

BUP Teachers Course 2018-2019 Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Higher Education



Aims

How to better implement the Sustainable Development Goals in the learning methods in Higher Education. The course will support the university teachers to integrate the UN Sustainable Development Goals into their own practical teaching, courses and study programmes. The emphasis is especially to strengthen the goals # 4 - “Quality education”, # 12 - “Responsible consumption and production”, and # 13 – “Climate action”. The course includes facts in sustainability issues, with an emphasis on teaching methodology. *I.e.* e-learning, peer learning and work with a Change project.

Date

September 2018 – March 2019 (online and two workshops)

- Online material and exercises and discussions in small groups
- Two workshops in real life
 - o 27-30.10 2018 in Łódź, Poland
 - o Winter 2019 (time and place to be decided during the first workshop)
- Preparation and presentation of a Change project

Content

The course consists of five cycles. The participants will get an introduction to and use different methods and processes applied in the course cycles.

Each participant will develop a so-called Change project during the course. The Change project is based on an already existing course, study programme or a future teaching experience. The idea is to change the content in a way to better integrate the ESD. The planning and implementation of the Change project will be the main outcome of the course. All the participants will have support of a critical friend and peer reviews via Moodle and during the workshops.

- **Cycle 1.** E-learning on the Moodle platform. Introduction to sustainability and ESD. Preliminary planning of the Change project (1 month, September – October 2018).
- **Cycle 2.** Workshop I on SD issues and ESD methodology. Presentation of the plans and further development of the Change project (October, 27-30.10.2018 in Łódź, Poland).
- **Cycle 3.** Development of the Change project at the home university. Preparation for presentation of the change project (*i.e.* implementation plan, teaching and learning methods). (November 2018 – February 2019).
- **Cycle 4.** Workshop II on critical reflection. Presentation, reporting and peer learning with the course participants. Discussion how to take the Change project forward. (3 days in March 2019, date and location open).

- **Cycle 5.** Post course work in implementation of the Change project at the home university. There is an opportunity to publish the project reports at the BUP website and/or a scientific journal.

A first introduction to the course by Dr Shepard Urenje is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXRDAm6g_MM&feature=youtu.be.

Credits

A complete fulfillment of the course will generate a diploma/certificate corresponding to 5 ECTS by the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Åbo Akademi University, Finland. The international board of BUP also approves the course.

Target group

Educators, teachers, and researchers in Higher Education within the Baltic University Programme network. Applicants from universities and polytechnics outside the BUP are also welcome. Persons from the BUP member universities will have priority.

Costs

The course is free of charge (incl. accommodation and meals) for teachers from the BUP member universities. A course fee of 800 euro per person (incl. accommodation and meals) applies for other participants. Please see the updated list of [BUP Member Universities](#) on the BUP web site. However, *all* the participants cover their travel costs themselves.

Application form

<https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/10203/lomake.html>

Application deadline

10.8.2018

Participation criteria

A *short motivation* for participation in the course (approx. 3000-4000 characters) and a preliminary description of the Change project (approx. 1000-2000 characters). The requests are part of the application form.

We are aiming for a broad international touch with as many countries and universities represented as possible. However, we encourage 2-3 persons from the same university/institution to apply. The total number of participants is limited to 30.

Course teachers

EdD Shepherd Urenje, SWEDESD - Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University. Dr Urenje is an experienced specialist in Nonprofit Organisations, Sustainable Development, Analytical Skills, Coaching, and Lecturing.

PhD Cecilia Lundberg, Centre for Lifelong Learning at Åbo Akademi University, Finland. Dr Lundberg is a marine biologist with the Baltic Sea eutrophication as the research specialty. She has an examination in team coaching and is today working at the BUP Associate Secretariat in Finland, among other projects.

MSc Sinikka Suomalainen, Centre for Lifelong Learning at Åbo Akademi University, Finland.
Planning officer in education, mainly environmental and sustainability related e-learning courses. Working in the team at the BUP Associate Secretariat in Finland.

Course organiser

[Baltic University Programme](#),

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Contact

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