

# Transition Ghent University, Innovation Think Tank for Sustainable Development

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**Abstract:**

Transitie UGent is a group of around 200 staff members, students and external stakeholders who are engaged in sustainable development at our university. They form an open innovation network, bringing together knowledge workers, policy managers, dreamers and doers from all disciplines. To launch and develop new ideas. To think and to act.

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**Description:**

In 2012 and 2013, Transitie UGent developed transition pathways for the themes of mobility, energy, purchase and waste management, food, green space, water, education and research. The think tank formulated a lot of iconic projects and actions and published everything in a memorandum 'Transitie UGent, samen voor een duurzame universiteit' (Transition UGent, together for a sustainable university). Meanwhile, several proposals from the memorandum have been picked up or started successfully. Buoyed up by such enthusiasm, Ghent University also endorsed an ambitious sustainability vision. The dynamics which Transitie UGent managed to bring about is very apparent in the sustainability report and the latest memorandum of Transitie UGent.

With Transitie UGent we want to enhance our profile as an open innovation network. We continue to organise arena meetings to bring together creative spirits, experts, policy makers, dreamers and doers. We aim to further refine the proposed transition pathways with new and additional proposals and to keep the dynamics going.