# CREATIVE VIRTUAL CONFERENCING AND NETWORKING TO ADVANCE HESD

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"What kind of academic conferences do we need for a sustainable future?"





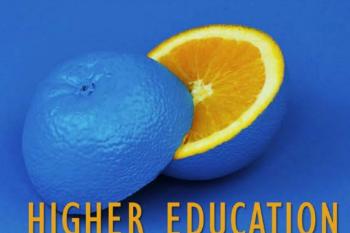
Corona crisis...

Creative and collaborative 3-day face-to-face conference in Bern



6 different communities: boldly and creatively discuss HESD issues?





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HIGHER EDUCATION VIRTUAL SUMMIT 2020 Our mission: ensure (virtual) space for:

- creativity,
- networking
- a sense of place
- chance meetings
- career-oriented self-presentation and coaching,
- policy-oriented reflection
- trust-building
- and joint LEARNING



### Higher Education Summit 2020: HES2020

www.higher-education-summit-2020.com













### We wanted to maintain all the planned formats!

### FACE TO FACE

 Keynote discussions (roundtable with audience interaction)

Evening Keynote with apéro

### VIRTUAL FORMAT

- Keynote discussions (pre-recorded videos; in the live session: only key statements, then moderated Q&As)
- Live Evening Keynote, followed by random breakout rooms for online apéro
- Covid-19 Roundtable with several stakeholders



### FACE TO FACE

 Solution Rooms with "next practices" (facilitated)

Co-Creative Labs: freely designable spaces

Poster Market with space for discussions

Speed-dating / Partnership market

### VIRTUAL FORMAT

- Solution Rooms with "next practices"
   (facilitators and presenters met in advance and tested what they needed)
- Co-Creative Labs: (moderators were given access to their virtual room well in advance to try out what they wanted; many software solutions used)
- Poster Plaza: same template, all posters available in advance, 60 sec key message, then break-out rooms in groups of 4 posters
- Book an expert



### FACE TO FACE

- Network meetings as side events
- Excursions to sustainability initiatives in Bern

Harvesting and Visual summary

### VIRTUAL FORMAT

- Online network meetings as lunch events
- Virtual excursion: 5 filmed stories featuring members of sustainability initiative in Bern pre-recorded; group discussion in break-out rooms after watching the video together
- Harvesting and Visual Summary: "Murals" for harvesting feedback from moderators + facilitators + participants; presentation based on feedback, then explanation of Visual summary







Practitioners in Sustainability
Accounting Education – a
transdisciplinary teaching
approach
TÖRNER, Lukas

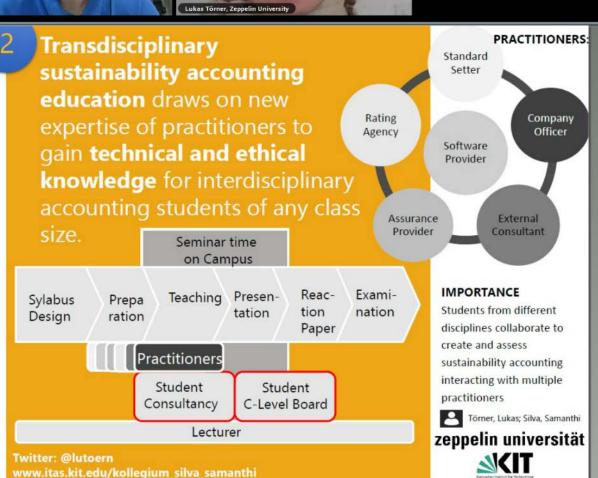
Address the need for normative and technical guidance in sustainability accounting education while considering the importance of the dynamic practical field.

