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SDG15 REPORT

LIFE ON LAND

2026



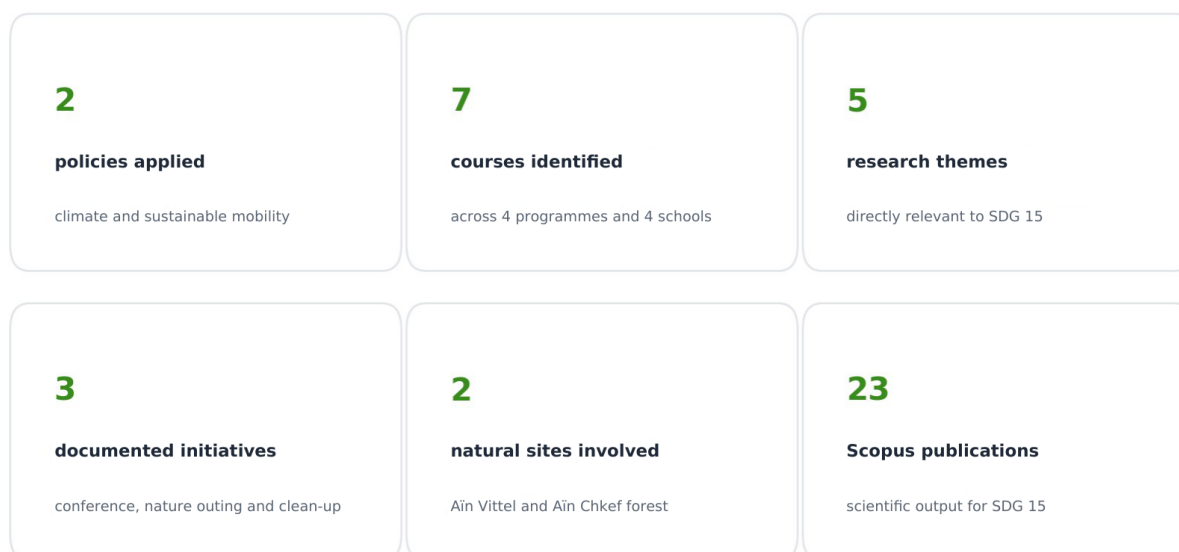
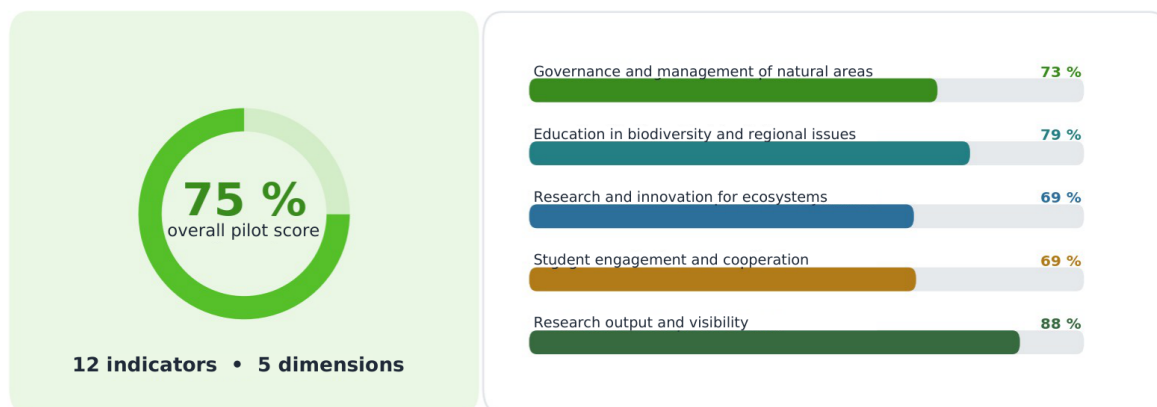


Monitoring of UEMF's commitments to SDG 15



SDG 15 UEMF 2026 in figures

Life on land Biodiversity, education and engagement



Targets proposed based on observations. The internal index is neither a THE score nor a measure of the state of biodiversity.



Education and research for life on land

From plant-related skills to solutions for ecosystems

7

distinct courses

plants, botany, regional issues, environment and transition.

4

programmes represented

biotechnology, pharmacy, engineering and policy.

5

research themes

resilience, resources, biofertilisers and agriculture.

2

named facilities

Pilot Teaching Factory 4.0 and Environment Hub.

Strict curriculum scope

7 courses • 4 programmes • 4 schools

Repeated sessions and content with only an indirect link are not counted.

Academic coordinators must confirm the content actually taught and the number of teaching hours.



