



Bern University
of Applied Sciences



Sustainable development at BFH

Creating added value for society

Helping to shape our society

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BFH defines itself as a modern and innovative university that aims to use its social responsibility effectively and wisely. As such, sustainability plays a key role across all our areas of activity.

With the launch of Sustainable Development as a strategic area, BFH will specifically use its teaching, research and continuing education to play a role in transforming society, leading by example.

BFH attaches particular importance to long-term responsibility with the aim of securing ecological viability, social justice and economic performance, strengthening cultural competence to help shape our society.

Next goals

- Pooling and expansion of resources for sustainability management
- Definition of an Action Plan for the years 2023–2026
- Preparation of sustainability reporting for the year 2022

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Four areas of activity

Education for Sustainable Development

BFH graduates are often appointed to positions of responsibility in the private sector, the public sector, civil society, applied research, etc. and can make an important contribution to a more sustainable society in their professional capacity at the interface between theory and practice. BFH has therefore set itself the goal of integrating aspects of the ESD concepts (Education for Sustainable Development) into all of its degree and continuing education programmes.

Sustainability-oriented research

At BFH, sustainability research is not seen as a separate discipline but as a research area that is addressed in disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research.

Social participation:

One of BFH's primary objectives is to foster a mutual and fair exchange of knowledge, ideas, experience, innovation and technologies with other universities, partners and decision-makers in the fields of politics and the public sector, civil society and the private sector and also with staff and students. It is hoped that this dialogue will both allow us to take inspiration from society at large for our sustainability work in all four areas and enable us to play a role in solving society's challenges.

Sustainability in university operations

BFH takes a holistic approach that involves the participation of students, staff and external stakeholders in order to ensure that our operations and all areas of activity continue to develop sustainably in ecological, social and economic terms.

