

# INTERNATIONAL WEEK ON SUSTAINABILITY

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## STUDENT GUIDE





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## WHAT IS I-WEEK?

An **award-winning course** organised by the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Antwerp. It embeds international exposure and sustainability into your curriculum, offers hands-on learning, and encourages international cooperation and collaboration with fellow students.

Over **five intense days of presentations, discussions and workshops**, you'll engage with international academics, sustainability experts and CEOs. As the centrepiece, you and your international student team will work on a **critical sustainability analysis of an international organisation**.

**450+**

participants

**43**

nationalities

**6**

continents

**25**

partner universities

## Sustainability from different angles

Sustainability is about keeping our economies, society and environment viable in the long run, and sharing resources and opportunities fairly. During I-Week you'll look at it from many angles:

- **Around the world:** how do sustainability challenges differ between countries and regions?
- **Across industries:** what does sustainability mean for a port, a bank or a festival?
- **Inside organisations:** how does it shape marketing, finance, production and strategy?
- **Across disciplines:** how do experts in law, economics, communication, biology and philosophy look at a wicked sustainability problem?

## International context

During I-Week, you will engage in interactive lectures led by international academics and business leaders. They will show you the big sustainability challenges and how organisations tackle them in practice. In smaller workshops, you dig into specific themes, and in your group project, you take a look at a real organisation and analyse how it turns sustainability into strategy.





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### Hybrid format

You can participate in I-Week either fully online or on campus in Antwerp:

- **Fully online:** All sessions will be livestreamed, allowing you to follow everything in real time. Because participants join from many time zones, all sessions are also recorded and made available afterwards, so you can catch up when it suits you.
- **On campus in Antwerp:** You attend every session together in the lecture hall.

Whichever you pick, you're a full member of an international team and follow the same programme.



### PROGRAMME AND WORKLOAD

I-Week takes place from Monday 15 to Friday 19 March 2027 (full-time). Beforehand, you'll attend three online introduction sessions and complete a first self-assessment; a second self-assessment follows afterwards. I-Week is a 3 ECTS course with a workload of  $\pm$  75–90 hours.

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| <b>Before I-Week (online)</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fill in self-assessment 1 by Thursday 25 February</li><li>• Introduction sessions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Thursday 25 February, 4 March and 11 March 2027</li><li>◦ → All sessions: 12:30–14:00 CET</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>During: I-Week (hybrid)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15–19 March 2027, full-time, 9:00–17:00 CET</li><li>• Presentation of group work on Friday 19 March 2027</li></ul>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>After I-Week (online)</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fill in self-assessment 2 by Friday 26 March 2027</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                             |

## BEFORE I-WEEK: ONLINE INTRO SESSIONS (12.30–14.00 CET)

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 25 February<br>Kick-off<br>by I-Week team | Thursday 4 March<br>Intercultural teamwork<br>by Guido De Wilde | Thursday 11 March<br>Group work<br>by I-Week professors |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|

## I-WEEK: 15–19 MARCH 2027

| Time CET      | Monday 15 March<br>On campus - K001 | Tuesday 16 March<br>On campus - K001 | Wednesday 17 March<br>On campus - K001                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thursday 18 March<br>On campus - K001 | Friday 20 March<br>On campus - see schedule | Time CET      |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 9.00          | Welcome session                     | Philippe Weiler                      | Interdisciplinary day<br>Sustainability challenges in airport development                                                                                                                                                  | Wouter Ghyoot                         |                                             | 9.00          |
| 10.00         | Break                               | Break                                | <b>Moderator:</b> Vincent Bellinckx<br><b>Speakers:</b><br>- Sara Bernolet<br>- Wouter Dewulf<br>- Roeland Samson<br>- Esther Van Zimmeren<br>- Kristien Hens<br>- Nathan De Valck<br>- An Wouters<br>- Ruth-Marie Henckes | Break                                 | Presentation slots                          | 10.00         |
| 10.15         | Griet Cattaert                      | TBC<br>Responsible AI                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Louise Alix                           |                                             | 10.15         |
| 11.15         | Break                               | Break                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Break                                 |                                             | 11.15         |
| 11.30         | Ian Williamson                      | Tine Bourgeois                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Wrap-up                               |                                             | 11.30         |
| 12.00         |                                     |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                       | Lunch break                                 | 12.00         |
| 12.30         | Lunch break                         | Lunch break                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Lunch break                           |                                             | 12.30         |
| 13.00         |                                     |                                      | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                       | Presentation slots                          | 13.00         |
| 13.30         |                                     |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Port of Antwerp cruise (on campus)    |                                             | 13.30         |
| 14.00         | Group work with feedback            | Parallel workshops                   | Group work with feedback                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Deep time walk (online)               |                                             | 14.00         |
| 16.30         |                                     |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                       |                                             | 16.30         |
| 17.00         |                                     |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                       |                                             | 17.00         |
| 17.30 - 19.00 | Optional cultural mix and match     |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                       |                                             | 17.30 - 19.00 |



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### HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

#### Group presentation (80%)

You will be assigned to an international group of around 5–6 students (on-campus or hybrid) to work on a presentation about a selected organisation and topic. During the week, dedicated timeslots are reserved to work on the group assignment, along with feedback moments with your supervisor. After I-Week, you will complete a peer evaluation to review everyone's contributions and assess the group dynamic.

