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Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region**

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The overall objective of BAREGIS project - to strengthen the scientific and academic cohesion among the Baltic Sea Region University Network (BSRUN) universities.

The objective – to foster the knowledge and interdisciplinary approach on implementation of sustainable development of the Baltic Sea region.

The target groups are MA students of the BSRUN universities from Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. Also the lecturers from these universities are devoted to lead the study processes on sustainable development issues in the Baltic Sea region.

The principles of sustainable development are determined as key factors for the Baltic Sea region development. The implementation of sustainability principles encourages the reduction of socioeconomic regional disparities (as well as academic) and enhances the spatial integration for better socioeconomic and academic cohesions of the countries on the East Baltic coast. Thus, selected countries are Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

The process of sustainable development has different intensity in each country, and these processes are not efficiently adjusted and integrated. There do still exist the lack of scientists and experts, a plenty of unadjusted approaches in studies, in teaching the sustainability and its appliances for regional development.

The teaching modules on sustainability issues are still remaining undeveloped in teaching programmes of participating institutons. Thus, the innovativeness will start from the pilot initiative of international school within BAREGIS project and aiming it towards step-by-step elaboration to the Baltic Sea Region wide international teaching programme.

The topics of the studies:

1. Theoretical and practical aspects of sustainable development in the World, EU and the Baltic Sea region by Prof. Remigijus Čiegis (Lithuania) and Prof. Esko Antola (Finland);
2. Implementing sustainable development in the economy: the challenges of globalization by Prof. Biruta Sloka (Latvia);
3. Ecological agriculture and sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region by Prof. Angelija Bučienė (Lithuania);
4. Knowledge society and information infrastructure: from e-government to e-governance in sustainable development by Prof. Aira Lepik (Estonia) and Prof. Kazimierz Musiał (Poland).

There are planned the following activities for students:

- Individual preparation of students on regional sustainable development topics and processes in the Baltic Sea region, individual preparation before the international summer school starts;
- Participation in lectures and workshops, analysis of sustainability, different approaches and multidisciplinary integration of knowledge towards sustainability models and patterns in the Baltic Sea region;
- Case studies of principles for sustainability implementation, challenges and future trends in the Baltic Sea region;
- Composition of conclusions and recommendations, providing asset of team reports to the final BAREGIS book.

Expected outputs:

- Increased the knowledge and fostered multidisciplinary approach in analysis and perception of sustainability processes in regional development;
- Supported integration of academic communities in cohesion of different approaches;
- Increased the knowledge on practically applied researches/field trips based on certain cases, models and patterns;
- Published BAREGIS book on sustainable development principles and proceedings in the Baltic Sea region;
- Elaborated environment for better cohesion of young scientists about sustainable development topics;
- Developed teaching module “Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region”, and in the perspective this module is planned to be recognized as a teaching module of Erasmus programme with 4,5 ECTS credits within the BSRUN for MA studies.

During the Klaipėda International Summer School will be used the regular pedagogical and didactical approaches: lectures, workshops, field trips. Part of the workshops will be dedicated as interactive workshops for deeper analysis and synthesis of discussing topics, for summarizing and concluding the gained outcomes will be used the method of logical framework approach. The tools of ICT (multimedia, internet access) will be used in regular way in the entire teaching process and workshops.

The summer school directly implements these goals of the Erasmus Policy Statements (EPS). It enhances academic mobility, exchange of knowledge and sharing experience. Creation of joint programme will lead to preparation for the joint degree programmes. In BAREGIS project the use of ECTS is foreseen. The total value of International Summer School processes is equated to 4,5 ECTS for students participating in the project.

Participants: 25 MA studies students and 6 lecturers from Lithuania, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Poland in total.

English is the language of all activities in BAREGIS project.

Duration 12 months (1. September, 2009 – 31. August, 2010).

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