

Sustainable development: trends, directions and problems. The case of Ukraine

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# The lecture content

Sustainable development in Ukraine: trends and problems

#### **Greenwashing. What is it?**

Greenwashing in Ukraine. A little bit about bad

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Some positive examples in Ukraine



### Goal ranking by integral estimation of SDG achievement progress



### The main problems of Sustainable Development in Ukraine

Enterprises are not ready to invest in environmental friendliness and social responsibility

> Insufficiently developed industry of waste processing and e-waste disposal

Lack of a clear and effective system of punishments and rewards

Lack of a perfect bio-product standardization system

Unwillingness to act not only in personal interests and pay additional cost for environmental friendliness

Underdevelopment of Ukrainian legislation

### **GREENING STRATEGIES**

### Strategy of "green" innovations

the company, having sufficient assets and experience in creating innovative products focuses on creating "green" innovations of various types and levels of novelty from scratch Strategy of "green" product

the company emphasizes the purity and environmental friendliness of products, technological and resource aspects may be intentionally silenced or leveled Strategy of comprehensive environmental friendliness

"green" is not only the product but also the technology of its production, and the company defines environmental friendliness as a philosophy of development

# Greenwashing

the dissemination of false information by an enterprise on the environmental focus of its own activities and social responsibility in order to obtain improper benefits

# Typology of company communications

#### False greenwashing

This category includes companies that have made significant efforts to improve the environmental performance of their products and processes, but are unable to communicate effectively about these efforts

#### Unreasonable greenwashing

At first glance, these companies focus on positive change and openly provide evidence to support their environmental claims. However, a more detailed analysis can easily reveal that the company does not deserve the trust it announces.

#### **Greenwashing noise**

This category includes companies whose communications are based on unfounded environmental claims.

#### **Effective environmental communications**

This category includes companies that comprehensively improve the environmental and social efficiency of their activities, products and coordinate environmental efforts with various functions in the company.



Delmas M.A., Burbano V. The Drivers of Greenwashing. California management review. 2011. Vol. 54, No. 1. P. 64–87.

### "BAD" techniques of environmental marketing and PR

### Misleading marketing

In their communications, companies rely on the abuse of "ecojargon" to promote falsely eco-labeled goods or services that appeal to the social consciousness of consumers and bring profit

#### **Eco-masking**

Companies focus the attention of consumers on one pressing issue and thus shift the focus from other weaknesses of the company related to the environment and sustainable development

### Environmental claims

This tactic is mainly profit-oriented and serves to take advantage of the consumer-driven impulse of environmental behavior.

Pratiksha Gurung (2020). Why Is Greenwashing Still Trending in 2020? Climate Conscious. Available at: https://medium.com/climate-conscious/why-is-greenwashing-still-trending-in-2020-42cf1fa887e1

Greenwashing is not a driver, but a barrier of sustainable development

It is better to do less, than to tell more

# Some negative examples in Ukraine



Sumy city



Ukrainian Feldman Ecopark



Non eco-friendly traditions

Somewhere a little hedgehog is crying



# Sumy city. Transport city



**Eco-friendly trolleybuses** 

Dangerous and non humanfriendly minibuses



### Sumy program "Two wheels"

The good examples of telling more, than doing

### Ukrainian Feldman Ecopark





# **Plastic Flowers**



### It is not necessity for religious holidays



# We have also positive experience ③







### Sumy National Agrarian University

### Our achievements



#### **Rural Campus setting**

About 12% of campus area is forest vegetation



SNAU has the status of an organic operator for growing plants

# Our achievements



Energy saving light bulbs with motion sensor

Wind Power renewable energy source

International Student friendly environment

# Our bioplastic researches



# Jean Monnet projects



#### **EU CLIMATE LEADERSHIP**

Towards circular economy thinking & ideation in Ukraine according to the EU action plan

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Speeches from speakers Start-ups' success stories presentations Consultations with mentors Projects presentations Evaluation of projects Participants awarding

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PlasticCH2021 aims to consolidate academic and business efforts to find innovative solutions and support the initiatives of innovators in bioplastics development and polymers recycling in compliance with the EU Plastics Strategy and the EU Circular Economy Action Plan

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