

Appendix no. 2
Submission form
Student and PhD Student Participatory Budget
Edition 2024 – “Ecological innovations”

Project title: Gardening classes at SGH!
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Why is the project important? (no more than 100 words) Gardening is inherently connected to environmental stewardship and sustainability. In present day conditions, the ability and knowledge to grow green life is paramount in the wake of climate change. Creating a “school garden” and/or associated course can give hands-on learning opportunities for students and PhD students in areas such as plant biology, sustainability, and environmental science. It could also incorporate elements of business education by covering topics like sustainable agriculture practices, the economics of local food systems, and entrepreneurship in the green sector. The activity of gardening plays holistically in improving the student’s psychological comfort and promoting health and growth of ecological awareness.
Project description (no more than 250 words) The project would see the implementation of an elective course in the coursebook, and the associated employment of a part-time horticulture specialist which will teach the course. To consult real costs, create a budget friendly and efficient project, the university could consult the “Faculty of Horticulture” of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences for best practices, and could also serve as the source of the employed specialist. Evident budget constraints would be: 1) The employed specialist’s salary; 2) Creation of a practice garden. Potential solutions to these 2 constraints can be: 1) The course to be offered only in the spring (shorter) semester, and with reasonable limited group availability.; 2) Creation of a small indoor, practice garden rather than an outdoor one, the garden would be used by the students to grow their own plants, alternatively by the consultation of the horticulture specialist, different more budget friendly options can be considered. To assure student participation would be responsible, the course can be offered for 0 ECTS points, assuring that only passionate about the subject students would take the course.
Simplified cost estimate: 1) Specialist employment for one semester: ~ 17 000 pln. 2) Preparation of class and materials (seeds, soil-beds, tools): ~7000-10 000 pln.

- 3) Consultation and project expert planning: ~1000-2000 pln.
- 4) Maintenance and miscellaneous costs: ~ 4000-6000 pln.