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TRAINING AND TEACHING MOBILITIES WITHIN THE 1FUTURE PROJECT

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Discover how professors from EU Universities partner in the 1FUTURE Project delivered inspiring open lectures for students and academic staff across Western Balkan Universities, while staff members also enhanced their skills through training at University of Novi Sad, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje.

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The 1Future Project is excited to announce its upcoming International Symposium, a gathering of researchers, educators, students, and businesses, committed to imagining and shaping more collaborative environments for a more sustainable future. Date: 16-17 October 2025. Location: Podgorica, Montenegro. Organized by: University of Montenegro, University of Tirana and University of Novi Sad.

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM - "BRIDGING RESEARCH BETWEEN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA FOR A GREENER TOMORROW"



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INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE : PROFESSORS FROM HNEE, LUND, IUAV, AND UKIM LEAD OPEN LECTURES

Over the past months, professors from Lund University, HNEE, IUAV, and UKIM have conducted a series of open lectures at the partner universities within the 1FUTURE project. These sessions brought valuable international expertise to students and academic staff, focusing on key topics such as sustainability, global warming, climate change, and disaster risk management. Through interactive learning approaches and knowledge exchange, the lectures have contributed significantly to raising awareness and strengthening capacities for addressing environmental challenges, while fostering a shared commitment to building more resilient and sustainable communities.

SPOTLIGHTS ON OPEN LECTURES



BUILDING CLIMATE-RESILIENT KNOWLEDGE THROUGH TRAININGS AT EU UNIVERSITIES



PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE ACTION, AND RISK MANAGEMENT ACROSS PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

University of Novi Sad, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development and Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje hosted a week-long intensive training programs during the winter and spring semester for academic partners from the Western Balkans, focusing on critical themes such as green finance, risk communication, climate policy, renewable energy, and sustainable construction. These trainings are part of the ongoing collaboration to strengthen education and research capacities in the Western Balkans, with support from the EU partners.

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE FOR A RESILIENT TOMORROW

Through training programs led by international professors, the 1FUTURE project is equipping students and academic staff with essential knowledge and skills to address climate change, promote sustainability, and manage environmental risks — laying the foundations for a more resilient and sustainable future.



SPOTLIGHTS ON OPEN LECTURES



ANNOUNCING THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM “BRIDGING RESEARCH BETWEEN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA FOR A GREENER TOMORROW”



This Symposium endeavours to encourage multidisciplinary dialogue, promote knowledge exchange, and inspire actionable solutions to sustainability challenges faced across the Western Balkans and the EU. It will serve as a hub for exploring innovative ideas and building partnerships that drive meaningful impact in the face of global climate and environmental transformations.

Key themes for contribution and discussion:

- Sustainable economic and business models
- Environmental justice and equity in public policies
- The role of technology and innovation in sustainability engineering, energy and resource management
- Sustainable urban and rural development
- Education and communication



Climate change and sustainability have become urgent global priorities, demanding collective action across sectors. Human activities—from emissions to deforestation—have triggered environmental disruptions that threaten ecosystems, deepen social inequalities, and hinder progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In response, the University of Montenegro, the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tirana, and the University of Novi Sad, within the 1Future project, are organizing the International Symposium “Bridging Research Between Business and Academia for a Greener Tomorrow.”

Important Dates:

Submission Start: April 2025

Deadline: 20 June 2025

Notification of Acceptance: 31 July 2025

Full paper submission: 15 September 2025

Find out more information at:

https://1future.feut.edu.al/?page_id=1376



This event serves as a distinguished forum for advancing scholarly discourse on sustainability and climate change. By fostering interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers, it aims to bridge theoretical frameworks with actionable solutions. We invite you to contribute to this critical dialogue and play an active role in shaping comprehensive and forward-looking responses to the global environmental crisis.

1FUTURE PROJECT LAUNCHES "SUSTAINABLE FUTURE DIALOGUES"

As part of its ongoing mission to foster collaboration between academia and industry for a more sustainable future, the 1FUTURE Project proudly announces the launch of the Sustainable Future Dialogues podcast series.

The series, hosted by the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tirana, debuted in November 2024 and has since released four episodes. They feature expert insights from visiting staff of EU partner institutions, exploring key topics related to sustainability, innovation, and the critical role of academic-business cooperation in addressing climate challenges.



LAUNCHING OF THE 1FUTURE PLATFORM

In March 2025, a series of regional workshops in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, and Montenegro were organized aiming at officially launching the 1FUTURE platform—a new virtual space designed to connect academia and business in advancing sustainability and climate action.

Organized by partner universities and chambers of commerce in each WB country, the events gathered diverse participants from business, government, academia, and civil society. Attendees explored the platform's features, and discussed opportunities for collaboration through joint research, internships, and training.

The workshops highlighted the platform's potential to drive innovation, bridge knowledge gaps, and foster impactful partnerships across the region. Participants committed to continued engagement and using the platform as a tool for real-world sustainable solutions.

Learn more and join the platform: <https://www.1future-platform.com/>

>>> PUBLICATION OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE: CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY

In March 2025, the project teams proudly announced the publication of the Special Issue: Climate and Sustainability. The issue collected contributions from 20 papers authored by project partners representatives and other collaborators.

In recent decades, the discourse on sustainability and climate change has evolved from academic reflection to an urgent global priority. The interconnected nature of environmental, social, and economic systems highlights the pressing need for coordinated efforts to address climate-related challenges.

Climate change, driven largely by human activities such as greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and industrialization, has already resulted in severe environmental disruptions.

Recognizing the need for innovative solutions and interdisciplinary collaboration, the Albanian Journal of Economy and Business has dedicated this special issue "1Future Issue: Climate and Sustainability" to exploring diverse research paths on sustainability and climate change. The contributions to this issue aim to bridge the gap between research and practical implementation, fostering dialogue among scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. A critical objective of this initiative is to enhance research output and scholarly engagement in the Western Balkans, where climate change and sustainability research remain underrepresented.

This special issue is an outcome of the "jOINed For sUsTainability - bUilding climate REsilient communities in WB and EU - 1FUTURE project", a project funded by the European Union in the framework of the Erasmus+ Program.

Through an open-access model, the journal seeks to disseminate knowledge widely, making research accessible to a broader audience. The inclusion of interdisciplinary perspectives ensures that contributions span natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, business, health, and humanities, reflecting the multifaceted nature of sustainability challenges.



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