

## About the project

Economic and social development are widely affected by the impacts of climate change. Higher education system needs to raise capacities and interdisciplinary knowledge for a sustainable and resilient society, able to build back better our vulnerable economies. This proposal is relevant to the objectives and activities of Strand II CBHE action of the Erasmus + Program. It is based on identified needs analysis performed in each of the target countries of Region 1. The wider aim and the specific objectives of the project are in line with "Green Deal" EU overarching priority, as a project that supports action within higher education systems for creating climate resilient communities.



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# Aim of the project

The project aims to mainstream a holistic approach to climate and sustainability action. It targets the need for movement within the higher education system in the Western Balkans Region to contribute to the green transition and increase competencies and awareness about climate and sustainability. This project also aims to develop a collaborative network of interdisciplinary engagement between Western Balkans and EU universities to promote sustainability culture and climate action.





The project's short-term impact is tangible metrics in each WBC HEI. When WBC HEIs launch upgraded courses and Hubs, staff and students will be seeing project goals achieved. Updated courses and short intense courses in each HEI will enhance climate and sustainability awareness in HEI communities. The Hub will be a venue for students and staff to share ideas, generate case studies, and start research.

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### **Project Goals**

The wider aim of the project is to improve regional capacities in implementing Green Deal goals within the higher education system, initiating action towards the environment, climate change, sustainability, and resilience. In addition, the following specific objectives are developed.

SOI: 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: Reinforce the networking and collaboration between staff and student communities of WBC and EU about climate and sustainability actions

# **Partners**



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#### THE PROJECT

Project Title: jOiNEd For sUsTainability – bUilding climate REsilient communities in WB and EU Acronym: IFUTURE Project Number: 101082815-ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE-STRAND-2 EU overarching priority: the Green Deal (climate change, environment, and energy) Geographical targets: multicountry project Number of Partners: 18 Number of countries: 8 Start-End : 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2026