



INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS

to the up-coming course:

“BUP Teachers Course on Education for Sustainable Development in Higher Education”

Apply by June 20! – The course begins in September 2017

September 2017 – February 2018 (online and two face-to-face events)

A new BUP course – following BUP Teachers’ recommendations

The BUP university teachers’ competence development conferences on education for sustainable development (ESD) have been organized since 2004, by the Finnish BUP centre at Åbo Akademi University. Following recent suggestions by the participating teachers, we have now developed a larger course, which in addition to sustainability themes also includes methodology, such as e-learning, peer learning and a change project. After a successful fulfilment of the course, the participants will receive a diploma/certificate corresponding to 5 credits by the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Åbo Akademi University, Finland. The BUP International Board has approved this course concept.

Aims of the New BUP Teachers’ course on ESD in Higher Education

The aim is to support university teachers to integrate sustainable development priorities into their teaching and courses/programmes, to strengthen the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development goals; e.g. Goal 4, which seeks to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all”, Goal 13 “take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts” and Goal 12 “ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns”.

Course contents and learning cycles

The participants will be introduced to and use different methods and processes which are applied in the course cycles. Each participant will develop a change project on integrating ESD in current and future teaching and learning. The planning and implementation of the change project will be the main outcome of the course. The introductory film to the course by Dr Shepard Urenje is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXRDAm6g_MM&feature=youtu.be. The course cycles include an introductory e-learning course on SD in Moodle and two face-to-face seminars and workshops. During the course, the participants will have mentor support and peer reviews via Moodle and on the workshops.

The BUP Course on ESD consists of the following 5 cycles:

Cycle 1. E-learning: Introductory course on Sustainability, ESD (Moodle). Planning the change project (1 month, September – October 2017).

Cycle 2. Workshop on SD issues and ESD methodology. Development of the change project (October, 22-26.10.2017 in Kaunas, Lithuania, in connection the BUP teachers conference).

Cycle 3. Development the change project at the home university (f.eg. with a local team of colleagues and students). Preparation of report/poster/ppts with a plan to implement a course or programme on a sustainability related theme, including the teaching and learning methods, in your university (Nov-Feb).

Cycle 4. Workshop. Critical reflection – taking the Change Project forward. Reporting and peer learning with the course participants (3 days workshop February 2018, location open).

Cycle 5. After the course: Implementation of the change project at home university. An opportunity to publish the project reports at BUP website and/or a scientific journal.

The course phases 1-4: September 2017 – February 2018 (online work via Moodle and two face-to-face events)

Target group: university educators /teachers/researchers from the Baltic University Programme network. Applicants from other higher education institutes are also welcome. Applicants 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 all other teachers.

All teachers however cover their travel costs themselves. Please see the updated list of [BUP Member Universities](#) on the BUP web site.

Application

The application deadline is 20 June 2017. Kindly fill in the application form:

<https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/8799/lomake.html>

Participants will be accepted according to the following criteria: a) a short motivation for participation in the course and preliminary plan for the change project, b) representation of many countries and universities, to secure the international nature of the course. We encourage two or more persons from the same university/institution to apply.

The number of participants is limited to 30.

Do not hesitate to contact the Finnish BUP Centre if you have any further questions:

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BUP the Baltic University Programme <http://www.balticuniv.uu.se>

The Finnish BUP Centre <http://www.bup.fi/>

SWEDES Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development

<http://www.swedesd.uu.se/>

