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17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 17

Partnerships for the Goals

Partnerships multiply ORT's impact. The university works with more than 230 universities and organizations in 38 countries, with government, multilateral agencies and civil society, and it reports publicly on its progress towards every SDG.

18

new international agreements signed in 2025

230+

partner universities and organizations in 38 countries

331

students in international mobility (incoming and outgoing)

TEACHING & LEARNING

International mobility

128 international students took courses at ORT and 50 more came through the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC); 153 ORT students studied abroad.

Education for the SDGs

Courses such as Communication for Impact, Human Development and Sustainability (SDGs and the 2030 Agenda) and the Final Integrative Project in Design, which requires justifying projects against SDG targets.

A university-wide commitment to SDG education

The Sustainability Committee created in 2025 brings together representatives of all five schools and the Institute of Education to strengthen the integration of sustainability and the SDGs into undergraduate and postgraduate education, research, outreach and institutional management, covering environmental management, climate change, the circular economy, sustainable design, social responsibility, governance and inclusion; Sustainable Campus initiatives connect this education with everyday campus life. ort.edu.uy/novedades/comite-de-sostenibilidad

Outreach education with the community

With ReachingU Foundation, ORT awarded 40 fully funded scholarships for teachers and school leaders from vulnerable communities in a certificate on transformational leadership; 36 completed it. ie.ort.edu.uy/novedades/liderar-para-transformar

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Research networks

ORT co-ordinates FLAVO-GREEN in Latin America with Spain's CSIC, and the Institute of Education is the Uruguayan member of an 11-university comparative study of education policy in MERCOSUR countries against SDG 4, funded by Brazil's National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), with partners in Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Argentina. ie.ort.edu.uy/novedades/investigacion-en-red-que-fortalece-la-coope...

CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Reporting on the SDGs

This report publishes ORT's 2025 progress on each of the 17 SDGs; each chapter is also issued as a stand-alone SDG report.

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

Universities for Sustainability Network

On 1 December 2025 ORT became a founding member of the Red de Universidades por la Sostenibilidad (UNIS), the first inter-institutional alliance in Uruguay on sustainability and the circular economy in higher education, together with CLAEH, Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Universidad de la Empresa, Universidad de Montevideo and the Technological University (UTEC); Vice-Rector Dr. Pablo Landoni signed the founding document. ort.edu.uy/novedades/red-de-universidades-por-la-sostenibilidad

Working with NGOs and government

The Faculty of Design collaborated with B'nai B'rith, an international social organization, and the National Road Safety Unit (Unasev) on the Mayo Amarillo road-safety campaign: Graphic Design and Digital Design students created posters and animated videos in their Design 3 course, combining academic learning with public awareness materials; the awards ceremony was held on 30 June. fd.ort.edu.uy/novedades/se-celebro-una-nueva-premiacion-de-mayo-ama...

New international agreements

18 agreements were signed in 2025 with institutions in Brazil (FGV São Paulo School of Economics, Unicamp, Belas Artes), Canada (Concordia), Chile (Talca), Cyprus, South Korea (Jeonbuk), Spain (EINA, Francisco de Vitoria, Alfonso X el Sabio), France (Cnam-Enjmin), Israel (Tel Aviv University and its Coller School of Management), Italy (IULM), the United Kingdom (Huddersfield) and the United States (Greensboro College). The Tel Aviv accelerated master's includes sustainable development and climate change.

Erasmus+ and European networks

Three Erasmus+ KA171 mobility projects were approved with Bratislava's Academy of Fine Arts and Design and Tampere University of Applied Sciences; ORT joined the GEMINAE network of UNITA.

Projects for Peace

For the third consecutive year ORT partnered with Middlebury College, and it was selected again for 2026. ort.edu.uy/novedades/universidad-ort-uruguay-participa-en-projects-...

With multilateral agencies

UNEP (planetary crisis event), UNICEF (Dominican Republic secondary education), the Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI) and UNESCO (regional report contributions), and a new UNESCO–ORT challenge with 50% postgraduate scholarships on creativity for sustainable futures. ort.edu.uy/novedades/universidad-ort-uruguay-lanza-una-beca-concurs...

Cross-sector dialogue on the SDGs

The Academic Vice Dean of the School of Management took part in Expo Uruguay Sostenible 2025 and in the PRME (Principles for Responsible Management Education) Latin America and Caribbean meeting in Medellín (November 2025), where his paper on university innovation centres as drivers of SDG-aligned entrepreneurship received the best research paper award and ORT was presented as host of the next regional meeting. facs.ort.edu.uy/novedades/vicedecano-academico-en-expo-sostenible-2...

16 course offerings linked to SDG 17 in 2025

- Marketing digital (Management)
- Supply Chain Management (Dirección de Operaciones (Management)
- Taller 3 (Architecture)
- Comunicación de impacto, desarrollo humano y sostenibilidad (Communication)
- Diseño Editorial 3 (Design)
- Proyecto integrador (4097) (Design)
- Dirección de Negocios Sostenibles (Management)
- Procesos Migratorios Contemporáneos (Management)
- Diseño 3 (Design)

Partnerships that multiply impact



Rector Jorge Grünberg speaking on generative AI in education at the World ORT Council of Representatives, Paris, May 2025.

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International partnerships grew with 18 agreements signed in 2025 and three Erasmus+ KA171 mobility projects. Through an accelerated programme with Tel Aviv University, ORT students can begin master's studies that include sustainable development and climate change. ORT took part in Projects for Peace with Middlebury College for the third year, was selected again for 2026, and as a member of World ORT, the international education network founded in 1880, its Rector addressed the network's Council of Representatives in Paris.

Research networks connect ORT with the region: the Institute of Education is the Uruguayan member of an 11-university study of education policy in MERCOSUR countries against SDG 4, funded by Brazil's National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq).

ORT also works with multilateral agencies: UNEP, UNICEF, the Organization of Ibero-American States and UNESCO, with which it launched in December a challenge offering 50% postgraduate scholarships for proposals on creativity as a driver of sustainable, diverse and inclusive futures. At the PRME Latin America and Caribbean meeting, ORT's paper on university innovation centres as drivers of SDG-aligned entrepreneurship received the best research paper award.

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