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FROM VISION TO IMPACT: THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE 1FUTURE PROJECT AND ITS KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



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Explore the final achievements of the 1FUTURE Project, highlighting its impact in strengthening collaboration between academia, business, and research communities. The project promoted innovation, sustainability, and interdisciplinary cooperation, contributing to greener solutions and long-term partnerships for a more resilient future.

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The 1FUTURE Digital Platform serves as an important hub for strengthening collaboration between academia and the business sector. It provides a dynamic virtual space where researchers, students, and industry partners can exchange knowledge, share innovative ideas, and develop partnerships that support sustainable development and innovation.



THE 1FUTURE DIGITAL PLATFORM: A KEY HUB FOR STRENGTHENING ACADEMIA-BUSINESS COLLABORATION

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TAILOR-MADE INTENSIVE COURSE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CIRCULAR ECONOMY, AND SOCIETAL RESILIENCE



The Tailor-Made Intensive Course on Sustainable Development, Circular Economy, and Societal Resilience was successfully completed across all partner institutions involved in the project, demonstrating a strong collective commitment to advancing knowledge and capacity in these critical areas. The course brought together lecturers and experts from leading academic and professional institutions, creating a rich and collaborative learning environment.

The program actively engaged both students and professionals, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and strengthening the link between academic knowledge and practical application. This inclusive approach ensured meaningful participation and impactful learning outcomes across all participating institutions. Through a series of interactive sessions and discussions, participants explored key topics such as education for sustainable development, circular business models, inclusive sustainable growth, risk assessment methodologies, and decision-making strategies for societal resilience, including the role of Artificial Intelligence in sustainability.



The course highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange, reinforcing the capacity of all partner institutions to contribute to a more sustainable and resilient future.



STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS PARTNER INSTITUTIONS: INTENSIVE COURSE AND COACHING ON CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SOCIETAL RESILIENCE

STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



The knowledge and experiences gained through these lectures have strengthened the capacities of students and academic staff, equipping them with valuable perspectives and practical skills for addressing sustainability challenges. In the broader context, these initiatives contribute to raising awareness and fostering a culture of responsibility and innovation that benefits society as a whole.

These lectures and coaching sessions played a key role in strengthening capacity for sustainability across all partner institutions, enhancing participants' understanding of sustainability challenges and practical solutions to address them. They further promoted interdisciplinary learning and fostered collaboration between academia and professionals, supporting a coordinated and long-term approach to sustainable development.

SPOTLIGHTS ON OPEN LECTURES



STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION THROUGH THE 1FUTURE MATCHMAKING WORKSHOP

➤➤➤ HIGHLIGHT: ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION

The workshop brought together researchers from the Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana, providing a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas and explore future collaboration. Led by Prof. Henrik Hassel from Lund University, the session focused on developing joint scientific publications, research proposals, and academic mobility opportunities. This initiative represents an important step toward strengthening international research cooperation in the fields of sustainability, risk management, and climate-related challenges.

SPOTLIGHTS

A highlight of the event was the interactive research matchmaking session led by Prof. Henrik Hassel from Lund University, which fostered meaningful discussions and opened new opportunities for joint research, scientific publications, and international collaboration.



ADVANCING CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH THROUGH THE 1FUTURE KNOWLEDGE HUB

PHD RESEARCH ON FLOOD RISK AND HYDROLOGICAL UNCERTAINTY

The session highlighted ongoing PhD research addressing critical environmental challenges related to flood risk and hydrological uncertainty in Albania. PhD candidate Olsi Barko presented his research on flood risk assessment in the lower stream of the Shkumbin River, focusing on the impact of hydrological uncertainty on flood dynamics. The research aims to contribute to improved risk assessment methodologies and more effective flood management strategies. Such studies are essential for supporting evidence-based decision-making and strengthening climate resilience in the context of increasing environmental risks.



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE IN ALBANIA

The session emphasized the importance of sustainable water management and the need to strengthen environmental resilience in Albania. During the event, PhD candidate presented his research on assessing drainage rates in Albania in accordance with European standards. The study aims to improve the understanding and implementation of modern drainage practices that support effective water management and infrastructure planning. By aligning national practices with European standards, the research contributes to enhancing environmental protection and climate resilience. The discussion also highlighted the role of scientific research in addressing climate-related challenges and supporting sustainable environmental policies. Such initiatives within the 1FUTURE HUB foster collaboration between researchers, students, and professionals, encouraging innovative solutions for environmental sustainability.



1FUTURE PLATFORM RESULTS AFTER 1 YEAR OF VIRTUAL COLLABORATIONS

The 1Future Platform is advancing steadily in its mission to connect universities, businesses, and government actors around climate and sustainability challenges. As an integrated online hub, the platform enables knowledge sharing, peer feedback, research collaboration, and open discussion – fostering an innovation-driven community with a strong orientation toward climate-friendly solutions.

A key milestone has been the successful launch and operationalization of the platform, which has rapidly gained traction among students and academic staff – particularly from Western Balkans universities and EU Higher Education Institutions in Italy, Sweden, and Germany. PhD students are actively using the platform to develop climate-related research projects and engage directly with businesses, generating mutual benefit: students gain industry exposure while companies’ access applied academic expertise.

Poziv na suradnju: Istraživanje urbane mobilnosti u Kiseljaku

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The platform’ growth is reflected in measurable outcomes. To date, the forum has recorded 123,700 pageviews, with 493 active users contributing to structured content across 10 categories.

A total of 132 topics has been initiated, generating 393 posts and 1,248 likes, evidencing sustained and meaningful engagement. Total user visits have reached 3,296.

Registered participants are distributed as follows:

- Businesses: 174 total – 107 Albanian, 41 Bosnia and Herzegovina, 26 Montenegro
- Students: 253 total – 147 Albanian, 64 Bosnia and Herzegovina, 42 Montenegro
- Academics: 68 total – 25 Albanian, 34 Bosnia and Herzegovina, 9 Montenegro

Finally, the 1Future forum has been fully integrated with the 1Future website through a customized homepage designed to maximize user engagement. This unified environment gives users seamless access to tutorials, collaborative tools, and knowledge-sharing resources – laying the groundwork for a robust and enduring community committed to long-term participation.

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