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Launch event of the DECODE Council for Sustainable Development

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In the official launch event, **Prof. Charles Hopkins** (UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Education towards Sustainability at York University) will deliver a presentation as a **guest speaker**. He is known for his wide expertise and work on a range of topics from quality education to educating for global citizenship and educating for a sustainable future.

Participants will also have the chance to learn more about the **Council's initiative** and share insights on how the Council can contribute to embedding sustainable development in their academic units. In addition, we will share several key insights from the surveys to deans (HEI Sustainability Analysis), that have been carried out in the framework of the DECODE project, with a more extensive overview in a follow-up seminar.

The event will be attended only by registered founding members of the DECODE project. The Council is open to new deans and heads of academic units or others responsible for driving sustainable development at the management level from around Europe. To become a founding council member, please fill in the form [here](#). Get to know more about the DECODE project: www.decode-council.org

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