

SWOT analysis of the Curricula (Workpackage 1):

INTRODUCTION

From the Regional Priorities list - for the Eastern Neighboring Area (ENPI East) - the ENVIRONMENT was the selected priority for the RETHINK project; however, the underlying theme of the RETHINK project is new, because it is ENVIRONMENT and SUSTAINABILITY are intertwined with BUSINESS and EDUCATION.

The RETHINK project encompasses these two themes, and also integrates the concept of the knowledge triangle “education/research/innovation” from an environmentally sustainable perspective. The project RETHINK intends to rethink the curricula of the partner HEIs -in the priority area of ENVIRONMENT- through the development of innovative Joint (Masters and PhD) Degrees in the fields of

- 1 - Architecture, Urban planning and
- 2-Climate Engineering/Environmental Sciences

The RETHINK project intends to overcome some of the needs that were listed by the RETHINK's Eastern Partner Countries:

- The need to understand the impact of Green House Gas emissions’ on the Biosphere;
- The need to develop curricula on sustainability based on a transdisciplinary framework.
- The need to know and to apply ecologic solutions to environmental problems.

The expected results will be the:

- Development of a new Joint (Masters and PhD) Degrees in the fields of
 - 1- Architecture/Urban planning and
 - 2- 2- Climate engineering/Environmental Sciences.
- Establishment of a CO2 accounting approach as an indicator of sustainability.
- Knowledge exchange.
- Teacher training.
- Development of teaching materials.
- Promotion of business start-ups.
- Development of mutually agreed standards of quality of education.
- Dissemination of outcomes (sharing of teaching materials and results).

Please fill out SWOT analysis of the Curricula offered by your university (Workpackage 1): critical analysis of the existing Curricula in your university in order to achieve objectives listed above:

Analysis		Internal origin		External origin	
		STRENGTHS Helpful to achieving the objective	WEAKNESSES Harmful to achieve the objective	OPPORTUNITIES Helpful to achieving the objective	THREATS Harmful to achieve the objective
Course content	Master degree	Interdisciplinary Master in Ecological Safety	Master students in Architecture and Urban Planning study at different other Universities	We are planning to open a Master study programme (interdisciplinary) in Architecture, Urban Planning and Sustainable Development	Legislation concerning the procedure of opening new study programmes at the national level
	PhD degree	Interdisciplinary Phd in Ecological Safety	PhD students in Architecture and Urban Planning	We are planning to open a PhD study programme	Legislation concerning the procedure of

			study at different other Universities	(interdisciplinary) in Architecture, Urban Planning and Sustainable Development	opening new study programmes at the national level
Duration, months	Master degree	12 full-time 18 part-time BUT 24 also possible FLEXIBILITY of duration			
	PhD degree	36 full-time 48 part-time			
Number of credits, ECTS	Master degree	Not used, only in-class hours are counted THOUGH ECTS are possible 30 credits per semester			
	PhD degree	Not used, only in-class hours are counted THOUGH ECTS are possible 30 credits per semester			

Please fill out this table in order to analyze the procedure that RETHINK Project needs to follow for the accreditation of a new Joint Degrees

Accreditation of Joint Degree on the national level	
Name of institution responsible for the accreditation of a Joint Degree	???
Requested documents for the accreditation of a Joint Degree	Reference on Human and Material Resources Demand from Labour Market Potential of the Faculty where the study programme is accredited
Procedure for the accreditation of a Joint Degree	Application to the Ministry of Education Branch Council decision Finalisation of accreditation at the Ministry of Education
Expected duration for the accreditation process to be completed	12 months