

AGENDA

REGIONAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP 2023

“TOGETHER WE CONCEPTUALIZE GREEN EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION”

**EU 4 Green Recovery:
Support the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans**

IPA/2021/429-949

4th October 2023; hybrid, Sarajevo

Background

The EU4Green project started in January 2022 and has the overall objective to enhance the Western Balkans transition to modern, resource-efficient and competitive economies and the specific objective to support the Western Balkans in the implementation of the Green Agenda, thus achieving their commitment to transforming their economies on a more sustainable path and reaching climate neutrality by 2050.

Furthermore, it is our EU4green mandate to actively think and implement activities based on the integration of environment and climate as well as green skills necessary for the green transformation in ongoing reforms of the education systems. In order to drive a green, sustainable economy in the WBR, it is important to improve the quality and relevance of formal education (links to teacher standards, teacher training and continuous professional development) and to build additional competencies outside of formal education. EU4Green encourages and will develop tailor-cut Micro-credential modules, as one way to support modernization of curricula and promote equitable and inclusive education at all levels in WB6 economies.

Specific objectives of the 1st Regional Education Workshop

- Articulation of needs for green skill development (educational level, topics, regions, specific target groups...)
- Identification of regulatory requirements, accreditation and admission of potential micro-credentials (Manual for Micro-credentials, Good practice examples)
- Collection of interest and commitment to co-develop Micro-credential portfolios for 2 pilot initiatives in selected economies or specific regions
- Any other important items to support the implementation of EU4Green and the Green Education activities.

Documents provided

- EU4Green Education activities foreseen in 2023 – 2024 (updated work plan)
- Concept paper on Micro-credentials

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1st Regional Education Workshop

EU4Green Recovery: Support the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

4th October 2023; hybrid meeting, Sarajevo, venue **Hotel Holiday, Zmaja od Bosne 4, Holiday Hall, ground floor**

(Invited and registered participants only; working language: English)

Chair: Daniela Zanini-Freitag, EAA (Thematic Coordinator Green Education, EU4Green) & Veronika Nitsche (World University Service, Austria (WUS))

09:30 – 09:50 Welcome and opening of the 1st Regional Education WS

[Moderation EAA, Daniela Zanini-Freitag]

- Welcome, opening and introduction by ETF [ETF, Ulrike Damyanovic]
- Welcome, opening and introduction by EU4Green [Project Director, Georg Rebernick, tbc]
- Welcome and opening by Representatives of BiH
- Presentation & approval of the agenda

09:50 – 10:50 EU4Green Education activities in 2023 – 2024 [Moderation EAA, Daniela Zanini-Freitag] Summary presentations on EU4Green education activities

- Education in EU4Green: project structure, target, goals and outcomes of EU4Green education activities [Daniela Zanini-Freitag]
- Introduction of World University Service, Austria: Educational expertise & accompanist in EU4Green [Veronika Nitsche]
- Short Introduction of Thematic Coordinators in WB beneficiaries [all TCs per economy & online participants in chat]

10:50 – 11:20 Transforming the green education through life-long learning

[Moderation WUS, Bernadette Holzer]

- Target groups, level of education
- Goals and sustainable implementation in educational settings
- Micro-credential as a flexible tool for green skills development & capacity building
- First feedback & Discussion by participants

11:20 – 11:40 Coffee & snack break

11:40 – 12:50 Multi-stakeholder needs assessment (Part I)

[Moderation WUS, Adi Kovacevic]

- Target: collection of perception & needs of beneficiaries, TC in WB6 & educational Stakeholders to set up Micro-credentials
- Identification of topics, themes of interest for green skills development [Trainings & ideas in EU4Green, best practice examples in the WB beneficiaries]
- Beekast & Discussion of input in interactive tool?

12:50 – 13:20 Lunch break

13:20 – 14:30 Multi-stakeholder needs assessment (Part II)

[Moderation WUS, Adi Kovacevic]

- Legal requirement and educational framework to implement micro-credentials in the WB6 economies
- Target and output of Micro-credentials within EU4Green

Collection of Feedback from TC & Key Educational stakeholders per economy

- Learning from best practices in the WB economies
[for e.g. Input from eco schools initiative Sarajevo, Sabina Jukan? Other examples?]

14:30 – 15:10 Micro-credentials

[Moderation EAA, Camilo Molina]

- Requirements for Micro-credentials (education levels, integration of education organizations...)
- Attributes of Micro-credentials (Length, Target group, Assessment & Admission, Evaluation, Attribution of credits/certificates)
- Moderated Discussion with WB economies & TCs

15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:00 Outlook & capacities: Working group and expertise

[Moderation EAA, Daniela Zanini-Freitag]

- Working group Green Education: Thematic Coordinators & ad-hoc expertise needed
[Presentation of proposal EU4Green Thematic Coordinator Green Education]
- Interest and commitment to co-create Pathways for Life-Long-Learning
- Beekast & Discussion of input in interactive tool?

16:00 – 16:30 Output & Target in EU4Green activities

[Moderation WUS, Bernadette Holzer]

- Output of Regional Education WS: Report on Regional Workshop including outline on detailed Skills needed for Green Transformation
- Concept for Follow-up Workshop & Portfolios for life-long learning (Micro-credentials)
(Outlook Q2 2024)

Feedback from WS participants

- Agreed working relationship & exchange on EU4Green education
[ToR WG, including info on JF, minutes etc...]

16:30 – 17:30 Conclusion & Wrap up of 1st Regional Education Workshop

[World University Service, Austria (WUS) & Environment Agency Austria (EAA)]