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The Europeanization of Public Policies in Albania (EPPAL)

Workshop: Education, Policy Development and awareness in Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management in in the framework of EU agenda

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Education system and Climate Change

- Education systems face challenges and opportunities due to climate change.
- Challenges include interruptions in teaching, safety concerns for students and teachers, displacement, and economic impacts.
- Education is a powerful tool for addressing climate change by raising awareness, fostering critical thinking, and promoting behavior change.
- It cultivates responsibility and solidarity, motivating collective efforts for mitigation and adaptation.
- Climate change awareness in the Western Balkans is still developing, with only 49% of citizens considering it a serious problem according to a 2023 Balkan Barometer survey.
- Proper information and effective public participation are crucial for green transition and socio-economic recovery.
- Initiatives enhancing understanding and awareness of environmental and climate science are needed.

Need for cultivating resilience

1. A significant gap between climate and sustainability education exists between the EU and the Western Balkans, as highlighted in a recent needs analysis.
2. Review of EU programs revealed over 107 education programs focused on resilience and risk management, often interdisciplinary in nature, integrating technical elements with economics, finance, and insurance.
3. Holloway (2014) identified approximately 100 master's level programs in sustainability across 48 countries, covering topics such as climate change, disaster risks, sustainability, and resilience.
4. However, education programs in the Western Balkans often lack inclusion of topics related to green economy, climate change adaptation, energy markets, and sustainability governance, with insufficient graduates to meet regional needs.
5. Higher education curricula in the Western Balkans have undergone significant revision since the post-communist era to align with the principles of the Bologna Process, with support from the EU.

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Practices
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- Reforming traditional programs of studies
- Interfaculty collaboration
- Interinstitutional collaboration
- Interdisciplinary research and studies
 - More than 5 European funded projects mainstreaming resilience into Faculty of Economy Curricula

Climate, energy and disaster knowledge in the framework of EU Integration

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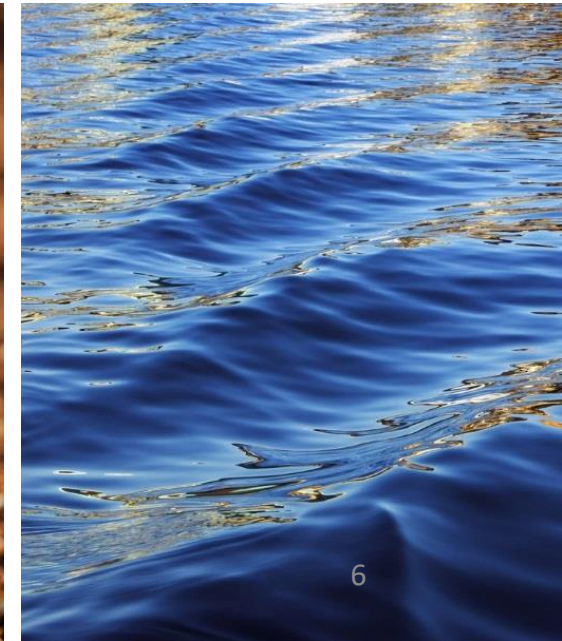
*Enhancing knowledge of EU green finance policies in insurance and business valuation
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ESG innovations and challenges in Albania and Region





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Sustainable Living Labs for Regional Entrepreneurial Cooperation (GreenWB).

- Sustainable Living Labs for Regional Entrepreneurial Cooperation (GreenWB)
- Erasmus+
- November 2023-November 2026
- The main objective of the project is to support green innovation and entrepreneurial skills of students in higher education, relying on entrepreneurial capacities and innovative Universities through 'Living Labs', as well as increasing their growth with businesses, giving them the role central. in the regional innovation ecosystem.

