

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





KICK-OFF MEETING University of Novi Sad

> Date: 5th May 2025 Place: Novi Sad, Serbia



SKILL2SUSTAIN Foundations



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





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SKILL2SUSTAIN CV



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

Project acronym SKILL2SUSTAIN

Project Number 101178204

Call ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE (Capacity building in the field of higher education)

Topic ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE-STRAND 2

Project Website https://skill2sustain.uns.ac.rs/

Project duration 01/04/2025 - 31/03/2028 (3 years)

EU overarching priorities Green Deal and Digital transformation

Regional priority areas Region 1 - Western Balkans

Geographical targets Multi-country project

Number of partners 14

Number of countries



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)



SKILL2SUSTAIN General Objective



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



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.



SKILL2SUSTAIN Workplan and Deliverables

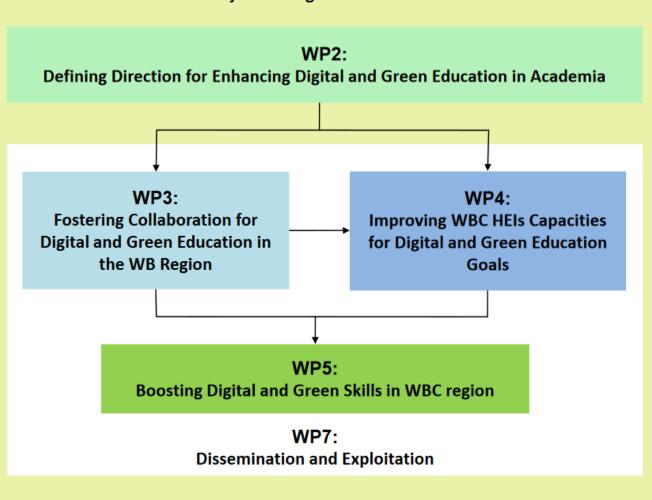


- D1.1 Project management plan
- D1.2 Risk plan
- D1.3 Project Meetings
- D1.4 Progress report
- D2.1 Study visits
- D2.2 Digital and Green Initiative for
- WBC Education in Academia
- D3.1 Report on activated equipment and established RECs
- D3.2 Expanded network for academiastakeholder collaboration
- D3.3 Workshops for Stakeholders
- D4.1 New and modernized study programmes curricula
- D4.2 New certified LLL programmes curricula

Quality Assurance and Monitoring

D4.3 - Learning materials

WP1: SKILL2SUSTAIN Project management



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



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.



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.



