



**AURORA**

# Challenges in Europe

## Aurora course for undergraduate students

Are you ready to tackle Europe's biggest sustainability challenges in the 21st century?

In *Challenges in Europe*, students from across Aurora universities collaborate on real-world issues linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Working in international teams, you'll explore case studies, conduct research, and develop practical solutions for a more sustainable Europe.

The course concludes with an **international conference in Amsterdam (3–5 June 2026)**, where students present their projects and exchange ideas for shaping a better future.

Gain skills in: Critical analysis and research, Intercultural collaboration, Written and oral communication

Join us and make your ideas count for a sustainable Europe!

**Applicants should send their Transcript of Records to [aurora-register@uni-due.de](mailto:aurora-register@uni-due.de) with the subject line "Challenges in Europe"**

Further information available in [the Aurora Course Catalogue](#)

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## Course Overview

Students choose one thematic track linked to a specific Sustainable Development Goal. Within small international teams, they:

- Apply theoretical models to real-world challenges
- Explore multiple perspectives on sustainability issues
- Develop and evaluate innovative solutions
- Present findings in both a **research paper** and an **oral presentation**

## Available Tracks 2025-2026

### SUSTAINABLE TOURISM:

After an introduction to tourism, this track explores sustainability through the lens of **theme parks**. Topics include resource and climate efficiency, employee health and safety, and the practices that make tourism more sustainable.

### THE NEW EUROPEAN CITY:

Students examine existing or imagined cities through **contrasting categories** (e.g., public/private, nature/technology). Each team selects a city and a dichotomy to analyze critically using texts and photographs.

### BEYOND NATURE/CULTURE:

This track will use non-anthropocentric and ecofeminist perspectives to study places, people, and the self. We explore embodied writing, other-than human agencies, naturcultural spiritualities, and shepherdesses' uses of communication.

## Key Dates

**Applications:** Open now! First come, first serve

**Teaching:** 15 April – 5 June 2026

**On-site conference in Amsterdam:** 3-5 June 2026



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