Student engagement and SDG 15 evidence

Three initiatives at two natural sites

3

documented initiatives

conference, nature outing and forest clean-up.

2

natural sites involved

Aïn Vittel in Ifrane and Aïn Chkef forest.

Visibility and traceability

23 Scopus publications on SDG 15 • 3 illustrated initiatives

No THE result specific to SDG 15 is provided in the report.

Evidence still needed: areas • species • waste collected • audiences • outcomes

Activities are documented, but their ecological effects are not quantified.

Monitoring priority: measure outcomes for habitats, species, soils and the use of natural areas.

2026: The Euromed University of Fez consolidates its impact in support of the SDGs

Introduction :

The Euromed University of Fez (UEMF) is committed to environmental protection and biodiversity conservation by integrating the principles of sustainable development into its educational programs, research projects, and awareness-raising activities. Through educational initiatives, student activities, and projects related to the responsible management of natural resources, UEMF contributes to fostering a culture of respect for terrestrial ecosystems and combating environmental degradation. Through these commitments, the University participates in the training of citizens and professionals who are aware of ecological challenges and capable of taking action for a sustainable future.

This report is structured to highlight the University's key contributions to this Sustainable Development Goal. It presents the institutional policies implemented, the educational offerings (E-SDG), and research and innovation activities. The report also highlights the conferences and events organized, club activities and student life, as well as the awards and distinctions that illustrate the University's commitment and influence in this area.

UEMF Policies

The Euromed University of Fez is committed to protecting terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity. It integrates sustainable practices aimed at limiting the impact of its activities on the natural environment. Its carbon neutrality policy contributes to this approach by reducing environmental pressures. The university also raises awareness within its community about the preservation of natural resources and promotes responsible management of spaces and infrastructure. The Euromed University of Fez thus participates in the protection of biodiversity and contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 15.

Carbon neutrality and climate action policy of the Euromed University of Fez (Version 2025)

- Utilisation des patios et des ouvertures des loggias et des bâtiments ouverts
- Mise en place de jardins et de zones pédestres dotés d'équipement sportif
- Utilisation des savoirs faire inspirés du patrimoine de la Médina de Fès pour la climatisation naturelle ;
- Suivi environnemental et énergétique piloté par la Direction du Patrimoine, en coordination avec la Direction Audit et Assurance Qualité pour le suivi des indicateurs de durabilité.

b. Recherche scientifique et innovation verte



L'UEMF développe une recherche appliquée autour de :

- Énergies renouvelables : photovoltaïque, thermique et batteries ;
- Changement climatique : résilience et adaptation ;
- Production et valorisation de l'hydrogène vert ;
- Recyclage et valorisation des matériaux plastiques et biosourcés ;
- Aménagement durable du territoire et gestion intégrée des ressources naturelles ;
- Traitement, valorisation et gestion de l'eau ;
- Dessalement d'eau, production d'hydrogène et décarbonations de l'industrie du ciment ;
- Développement des biofertilisants ;
- Combinaison IA et agriculture pour minimiser la consommation d'eau et fertilisant

Ces thématiques sont portées par des structures telles que l'Usine École Pilote 4.0, le Pôle Ingénierie et Sciences de l'Environnement, et plusieurs laboratoires de recherche interdisciplinaires.

The UEMF is committed to promoting sustainable and responsible mobility within its university community. This policy aims to facilitate access to the campus while reducing the environmental impact of travel. It encourages the use of public transport, carpooling, and active travel modes such as cycling and walking. The University is implementing appropriate infrastructure and partnerships with local stakeholders to guarantee accessible, safe, and environmentally friendly mobility.



Events

Academic events

The effects of climate change on water and biodiversity: a conference at the heart of contemporary environmental issues



As part of its commitment to disseminating knowledge and opening up to major contemporary issues, the Euromed University of Fes, in partnership with the Cervantes Institute, organised a conference dedicated to one of the major environmental challenges of our time: the impact of climate change on water resources and biodiversity.

Led by Carmen González Castro, Professor at the University of Vigo, this meeting, entitled "The effects of climate change on water and biodiversity: tools to mitigate it", offered a scientific perspective on the environmental transformations that are currently affecting ecosystems worldwide.

During her presentation, the speaker highlighted the growing consequences of climate change on water resources and natural balances, while also emphasizing the challenges related to preserving biodiversity. She further stressed the need for a better understanding of the interactions between these phenomena in order to anticipate their effects and strengthen adaptive capacities in the face of current environmental changes.

The conference also provided an opportunity to explore various tools and mitigation strategies that could contribute to better management of environmental challenges. Scientific approaches, sustainable strategies, and innovative solutions were presented as essential levers for preserving natural resources and supporting ecological transitions.