#### **METHODS**

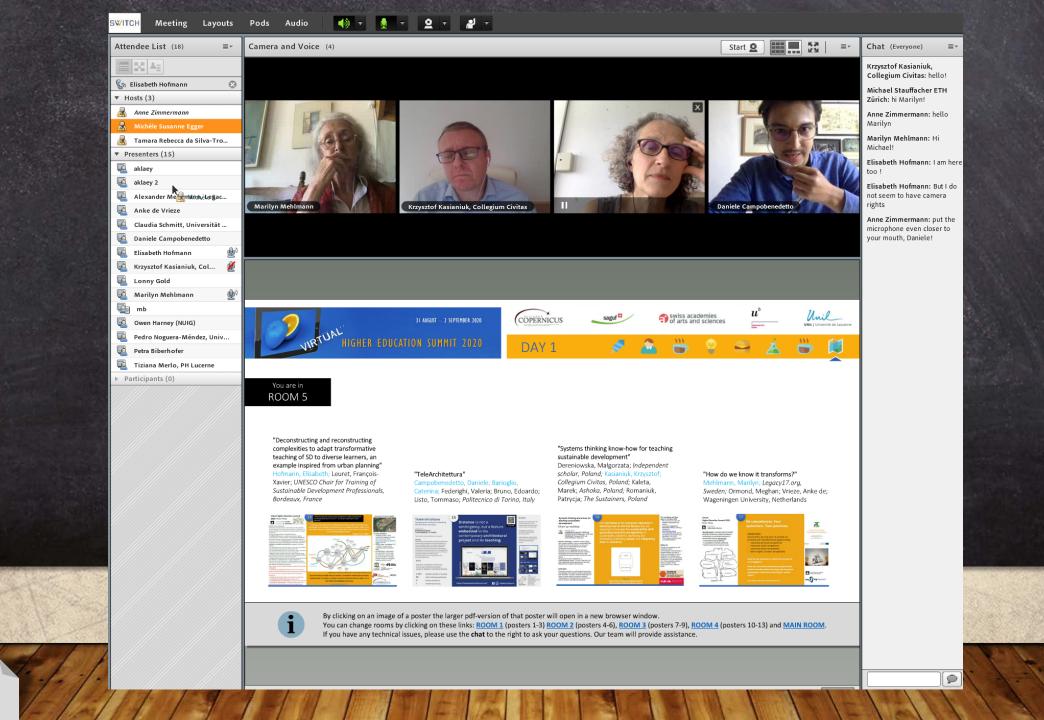
- 1. systematic review of relevant topics & roles in sustainability accounting education
- 2. a seminar design

