

## Why Join oikos?

### **1. Engage in a Global Platform for Sustainability in Economics and Management**

oikos members and associates are passionate about sustainability in the field of economics and management. They are able to make use of the broad spectrum of international projects and discussions to contribute to the advancement of sustainability, discover new places and exchange opinions.

### **2. Build Connections**

Individuals involved in oikos have the opportunity to meet people from multiple backgrounds, discuss, learn and exchange ideas with each other. These are essential factors for innovation, one's future and achieving our mission.

### **3. Obtain a Personalised Logo, Website and Emails**

Other than planning and achieving one's projects and goals, oikos gives the possibility to utilize tools that aid the successful execution of your ideas and enhance the reputation of your local chapter.

### **4. Attend oikos International Conferences**

The oikos community hosts an average of five international conferences for its members per year in different regions of the world. The topics dealt with in these conferences relate to sustainability, most often linked to economics and management. oikos members are welcome to attend these meetings at a low expense and are encouraged to discover new cities whilst gaining inspiration.

### **5. Develop Yourself and Learn By Doing**

oikos is concerned with enabling students to develop their capabilities, competences, reflection skills, open-mindedness and so forth. By executing projects, attending oikos events and programmes, oikos members have the opportunity to learn and develop by acting in their fields of interest.

### **6. Have a Fun Experience**

oikos members are usually driven by a concern or passion for sustainability which brings them together and allows them to walk on a journey together. Throughout this journey, the people they meet and the activities they are put in touch with are not only interesting but also fun!

### **7. Develop your Sustainability Knowledge**

By being constantly involved in oikos projects, members enrich themselves and improve their knowledge in the field of sustainability and beyond. oikos attempts to always inspire its members and propose alternative perspectives in order to allow members to reflect and broaden their set of skills and range of competences.

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## **8. Discover Job Opportunities**

By participating to oikos conferences and organizing projects, members automatically confront themselves, speak to and exchange their contacts with business practitioners and academia who can serve as a support in finding current, or future, internships and jobs. The oikos team also constantly posts job or internship opportunities on oikos platforms or oikos thematic platforms.

## **9. Utilize the Support of the oikos Executive Board**

Often when joining organizations or executing a project one may feel lonely and without support. oikos has a very competent, active and passionate Executive Board, elected by the oikos community every year, who is ready to assist you in your activities. The Executive Board also specializes in certain fields, such as website management, communication or impact and do their best to answer questions whenever chapters have any.

## **10. Read the oikos Newsletter**

The oikos newsletter is a monthly publication which include oikos stories and event summaries. You may also find testimonials of oikos alumni or high achieving oikos members who share their experience and lessons. The newsletter is always open to improvement and the Newsteam is open to hearing from members if one has an idea.

## **11. Apply for the Project Development Fund**

oikos offers its chapters to apply for funding for outstanding projects via the Project Development Fund (PDF). By offering this possibility, oikos hopes to encourage the best projects to succeed and the members with an entrepreneurial spirit and an excellent idea to proceed in their path.

## **12. Participate in a Learning Circle**

Since 2014 oikos has implemented Learning Circles. These are highly interactive, participatory structures that enable to organize teamwork in a topic in sustainability. They encourage members of a team, who are passionate about a common topic, to reflect, learn and ultimately act to implement a necessary change in the chosen field. oikos currently has seven Learning Circles.

## **13. Experience an Internship at the oikos Headquarters**

oikos was founded in St. Gallen, Switzerland and that is also where its headquarters are found. oikos gives interested and motivated members the possibility to experience non-paid internships at the oikos headquarters. For more information please contact [president@oikos-international.org](mailto:president@oikos-international.org).

## **14. Become Chapter President and Join a Three-Day Formation**

oikos presidents are invited to join the Presidents' Meeting in Switzerland every November of the year. Presidents who are demonstrating good leadership in their chapter and motivation are hosted free of charge and also partially reimbursed of their travel expenses.

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*For more information: [www.oikos-international.org](http://www.oikos-international.org)*