Beyond academic exchanges, this meeting provided a space for reflection and dialogue on issues concerning our collective future. It illustrates the shared commitment of the Euromed University of Fes and the Cervantes Institute to promoting cultural and scientific cooperation around major global challenges, while also fostering awareness and the transmission of knowledge to new generations.



Student events

Creative Outing - Crafty Fall Themed Picnic



Organized atIn Ifrane, more precisely at the natural site of Ain Vittel, this outdoor activity was part of a dynamic of strengthening the links between the members of the club, while promoting creativity in the open air.

Taking advantage of the autumn season and its inspiring natural setting, the club organized a creative, autumn-themed picnic, combining relaxation, art, and conviviality. The main objective was to foster group cohesion through an immersive experience, far removed from the usual academic environment.

In a warm and peaceful atmosphere, participants took part in various craft and artistic activities such as drawing, crocheting, and other hands-on crafts, directly in contact with nature. This time allowed everyone to freely express their creativity, while sharing moments of exchange and connection.

Beyond the artistic aspect, this initiative contributed to the well-being of the members, strengthening team spirit and consolidating human relationships within the club in a natural environment conducive to inspiration and rejuvenation.



Aïn Chkef clean: ecological commitment for a sustainable future



On April 18, 2026, the Elite Club of the Euromed University of Fez organized an ecological clean-up action in the Ain Chkef forest, located around Fez, as part of its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

This environmental initiative is part of a civic effort to raise awareness among students and participants about the importance of preserving natural ecosystems and biodiversity. Through concrete actions such as collecting and cleaning up waste, volunteers contributed to the restoration of this forest area, which is often damaged by human behavior and a lack of environmental responsibility.

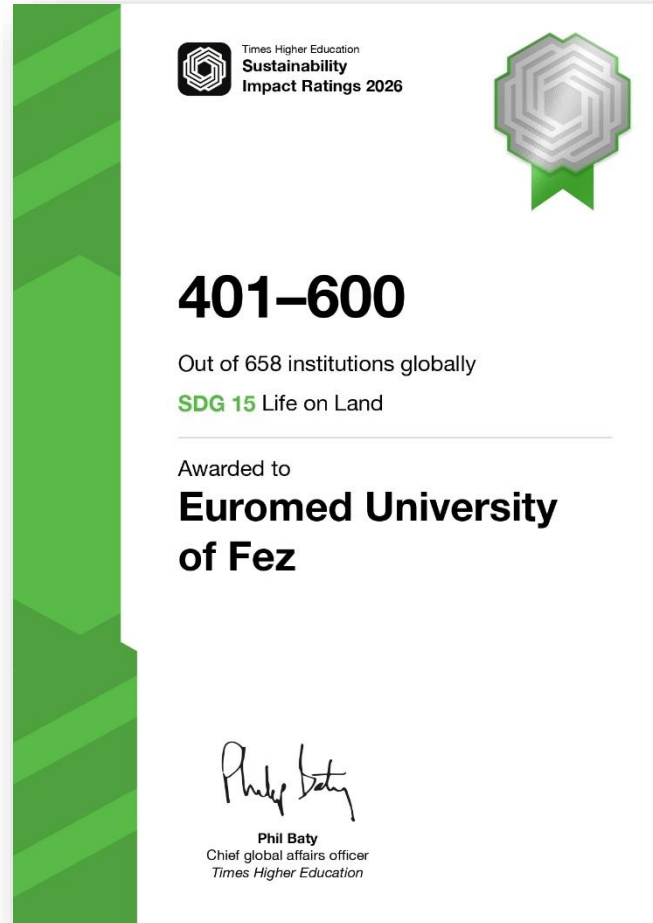
Beyond its operational aspects, this activity provided a genuine moment of collective awareness regarding the urgent need to protect our environment. It reinforced the values of responsibility, commitment, and ecological solidarity among the participants, while also illustrating the essential role of youth in the transition to sustainable development.

Through this action, the Elite Club confirms its commitment to actively participating in the SDG movement, translating ideas into concrete actions with a positive impact on society and the environment.

[ELITE Club Report 25-26](#)

Awards and Distinctions

UEMF's performance in THE Impact Rankings 2026 – SDG 15



Following its participation in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2026, the Euromed University of Fez (UEMF) ranked in the 401–600 range out of 658 institutions for SDG 15: Life on Land. This performance highlights its commitment to protecting terrestrial ecosystems, preserving biodiversity, sustainably managing natural resources, and raising awareness of environmental issues.



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