



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
 - Stefania Romano, ITF
 - Ignazio Musu, VIU
 - Ruben Mnatskanian, CEU

Opening Keynote Address: State of the World (Kalman Mizsei, Former Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States)

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

Lecture: Global Trends: Global Economic Challenges (Ignazio Musu, VIU)

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

Lecture: Global Trends: Social Change (Imre Lázár, Medical Anthropology Department, Institute of Behavioural Sciences, Semmelweis University)

Keynote Dinner Address: Mr. István Varga, Business Council for Sustainable Development in Hungary, Chairman; and Shell Hungary CEO and Supply Chain Manager of CEE)

Theme: Development Theories and Alternatives

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

Lecture: Illustrating the Development Paradigm in CEE (Tamás Fleischer, Institute for World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

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

Theme: Sustainable Development Theory, Background, and Institutions

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

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

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

- Andrea Deri, LEAD International; and
- János Zlinszky, REC, Pazmany Peter University.

Introduction and Motivation

Exploring Behaviour Over Time

Facilitating Self-Sustaining Change

Anticipating Resistance

Applying Principles and Closing

Theme: Sustainable Development Strategies

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

Lecture: An Introduction to the European Union's Strategies for Sustainable Development (Aleh Cherp, CEU)

Panel Discussion: Slovak Case Study

- Laszlo Miklos, Member of Slovak Parliament, past Minister of Environment, and Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Technical University of Zvolen;
- Milan Chrenko, UNDP (TBC);
- Michal Sedlacko; and
- Aleh Cherp, CEU (moderator).

Theme: Good Governance

Lecture: Good Governance Principles (Alexios Antypas, CEU)

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

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

Theme: Initiatives and Institutions

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 (Carsten Rasmussen, European Commission, Directorate-General Regional Policy)

Theme: Decision-Making Tools for Sustainable Development

Lectures and Workshops: FULL DAY Decision-making Tools for Sustainable Development (Aleh Cherp, CEU)

Theme: Development Planning

Lecture: A Tool for Good Governance: Agenda 21 and Local Agenda 21 (Anna Ulian, Punto Tre, Sustainable Development Projects)

Exercise: SD in the Context of Development Planning (Aleh Cherp, CEU)

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