

Supporting Ukraine's Next generation of scholars: a project for Raising university capacity and Improving doctoral Student Education.

Call 2024 Round 1 KA2 Cooperation partnerships in higher education (KA220-HED)



[Partnership]

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- 2. Estonian University of Life Science MAAULIKOOL, ESTONIA
- 3. University of Zagreb, CROATIA
- 4. Karazin Kharkiv National University, UKRAINE
- 5. Odessa State Environmental University, UKRAINE
- 6. Institute of Ecology of the Carpathians, Natajyaal Academy of Ukraine, UKRAINE

[Short description of the project]

SUNRISE addresses challenges faced by Ukrainian PhD students in environmental subjects due to the war. With involved scholars from EU & 10 from Ukraine, SUNRISE aims to:

- 1. build war-resistant and resilient learning infrastructure;
- 2. support the war resilience and post-war recovery through curriculum contents reflecting the emerging challenges;
- 3. ensure future academic competitiveness and research innovation.

In particular, SUNRISE will develop online ICT services for PhD training, leveraging on post-disaster experiences of UniCam & UniZg in the context of UN and EU strategies and directives; co-develop research databases and curricula on post-war recovery & resilience, PhD (co-)supervision and expert advising/training support on emerging topics; develop resilience guidelines for the post-war recovery and enhancement of academic activities in environmental research at partner campuses in Ukraine.

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[Objectives]

SUNRISE brings forward the following objectives:

- 1. Ensuring resilience of learning infrastructure and resources of PhD training in environmental fields, through the development of ICT and organisational solutions providing uninterrupted access of PhD students in Ukraine to credit mobility, supervision, graduation and networking solutions.
 - Results: development of an ICT online framework for PhD training (e-learning, e-science modules, e-portfolio), organisational and institutional solutions for accessing network resources available to EU partners, and training events for future users of the developed products.
- 2. Supporting resilience to war impacts and postwar recovery of Ukraine through the development of curriculum contents and teaching expertise in the areas of disaster preparedness and post-disaster restoration of settlements, agrifood- and ecosystems. Results: new courses and modules of 10 ECTS, addressing issues of war resilience and post-war recovery, with particular attention to war-related impacts; co-supervision of Ukrainian PhD students with the provision of different forms of resource support; and training events for staff and students addressing the emerging issues.
- 3. Strengthening the development perspectives of Ukrainian partners in the post-war period by establishing resilience guidelines for supporting strategic recovery planning and enhancing Ukrainian higher education and research, especially in environmental studies. Results: resilience guidelines to support the recovery process, the development of competitive environmental research, and the research training, as well as other activities and knowledge exchange with the EU partners.

All the objectives address the sector-specific priority of 'Supporting Higher Education institutions in their cooperation with Ukrainian counterparts to respond to the war in Ukraine'.

Furtheromore, SUNRISE is also related to the horizontal priorities "Environment and fight against climate change" and "Supporting digital and green capabilities of the higher education sector" by developing a relevant cooperation capacity and a war-resistant infrastructure to sustain research training in Ukraine in cooperation with EU partners.













