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# A library contribution to a sustainable university - Objectives and thoughts

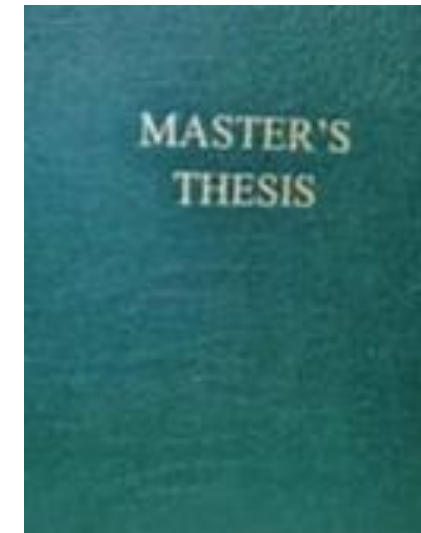
# 1. A university strategic plan : sustainability and corporate responsibility

- Plan defining objectives and actions for the 2024-2027 period
- 5 topics, each of them broken down into 4 objectives:
  - University strategy
  - Teaching and training
  - Research
  - Sustainable campus
  - Social policy and working conditions
- Where is the library? Identified as actor for 2 topics
  - Teaching and training
  - Research



# The library: contributing to teaching and training goals

- Supporting and promoting student initiatives linked to ecological and social transition
- The library part: collecting, indexing, giving access to Master-level students works (Master thesis or any kind of collective work).
- Possible actions:
  - Systematically collecting numerical Master thesis and putting them as much as possible on open access
  - Exhibiting students' works in the library
  - Promoting these works on social networks and web site
- Having a particular focus on works dealing with SDG



# The library: supporting research

- Identifying and supporting the works and initiatives of research units in the field of ecological and social transition
- The library part: contributing to creating a map of publications and research projects
  - This project of map has been presented in Scientific Council as a project for 2025
  - It should align with the teachings map based on the 17 UN SDG
  - The library will have to work on keywords describing publications available in our national open archive HAL
- Developing interactions between science and society
  - Every action linked to open science is included



What the plan does NOT identify as a library contribution : Promoting an ethical and responsible research  
Library training sessions for PhD candidates on open science fit in this item

## 2. Internal thoughts, leads to build on to make professional practices more sustainable

- Libraries action fits in SDG #4 (Quality education) and #3 (Good health and well-being)
- *For a strong engagement of libraries in ecological transition, brochure gathering thoughts about possible actions of libraries to reach sustainability*



Pour un engagement fort des bibliothèques dans la transition écologique



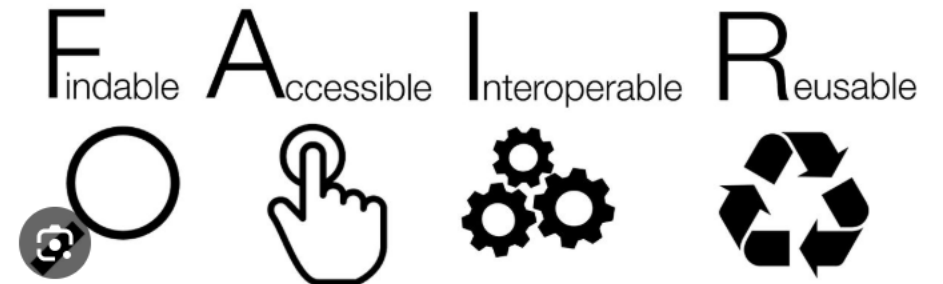
# Sharing and reusing

- **Documentary policy and collections management**

- Purchasing documentation dealing with ecology and sustainability
  - Thinking about our practice for protecting books (plastic covers, stamps, labels on books)
  - Recycling books, donating them to associations
  - Engaging in networks to share documentation (e.g. disciplinary plans of shared preservation of journals)
- Then updating our documentation policy document by integrating this sustainable dimension

- **Digital sobriety**

- Improving our website : more inclusivity, optimization of pages
- Managing metadata to avoid duplicates
- Putting forward FAIR principles to facilitate reuse of data sets
- Sharing data storage



# Raising awareness on eco responsibility

- Conception of eco responsible services meeting user needs
  - Recycled paper
  - Waste sorting
  - Ecological markers for whiteboards
  - Putting into practice a project of dynamic postures to fight sedentary lifestyles and relaxation moves to ease long periods of work in the library (balloon seats, videos ...)
- Being eco aware in our everyday work
  - Reuse of furniture
  - Use of eco cups
  - Waste sorting ...



Eventually integrating sustainability in the library strategic plan

**Thank you!**  
**Any question?**

