



COURSE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

STRATEGIES, METHODOLOGIES, POLICIES AND ACTIONS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Module 1

Sustainable Development: Introduction and Analysis

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Learning Objectives

By the end of the module participants will:

- Understand the concept of SD - The relationships between the 'three pillars' and how their work fits into them;
- Acquire tools to address problems from an SD perspective and think more creatively when planning and policy-making;
- Gain knowledge of international (UN), regional (EU), and national strategies and initiatives for SD, and the legal and policy contexts at all levels; and
- Understand the concept of good governance and multi-stakeholder dialogue, and be able to foster communication and action

Course Agenda

Theme: Global Change

Welcome and Orientation Session

- Introduction to the Course (Robert Atkinson, REC)
- Introduction to the Partner Organisations
 - Marta Szigeti Bonifert, REC
 - Lucia Brocato, ITF
 - Ignazio Musu, VIU
 - Alexios Antypas, CEU

Lecture: Global Trends: Social Change (Béla Greskovits, CEU)

Keynote address: State of the World (Ben Slay, UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre)

Lecture: Global Trends: Globalization and Sustainable Development (Ignazio Musu, VIU)

Lecture: Global Trends: Global Environmental Change (Ruben Mnatsakanian, CEU)

Workshop: The Present State: Assessing the National Situations (Richard Filcak, REC; and Francesca Radin, VIU)

Morning Theme: Development Theories and Alternatives

Lecture: The Discontents of Development (Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Lecture: Illustrating the Development Paradigm in CEE (Sandor Kerekes, Corvinus University Budapest, Faculty of Business Administration)

Workshop: Possible vs. Desirable Futures (Richard Filcak, REC, and Francesca Radin, VIU)

Afternoon Theme: Sustainable Development Theory and Background

Lecture: Concepts of SD (Janos Zlinszky, REC, Pazmany Peter University)

Theme: Sustainable Development Strategies

Lecture: What is a Sustainable Development Strategy? (Aleg Cherp, CEU, and Alexios Antypas, CEU)

Lecture: An Introduction to the European Union's Strategies for Sustainable Development (Fernando Hervás Soriano, Lisbon Strategy and Sustainable Development Task Force, European Commission - Secretariat General)

Lecture: National Sustainable Development Strategies

- Austria - Ursula Kopp, Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration
- Hungary - István Vilmos Kovács, National Development Office

Debate: Sustainable Development Strategies

- Aleg Cherp, CEU;
- Ivan Gyulai, Ecological Institute, Hungary;
- Massimiliano Montini, University of Siena;

- Fernando Hervás Soriano, Lisbon Strategy and Sustainable Development Task Force, European Commission - Secretariat General;
- Ursula Kopp, Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration; and
- István Vilmos Kovács, National Development Office

Theme: Initiatives and Institutions

Lecture: International Institutions and Laws (Stephen Stec, REC, Leiden University)

Lecture: European Union Law and Sustainable Development (Massimiliano Montini, University of Siena)

Lecture: European Legal Approach to Sustainable Development (Massimiliano Montini, University of Siena)

Lecture: European Union Economic and Social Cohesion Policies (Kai Struczynski, European Commission, Directorate-General Regional Policy)

Theme: Good Governance

Lecture: Good Governance Principles (Alexios Antypas, CEU; Stephen Stec, REC, Leiden University)

Lecture: Public Participation: A Tool for Good Governance (Magdolna Toth Nagy, REC)

Workshop: Public Participation Case Studies (Magdolna Toth Nagy, REC; Kaidi Tingas, REC)

Theme: Impact Assessment and Decision-Making Tools for Sustainable Development

Lecture: The Origins and Key Principles of Impact Assessment (*Aleh Cherp, CEU*)

Group exercise: Sustainability Assessment: Ecenteria Case Study

Group exercise: Ecenteria: Reporting Back

Lecture: Strategic Environmental Assessment: Challenges and Opportunities for Central and Eastern Europe (Jiri Dusik, REC and International Association for Impact Assessment)

Theme: Systems Thinking (*Full-day workshop*)

- Andrea Deri, LEAD International;
- Klára Szekér, CEU;
- János Zlinszky, REC, Pazmany Peter University; and
- Todd Schenk, REC

Introduction and Motivation

Exploring Behaviour Over Time

Facilitating Self-Sustaining Change

Anticipating Resistance

Applying Principles and Closing

Theme: Development Planning

Lecture: A tool for Good Governance: Agenda 21 and Local Agenda 21 (Giuseppe Gamba, Kyoto Club)

Exercise: SD in the context of Development Planning (Work in Groups) (Aleg Cherp, CEU)

Exercise: SD in the context of Development Planning (Reporting and Discussion) (Aleg Cherp, CEU)

Workshop: Introduction to Modules 2, 3 and 4 and Closing Session (REC/VIU Staff)