

Appendix no. 2 Submission form Student and PhD Student Participatory Budget Edition 2025 – "Ecological innovations"

Project title: "Second-Life Station" at SGH

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Why is the project important? (no more than 100 words)

Many students struggle with a limited budget and often buy things they use only for a short time, such as textbooks or accessories for their dormitories. At the same time, many of these still-usable items are thrown away at the end of the semester. The Second-Life Station helps solve both of these problems. It gives a space for students and doctoral students to exchange stuff they no longer need. The idea is simple: take what you need, leave what you don't. This promotes environment-friendly habits, reinforces our community, and helps SGH to take meaningful student-driven actions towards sustainability.

Project description (no more than 250 words)

The Second-Life Station will be a static exchange point located in a visible and easily accessible spot within SGH. Students and doctoral students will be able to leave and exchange things they do not need anymore, such as books, office supplies, dormitory furnishings, or electronic equipment. The space will feature simple shelves, boxes, and information placards. A team of volunteers will take care of the space, keeping it in order and providing a relevant selection of items. Before the project launches, there will be an information campaign with posters, posts on social media, and e-mails. The project will also be presented during School events and adaptation days.

The initiative supports the SGH community by promoting the reuse of items, reducing expenses for students, and minimising waste.

This is a simple and affordable way to bring sustainability into everyday academic life and to foster relationships between students.

Simplified cost estimate - 15 200 PLN

- Renovation of and equipment for the space: 7 500 PLN (*Furniture, shelves, environment-friendly painting, energy-efficient lighting, and installation costs*).
- Storage: 3 700 PLN (Lockers or closed shelves to store and keep excessive items in order).
- Promotional campaign: 1 000 PLN (*Posters, social media content, label design, proenvironmental gadgets to promote and stimulate engagement*).

- Sorting and labelling system: 500 PLN (*Labelled containers and plates to facilitate the correct use of the space*).
- Maintenance and cleaning agents: 700 PLN (*Materials to regularly clean and seasonally refresh the station*).
- Starter packs for volunteers: 800 PLN (*Courtesy gifts for volunteers supporting the management of the space (such as snacks, reusable water bottles, eco-sets or items with the SGH logo*).
- Provision: 1000 PLN (Funds for unexpected expenditure or additional improvements).