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FROM KNOWLEDGE TO IMPACT: 1FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS IN SUSTAINABILITY AND RESEARCH



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Discover how the 1FUTURE International Symposium highlights achievements and future collaborations. It was dedicated to green academic initiatives, showcasing projects and research that promote sustainability, climate resilience, and innovation. The 1FUTURE Project was highlighted for its role in strengthening academia-business collaboration and advancing interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability.

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Special attention was given to the 1FUTURE digital platform — an innovative tool designed to strengthen academic cooperation, advance green research, and foster dialogue between universities and external stakeholders across the Western Balkans.



<u>1FUTURE DIGITAL PLATFORM: A /IRTUAL SPACE FOR FOSTERING</u> ACADEMIA-BUSINES DIALOGUE



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1FUTURE PROJECT CONCLUDES THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON BRIDGING RESEARCH BETWEEN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA FOR A GREENER TOMORROW



With great success, the IFUTURE Team concluded the International Symposium "Bridging Research Between Business and Academia for a Greener Tomorrow", marking one of the most significant events of the #IFUTURE project.

As the project nears completion, the symposium served as a platform to present achievements, promote collaborative research, and highlight the results of over two years of dedicated work by all partner institutions.

The event reflected the strong commitment and shared vision of the 1FUTURE consortium toward sustainability, innovation, and academic-business collaboration. Warm appreciation was extended to the University of Montenegro team for their outstanding organization and coordination, ensuring the symposium's success.

The IFUTURE network continues to grow, inspiring new partnerships and leading to future initiatives supporting a greener, more resilient tomorrow.







BUILDING CAPACITIES AND INTERDISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT SOCIETY

>>> RETHINKING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT: LECTURE ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN BUILDINGS

Prof. Dr. Mirjana Laban, member of the 1FUTURE project team from the University of Novi Sad, played an active role in promoting sustainability and climate-resilient development through academic initiatives across the Western Balkans. She presented the 1FUTURE Project at the 21st International Symposium of the Macedonian Association of Structural Engineers (MASE), held in Ohrid, North Macedonia, where she highlighted the project's achievements in curriculum revision, staff training, development of teaching materials, and the creation of the 1FUTURE Platform — designed to connect academia, students, and businesses for sustainable and innovative solutions.

Earlier, as part of Work Package 4, Prof. Laban delivered a lecture on Circular Economy in Buildings at Luarasi University in Tirana, engaging undergraduate and postgraduate students in discussions on material reuse, life-cycle thinking, and sustainable construction practices. The session encouraged a forwardlooking mindset and practical approaches to advancing a circular, resource-efficient built environment.

SPOTLIGHTS ON OPEN LECTURES









<u>1FUTURE PROJECT FEATURED AT INFO DAY ON GREEN INITIATIVES AT THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA</u>



HIGHLIGHTING THE GREEN AGENDA IN ACADEMIA

Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana, hosted an **Info Day** dedicated to academic projects advancing the green agenda and sustainability in higher education.

Among the key initiatives presented was the 1FUTURE Project, which focuses on strengthening collaboration between academia and the business sector across the Western Balkans. The presentation emphasized the project's efforts in promoting interdisciplinary education, risk management, and regional knowledge exchange in the context of sustainability and climate resilience.

A highlight of the event was the introduction of the 1FUTURE Digital Platform, designed to foster academic cooperation, support green research, and enhance dialogue between universities and external stakeholders.

The Info Day served as an inspiring opportunity for faculty and researchers to share experiences, present results, and explore future partnerships for a greener and more sustainable higher education landscape.

>>> SPOTLIGHTS ON INFO DAYS







ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE HUB FOR CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY

>>> DOCTORAL ACHIEVEMENT AT RGGF

The Faculty of Mining, Geology and Civil Engineering (RGGF), University of Tuzla, proudly announced the successful completion of doctoral research by Abaz Velić, supported by the Knowledge Hub for Climate and Sustainability (KHCS).

His dissertation, "Opportunities for Mitigating Environmental Impacts of Abandoned Mining Works in the Vareš Municipality Area," supervised by Prof. Dr. Zvjezdan Karadzin, represents an important contribution to sustainable environmental management. During his research, the candidate KHCS benefited from facilities and expert mentorship, reinforcing the Hub's mission to promote high-quality, locally relevant research in line with the IFUTURE project goals.



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THESIS DEFENSES AT CEPS HIGHLIGHT GREEN INNOVATION



Thesis Defenses at CEPS Highlight Green Innovation

At Visoka škola "CEPS – Centar za poslovne studije",
students successfully defended their final theses within the
Knowledge Hub for Climate and Sustainability.

Their research addressed topics such as renewable energy, green logistics, and occupational safety, combining academic knowledge with practical insights through company-based case studies.

These accomplishments demonstrate CEPS's commitment to interdisciplinary education and advancing sustainability-focused solutions.





Congratulations to all researchers and graduates for their contributions to a greener and more resilient future!





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