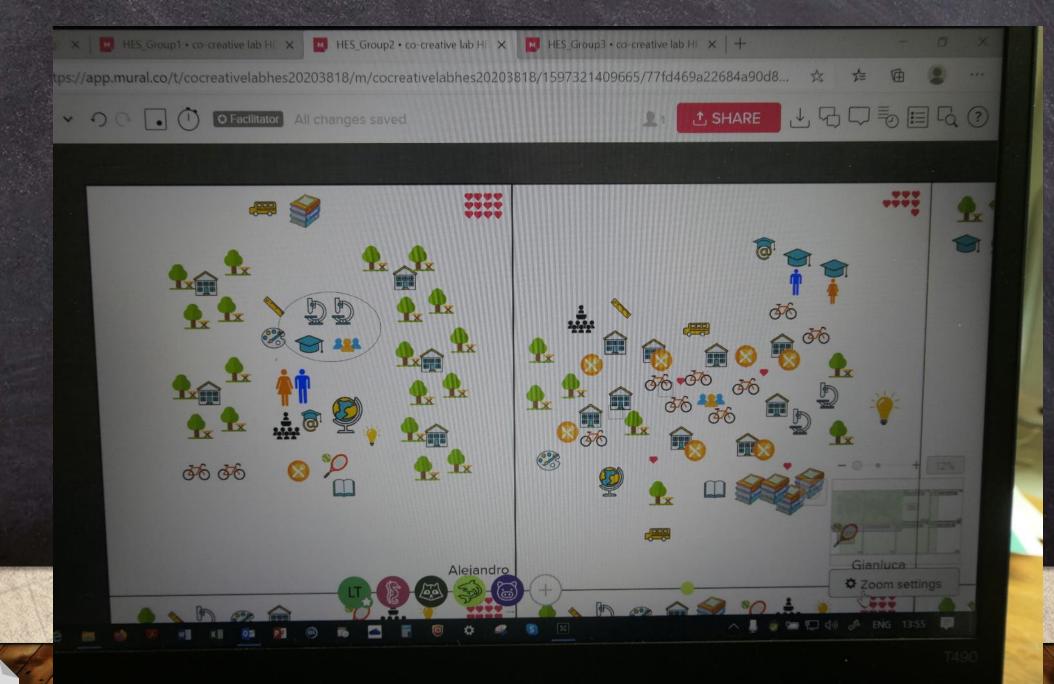
#### RESULTS

guidelines for a transdisciplinary scalable seminar on sustainability accounting for an interdisciplinary student body, which involves practitioners





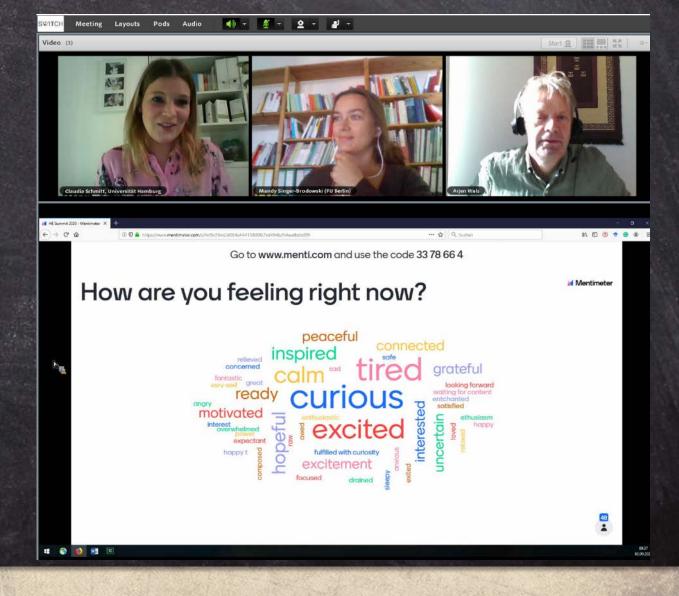






### **QUESTION:**

Is it impossible to generate and share emotions in online conferences?

