

Project acronym: **VCSE – Virtual Campus for A Sustainable Europe**

Objectives: The main objectives of the “*Virtual Campus for a Sustainable Europe*” (VCSE) Project are:

- o To **enlarge the VCSE** with new partner universities (from 5 to 15 universities)
- o To **disseminate the VSCE-model** to other universities (25 universities)
- o To **create “e-learning networks for sustainable development”**, by involving local “actors” and decision-makers at partner-university’s countries (5 countries)

Approach: The “*Virtual Campus for a Sustainable Europe*” Project proposes a break-through multi-level and multilateral approach such as the direct involvement of all main “actors” concerned with the complex and trans-European issues of sustainable development, being the following:

- 1st Pillar: European Higher Academic Institutes, involves the **virtual mobility** of academics and students (future decision-makers & opinion-creators) through the materialization of ready-to-offer high-quality university e-courses on sustainable development courses. Furthermore, these VCSE-e-courses will be enhanced by a “European Summer School for a Sustainable Future”. Most importantly, the VCSE-model will be disseminated to the wider European Academic Community, through an innovative “test-it-yourself” approach.
- 2nd Pillar: Local Governance and Social Partners, involves **specialized e-learning courses** and workshops for representatives of local, regional and national governance (decision-makers) and social partners (opinion-creators). This approach will set up “**e-learning networks**” for sustainable development, in which universities share their knowledge with a diversity of other societal partners (or actors). These new VCSE “e-learning networks” will be technically supported by the **on-line web portal** “Virtual Campus for a Sustainable Europe” and the “**VCSE Sdpedia**”, a general public’s on-line cyclopedia on sustainable development issues.

Expected results: The main anticipated results of the “*Virtual Campus for a Sustainable Europe*” Project are:

- Setting up a “Virtual Campus for a Sustainable Europe”;
- Virtual mobility between students, technical and academic staff of partners’ universities;
- Virtual mobility between local “actors” on sustainability issues (local/regional “e-learning networks”);
- Information dissemination and sensitization of general public by the partners’ universities;
- Physical mobility between technical, academic staff of partners’ universities and local “actors” during the “Summer Campus for a Sustainable Europe”;
- Enlargement of VSCE from 5 to 15 universities
- Dissemination of VSCE-model to 20 universities;
- Committed decision makers and staff / practitioners to establish virtual campuses at their institution.

Co-ordinating organisation:

University of Macedonia, Social and Economic Sciences (GR)

Co-beneficiary organisations:

The Open University of the Netherlands – School of Sciences (NL), the University of Graz – Institute of Geography and Regional Science (AT), the University of Lüneburg – Institute for Environmental and Sustainability Communication (DE) and the Charles University in Prague – Charles University Environmental Center (CZ).