

## UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/2017

University of Zurich

Switzerland

During the 2016/2017 reporting period, University of Zurich undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

### 1) [Project "Refugees@UZH"](#) addressing UNAI principles 4, 5, 6 and 7

In 2017, University of Zurich (UZH) started a 2-years pilot project that aims to support refugees who wish to continue their studies or research activities in Switzerland. The pilot project includes various activities, e.g. a "discovery semester" for refugees.

The discovery semester enables refugees to attend lectures as auditors and experience student life at the University of Zurich. The aim is to give refugees the chance to gain an understanding of the course programs and requirements for studying in Switzerland. Participants do not have to pay study fees and receive support from an assigned student mentor. They can further improve their language skills at the language center and participate in various social events.



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Another measurement within the Refugees@UZH project is UZH's membership with Scholars at Risk (<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>) and related awareness raising activities. For example, UZH organized on 15 May 2017 a public talk with a at risk scholar on the topic "Academic Repression in Turkey and Being a Scholar at Risk". UZH is also among the founding members of the 2017 founded Swiss section of [Scholars at Risk](#).

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## 2) Sustainability Week : 6-11 March 2017

In coordination with other local universities, students of UZH organized the fifth yearly Sustainability Week. A Sustainability Week means that during one week all participating institutions become a think tank for sustainability. The Sustainability Week raises awareness for issues related to sustainable development through various public events like lectures, panel discussions, workshops etc.

Links: <http://www.uzh.ch/en.html>