**Why UN SDG goals**

With the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as an *international orientation framework* and in the light of global challenges such as poverty, migration, climate and global conflicts, the ‘VUB’ is not only challenged to turn the students into *global citizens* who are critical and resilient in life, but also to assume their social responsibility globally.

The great merit of the SDGs, compared to the Millennium Development Goals, is that it is internationally recognized that many societal challenges can no longer be considered "problems in or of developing countries", but are a *shared responsibility of everyone*. The problems and their causes are global. Solutions must therefore be devised internationally, from a *global vision, and with a local approach*.

How do universities help the SDGs?

VUB University engagement consists of Knowledge, Learning, Demonstration, Impact and Collaboration. The university provides research on and education for the SDGs through their Capacity Building. Creates current and future implementers, demonstrates how to support adopt and implement the SDGs in governance, operations and culture (mindset and attitude). Develops cross-sectoral, leadership to guide the SD-goal response.

Roadmap to be tailored to the VUB – PhD Community research with your input’ !