

EDU4SDGS

TECHNICAL DETAILS



Name of the project:

#edu4sdgs. Building a Comprehensive Educational Ecosystem for Sustainable Development Goals

Program and call for applications: KA220-HED - Cooperation partnerships in higher education

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Coordinator:

Lodz University of Technology (PL)

Partner organizations:

Asociación Bienestar y Desarrollo ABD (ES), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ES), Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities (DE), Team Coaching (PL) and Rigas Tehniska Universitate (LV)

Project duration:

October 2023 - September 2026

Area of action: Europe

The project #edu4sdgs aims at **accelerating higher education's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by cultivating social responsibility, developing emotional intelligence (EQ) and shaping agents of change. It is aimed at students, academic and administrative staff, higher education institution (HEI) leaders, and non-university students who wish to enhance their skills in SDGs and EQ.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- **Enhancing the standards of university planning**, implementation and monitoring of sustainable development policies.
- **Crafting a university approach to teach empathy** -as the pillar of effective SDGs implementation- and also to develop the **SDGs micro-credential ecosystem**
- Upskilling and reskilling target groups' **knowledge, abilities, and competencies** in the area of the SDGs.
- **Sharing information, resources, and best practices** for a successful social and institutional contribution to the SDGs

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- **Development a new competency framework** for the micro-credentials/digital badges in the area of SDGs and emotional intelligence (EQ)
- **Development of the SDGs University Knowledge Hub**
- **Development of a Board game** to support the strengthening and development of emotional intelligence (EQ) towards the SDGs
- **Training and Webinars:** "Working with emotions" workshop in Poland and a training named "HEIs-NGOs cooperation for the SDGs" in Spain
- **Summer school "EQ = social responsibility"** in Riga for HEIs' students, academic and administrative staff and representatives of the non-university partners.
- **Development of a practical roadmap for HEI** on how to successfully implement new SDG-related educational components
- **Dissemination activities**, including a social media video #edu4sdgs to reach out to stakeholders and a Final conference of the project in Poland

IMPACT AND RESULTS

- **Increased students commitment to engage with SDGs actions and their EQ development** leading to improved personal and professional lives, with **positive implications for the labor market.**
- **Greater capacity among academic staff and institutions**, improving the quality and relevance of education which leads to a higher progression towards SDGs
- The integration of EQ and SDGs will **boost the local community and citizens's participation in SDG initiatives.**
- **Enhanced role of national and foreign HEIs** when fostering knowledge-based societies in Europe. This will also **foster interest among stakeholders outside the EU** and lead to the exchange of valuable experiences.
- **Enhanced integration of micro-credentials in HEIs**, even in countries without national micro-credential policies.