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INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR UCY AS A GREEN UNIVERSITY

UCY’s Environmental Performance in 2016 UI GreenMetric Ranking of World Universities demonstrates its commitment to sustainability

University of Cyprus appears to have started 2017 off on the right foot, as another significant distinction for the Institution has marked the beginning of the New Year.

The results of the 2016 UI GreenMetric Ranking of World Universities, released recently, present UCY being ranked #228 among 516 best “green” universities worldwide from more than 74 countries.

This world university league table first appeared in 2010. The particular ranking aims to promote sustainability, while providing the results of an online, annual survey regarding the current condition and policies related to Green Campus and Sustainability in the Universities all over the world.

It also serves as a platform for cooperation among higher education institutions. Ranking is based on the following six criteria and various demanding performance indicators: setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water, transportation, and education. It is important to note that this was the first year that the GreenMetric survey included a carbon footprint evaluation as part of its criteria.
Commenting on the rankings, UCY Rector, Professor Constantinos Christofides has made the following statement: “These scores constitute another significant achievement for UCY community. It is testament to the excellent work of students, faculty and staff on sustainability issues here at UCY. The University’s environmental performance and sustainable behavior can be certainly attributed in the wide range of eco-friendly and sustainable policies and programmes being implemented at UCY, the adoption of the ‘green” pathway by our University aiming to be transformed into a green and sustainable campus, the constant efforts being made by the institution to manage behavioral change and environmental responsibility among the academic community and of course its commitment to play an important role in promoting green industry and economy in Cyprus. Our strategic plan to provide substantial electricity generation through our own PV parks is another significant step forward.”

Source: [http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id/overall-ranking-2016/](http://greenmetric.ui.ac.id/overall-ranking-2016/)