



**Boosting digital and green skills for a resilient and sustainable  
Western Balkan society**



# **SKILL2SUSTAIN Project Presentation**

**KICK-OFF MEETING  
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# SKILL2SUSTAIN Foundations



- ❑ **K-FORCE** Erasmus+ Project (2016-2020)
- ❑ **1FUTURE** Erasmus+ Project (2023-2026)
- ❑ **CircularB** Cost Action (2022-2026)



## 1FUTURE

jOINED For sUsTainability - bUilding climate REsilient communities in WB and EU



COST ACTION CA21103

## Implementation of Circular Economy in the Built Environment



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN CV



<b>Project Title</b>	Boosting digital and green skills for a resilient and sustainable Western Balkan society
<b>Project acronym</b>	SKILL2SUSTAIN
<b>Project Number</b>	101178204
<b>Call</b>	ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE (Capacity building in the field of higher education)
<b>Topic</b>	ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND 2
<b>Project Website</b>	<a href="https://skill2sustain.uns.ac.rs/">https://skill2sustain.uns.ac.rs/</a>
<b>Project duration</b>	01/04/2025 - 31/03/2028 (3 years)
<b>EU overarching priorities</b>	Green Deal and Digital transformation
<b>Regional priority areas</b>	Region 1 - Western Balkans
<b>Geographical targets</b>	Multi-country project
<b>Number of partners</b>	14
<b>Number of countries</b>	7



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN Consortium



## COORDINATOR:

- University of Novi Sad (Serbia)

## BENEFICIARIES:

- University of Montenegro (Montenegro)
- University of Tirana (Albania)
- Polytechnic University of Tirana (Albania)
- University of Banja Luka (B&H)
- University college CEPS - Center for Business Studies (B&H)
- University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- University of Zagreb (Croatia)
- Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje (North Macedonia)
- NGO Construction - Science and Practice (Montenegro)
- Chamber of Engineers of Montenegro (Montenegro)
- Environmental and Territorial Management Institute (Albania)
- Chamber of Economy of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (B&H)
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Banja Luka Region (B&H)



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN General Objective



**To mainstream a holistic approach towards digitalization and green transition action, by creating effective, contemporary and sustainable education ecosystem.**



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN Specific Objectives



- SO1:** Establish Research and Education Centres for green and digital transition within each WBC HEI.
- SO2:** Raise awareness of staff and student community on the needs for green and digital skills within HEIs.
- SO3:** Promote green transition and digitalization culture within WBC HEIs.
- SO4:** Increase Synergies between academia and stakeholders for implementing joint initiatives for green transition and digitalization.
- SO5:** Reinforce networking and collaboration between staff and student communities of WBC and EU about digitalization and green transition actions.



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN Workplan and Deliverables



D1.1 – Project management plan  
D1.2 – Risk plan  
D1.3 – Project Meetings  
D1.4 – Progress report

D2.1 – Study visits  
D2.2 – Digital and Green Initiative for WBC Education in Academia

D3.1 – Report on activated equipment and established RECs  
D3.2 – Expanded network for academia-stakeholder collaboration  
D3.3 – Workshops for Stakeholders

D4.1 – New and modernized study programmes curricula  
D4.2 – New certified LLL programmes curricula  
D4.3 – Learning materials

**WP6:**  
Quality Assurance and Monitoring

**WP1:**  
**SKILL2SUSTAIN**  
Project management

**WP2:**  
**Defining Direction for Enhancing Digital and Green Education in Academia**

**WP3:**  
**Fostering Collaboration for Digital and Green Education in the WB Region**

**WP4:**  
**Improving WBC HEIs Capacities for Digital and Green Education Goals**

**WP5:**  
**Boosting Digital and Green Skills in WBC region**

**WP7:**  
**Dissemination and Exploitation**

D5.1 – New and modernized study programmes implemented and learning material fine-tuned  
D5.2 – New certified LLL programmes implemented in blended way and learning material fine-tuned  
D5.3 – Lectures held by guest lecturers

D6.1 – Quality Assurance and Monitoring Plan  
D6.2 – Final Quality Assurance report

D7.1 – Dissemination, communication and exploitation plan  
D7.2 – Project Website with e-library  
D7.3 – SKILL2SUSTAIN Symposia  
D7.4 – Special Issue of UBL Journal



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN Key Outcomes



- **Digital and Green Initiative for WBC Education in Academia** formulated and signed by all project partner.
- **5 educational ICT based interoperable Research and Education Centers** at WBC HEIs established.
- **Teaching methodologies improved** through study visits and **b-learning material** offered in EN/ALB/MNG/BIH/SRB by ICT collaboration platform and e-library in open access.



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# SKILL2SUSTAIN Key Outcomes



➤ 10 curricula modernized/developed and implemented at 5 WBC HEIs:

- 2 new BSc,
- 3 modernized BSc/MSc and
- 5 new Certified LLL programmes,

with innovative green topics: **Circular Economy, Building Renovation, Energy Efficiency, Fire Safety, and Disaster Risk Management**, supported by **digital skills development (BIM and GIS)**.

Modernization/development direction will be defined based on national/regional needs and know-how transfer from EU HEIs.



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**Thank you for your attention and best of luck to everyone! 😊**

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