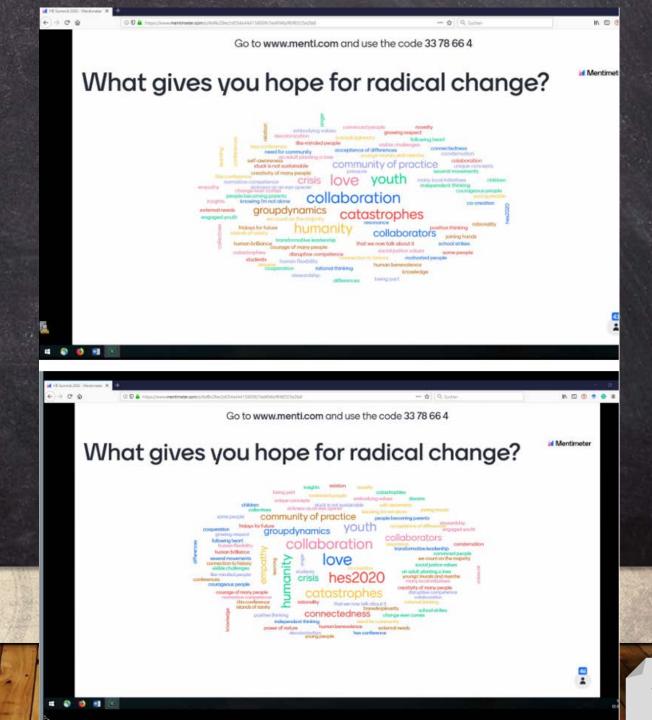




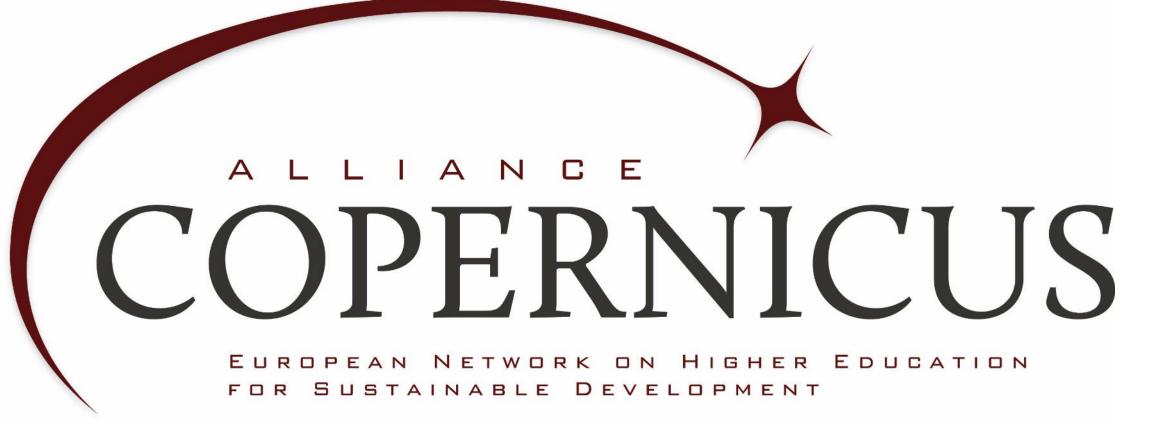
With a tool such as mentimeter, engage the audience with more personal questions in relation to the object of debate...

Within a few minutes, the snapshot changes, participants see that they can influence the picture.

Post-conference survey: a large number of participants agreed that trust was built during the conference











### 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS







8 DECENTWORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 HOUSTRY, MODILITION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED NEQUALITIES

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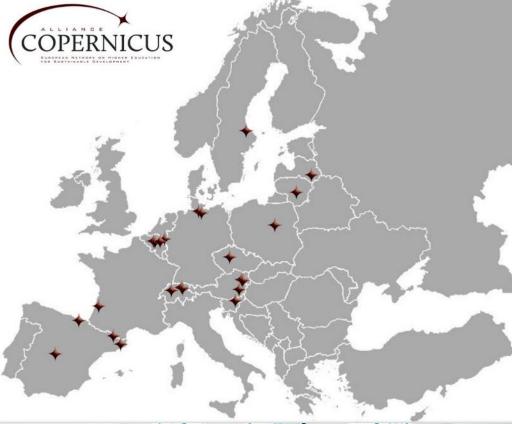


















### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participate in CA workshops and training sessions. The CA offers excellent opportunities for professional development in leadership and organisational change for sustainability.

### DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH

Make use of various communication channels and share your achievements with an international community through the CA Newsletter, website and joint scientific publications.

#### **POLICY DEVELOPMENTS**

The CA engages and participates in international gatherings and dialogues that influence higher education policy. Members are encouraged to contribute to these activities (e.g. observer status at UNESCO, UNECE, IAU, etc.).

# ACTIVITIES/ BENEFITS

### GOVERNANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Participate in and be part of the CA Advisory Board, task forces and working groups.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Receive "CA Micro Funds" to fund joint initiatives with other members such as workshops, conferences, publications, etc.

#### FUNDING AND RESEARCH

Participate in collaborative European research projects and joint bidding with other institutional members.

### CA NEWSLETTER

Receive key information about the latest developments and events regarding sustainability and higher education in Europe and beyond as well as CA members' news and achievements.

### **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

Participate in events where we can discuss issues at the forefront of sustainability in higher education. Benefit from discounts for the CA Annual Conference, which combines the opportunity to present papers with dedicated time for informal networking and interactive idea sharing.



## THANK YOU!

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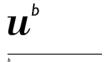
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