Sulitest Version 2 Welcomed by Sustainability Leadership at the 2016 AASHE Conference in Baltimore MD

The new platform for assessing sustainability literacy was unveiled during the annual conference of The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education at its 2016 conference. The Sulitest instrument is designed to create and nurture an awareness of both global and local sustainability challenges and solutions.

Sulitest.org’s innovative method of testing participants’ awareness of sustainability literacy (the “Suli” in “Sulitest”) is closely aligned to the United Nation’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. In its developmental phase, more than 46,000 students from 480 universities across some 50 countries took the Sulitest.

With new features and a new design, this upgraded version received an enthusiastic welcome by the Sulitest community at the AASHE conference. “We have worked hard to integrate most of the comments we received on the pilot version. For instance, the new template now allows candidates to receive feedback after each question, thus improving the learning experience” says Jean-Christophe Carteron, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility at the KEDGE Business School and project lead for Sulitest.org.

“Used at the start of university studies and again at graduation, the Sulitest is a truly useful tool in Higher Education for assessing the effectiveness of an institution’s curricula in terms of promoting sustainability literacy. It’s one of the key reasons AASHE supports the Sulitest as an important tool in the STARS process”, says Chris Pelton, STARS Program Manager at AASHE.

The new version 2 platform also allows users to build in customized modules (for a yearly fee) for improving alignment with institutional priorities. “At the Kedge Business School students have been taking the Sulitest for the past three years in its international and national modules, but this year our faculty have created specific Modules related to their degree programs, such as Responsible finance, Sustainable consumption, and Social entrepreneurship. We now have over 20 different modules available for our students” says Carteron.
AASHE and DANS (Disciplinary Associations Network for Sustainability) lead the American committee for the development of the Sulitest. The AASHE Mission is to inspire and catalyze Higher Education to lead the global sustainability transformation and, to this end, the Sulitest is a useful tool to raise awareness among students, staff, and faculty. Meghan Fay Zahniser Executive Director of AASHE says about the Sulitest “It has the potential to help any Higher Education institution in its journey towards sustainable practice. Our ambition with the Sulitest is to touch many thousands of students in the United States over the next several months in the effort to inspire behavior change within our society”.

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