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Specific Objectives



SO1: Establish Knowledge Hubs for Climate and Sustainability (KHCS) within each WBC HEIs



SO2: Mainstream climate and sustainability culture within WBC HEIs



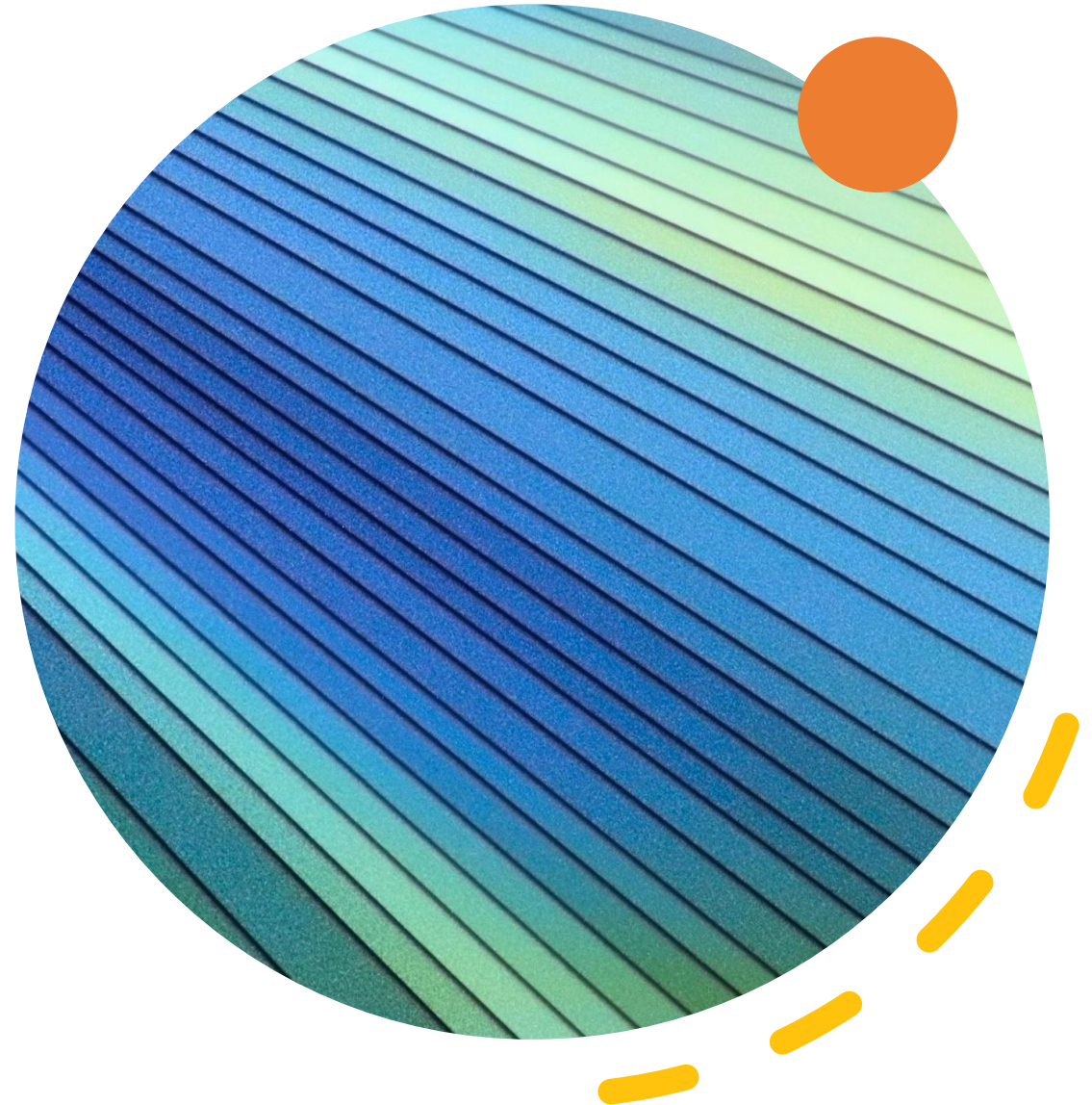
SO3: Raise awareness of staff and student community on the needs for climate action within HEIs



SO4: Increase Synergies between academia, business sector and government for implementing joint initiatives for climate and sustainability



SO5: Reinforcement of networking and collaboration between staff and student communities of WBC and EU about climate and sustainability actions



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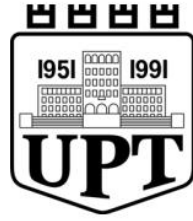
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