#### Individual assignment (20%)

Students participate in two self-assessments on international, intercultural and interdisciplinary competences before and after I-Week. There are no right or wrong answers. The assignment is graded on a pass/fail basis.

| Assessment method                         | Deadline                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Group presentation (80%) with peer review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation: Friday 19 March 2027</li><li>• Peer evaluation: Friday 26 March 2027</li></ul>             |
| Individual assignment (20%)               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self-assessment 1: Thursday 25 February 2027</li><li>• Self-assessment 2: Friday 26 March 2027</li></ul> |

#### Attendance matters

- **Before I-week – Online introduction sessions (25 Feb, 4 and 11 March):** Attendance is important for all three sessions—especially the group-work sessions on 4 and 11 March, as they involve interaction with your group.
- **During I-Week (15–19 March):** Attendance is important. Your understanding of the sessions and the link to your group work is discussed during the final presentation on Friday, 19 March and affects your score. Online participants who miss a session (time zone, connection...) can watch the recording, ideally within 24 hours.
- **Feedback sessions with supervisor (15 and 17 March) and the group presentation (19 March):** Attendance is required. If you are not present during these sessions without notice before the start of the session, you could be removed from the group, and thus cannot pass this course.

#### Certificate and grading

Your home university receives your certificate and detailed grades by 1 May 2027, and will share the personal certificate with you.



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### INTERESTED IN JOINING?

#### Conditions

To participate in I-Week, you need to be:

- fluent in English, both written and spoken;
- selected and nominated by your home university by **1 December 2026**;
- available during the introduction sessions and the I-Week.

#### What are the next steps?

##### October - November



#### Selection

- Take part in your home university's nomination process.
- Once you're selected, your home university sends us your contact details (deadline 1 December 2026).

##### December - February



#### Onboarding

- Complete our registration form to confirm your participation (deadline 14 December 2026).
- The I-Week team emails all students information about the programme.
- You'll get step-by-step guidance to join our platform, where you'll find all the course material.

##### February - March



#### Start I-Week

- Complete self-assessment 1 (deadline 25 February 2027).
- Attend the introduction sessions and meet your group members.
- Enjoy I-Week!

**Important for all students:** Only after completing all three steps you will be officially admitted to I-Week! Please regularly check your email at the address you provided. Please use the official email address from your home institution.

**Important for on-campus students:** check passport and visa requirements with your home university and country. Our team can provide an invitation letter on request via [Iweek@uantwerp.be](mailto:Iweek@uantwerp.be).





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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION (ON-CAMPUS PARTICIPATION)

### Campus

I-Week takes place at the City Campus (CST), Aula Rector Dhanis (S.K.001), Kleine Kauwenberg 14, 2000 Antwerp.

### Travelling to Antwerp

Antwerp is located in the centre of Belgium and is very easy to reach:

- **By train:** International railway lines link Brussels and Antwerp to several other major European cities. Did you know Antwerp Central Station was once named the world's most beautiful railway station?
- **By bus:** Eurolines and Flixbus buses also frequently pass Antwerp, which might be the cheapest option to get to the city.
- **By plane:** The international airport of Brussels (Zaventem) is the most frequently used airport to Antwerp, but students might also consider the low-cost airport of Brussels South or the very nearby airport of Antwerp itself.

More info: [travel info UAntwerp](#)





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### Accommodation in Antwerp

These are suggestions from previous participants. We have not personally verified these accommodations and cannot be held accountable for their quality. Please verify the suitability of each location (particularly proximity to campus) and book directly.

Price guide:

- € 30–50
- €€ 50–105
- €€€ 105+

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hostels              | <a href="#">The Ash</a> (dorms € and private rooms €€) – <a href="#">Youth Hostel Pulcinella</a> (dorms € and private rooms €€) – <a href="#">Hostel Antwerp Central</a> (dorms € and private rooms €€) – <a href="#">YUST Antwerp</a> (dorms € and private rooms €€€) – <a href="#">Viktoria Hostel</a> (dorms € and private rooms €€) |
| Hotels €             | <a href="#">Hotel Rubenshof</a> – <a href="#">Hotel Jamingo</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Hotels €€            | <a href="#">BANKS Hotel</a> – <a href="#">B&amp;B Hotel Antwerp Centre</a> – <a href="#">Citybox</a> – <a href="#">Ibis Antwerp Centre</a> – <a href="#">Ibis Budget Central Station</a> – <a href="#">Holiday Inn Express North</a> – <a href="#">Hotel Docklands</a> – <a href="#">Motel One Antwerp</a>                              |
| Hotels €€/€€€        | <a href="#">Prize by Radisson Antwerp City</a> – <a href="#">Van der Valk Hotel Antwerpen</a> – <a href="#">YAYS Antwerp Opera by Numa</a>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Hotels €€€           | <a href="#">A-stay</a> – <a href="#">P6</a> – <a href="#">YAYS</a> – <a href="#">Leonardo Hotel Antwerp The Plaza</a> – <a href="#">Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel</a> – <a href="#">Hilton Antwerp Old Town</a>                                                                                                                             |
| Studios / apartments | <a href="#">Airbnb</a> – <a href="#">City Apartment Antwerp</a> €€                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

More info: [Short-term accommodation in Antwerp](#)

**We look forward to welcoming you. In case of questions, don't hesitate to reach out!**



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