



## **CASE – Competencies for a sustainable socio-economic development**

The Project Case – Competencies for a sustainable socio-economical development is one of six EU-Projects out of 230 applicants which got accepted from the European Commission within the framework of the Programme “Erasmus Plus - Knowledge Alliances”. The project with a budget of 900.000 Euro is going to be implemented together with 10 Partners from five countries under the Coordination of Christian Rammel within the RCE Vienna.

Knowledge Alliances are transnational, structured and result-driven projects, notably between higher education and business. Knowledge Alliances are open to any discipline, sector and to cross-sectoral cooperation. The partners share common goals and work together towards mutually beneficial results and outcomes.

The proposed Knowledge Alliance (KA) jointly accepts the need of new ways of teaching and learning as well as a strong cooperation between higher education and business to enhance a sustainable socio-economic development in general and new forms of sustainable driven enterprises in particular.

The KA aims at changing the EU landscape of HEIs towards a stronger accentuation on new inter- and transdisciplinary ways of teaching and learning as well as sustainable entrepreneurial education, increasing university-business cooperation, new university spin-offs or relate start ups in the area of a “green economy” and a subsequent change in the curricula of European HEIs.

This shall be achieved through the framework and basic elements of a new Joint Master Programme on “Sustainability Driven Entrepreneurship, Policies and Innovation” for European universities. The framework is based on four educational modules focussing on: 1) Sustainable socio-economic development 2) Sustainability driven enterprises 3) Eco innovations and environmental management and 4) Environmental policies and networks. Each module could also be used as “stand-alone” to offer universities substantial support and guidance.

The structure of every single module is aiming at acquirement of skills and competences via using inter- and transdisciplinary methods and tools in teaching and learning, focusing university business cooperation and project work and implementation aiming at entrepreneurial education and founding new sustainability driven enterprises.

5 regional pilots which form an inter-university course with more than 25 service learning projects (and 25 service learning partners / enterprises) will test and optimise the modules while providing various best practice examples of university-business cooperation.

At the end of the proposed project, an open access knowledge platform will provide the four modules and shall account and enable European universities for the implementation of the Joint Master and for their own curricula building processes. This knowledge platform will be linked with and supported by global multipliers such as the UNU / global RCE network or the COPERNICUS Alliance in order to sustain the activities and partnership of the proposed KA.



## **Project Partners**

**Austria:** Leadpartner RCE Vienna, WU Wien/ Boku Wien/ Wiener Stadtwerke

**Italy:** Free University of Bozen (Bolzano)/ Terra Institute

**Germany:** University of Vechta/ Ulrich Walter GmbH, Lebensbaum; Diepholz

**Czech Republic:** Masaryk University, Brno/ Environment Center Kapraluv; Brno

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