



Advancing a more sustainable future through interdisciplinary research, policy development, and a focus on individual practices

SustainERA

ERA CHAIR IN SUSTAINABLE FUTURES



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Technological solutions, often emphasised by governmental and international strategies, are not sufficient on their own to achieve sustainability. Sustainable transitions require changes in people's behaviours, values, and ways of thinking, alongside changes in societal structures and policies.

Running from 2025 to 2029, the ERA Chair in Sustainable Futures (SustainERA) project combines high-level research with the development of innovative solutions to promote sustainable mindsets and practices. By bringing together expertise from multiple disciplines and fostering international collaboration, the project also aims to strengthen Tallinn University's research excellence and capacity.

To achieve its two main goals- to **build research capacity at Tallinn University and establish an Open Lab for Sustainable Futures Research** the project, during its first reporting period (01.01.2025-31.03.2026):

- established and expanded its interdisciplinary research team;
- developed research frameworks around sustainable futures, post-growth and individual behaviour;
- began research into sustainable education, sustainability transitions, public attitudes and sustainable practices;
- built an international network through research talks, events and collaborations;
- began producing academic publications.

Selected achievements from the first reporting period—building further research, outputs, partnerships, and impact towards 2029:

€852,560
funding acquired

103
stakeholders engaged

16
researchers in the team

6
open lab activities completed

3
international journal articles published

4
doctoral projects started



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Expected impact:

- Stronger sustainability research at Tallinn University
- Better evidence for policymakers
- Improved sustainability education
- Greater public awareness and more sustainable behaviour
- Closer cooperation among universities, government, businesses, and communities
- A stronger role for Tallinn University as a centre of sustainable-futures research