

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN PERIPHERAL RURAL AREAS IN THE EU ^{3 ECTS}

- **3 ECTS Online Learning Course**
- **Master degree students and early phase PhD student**
- **Period IV 2022**
- **Serves as a introductory course for a Summer course on the same topic to be held in Greece in August 2022. Can be taken also independently**
- **Send your brief motivation letter on why this particular course would benefit you in your studies or envisioned professional work. This will be the main basis for the acceptance**

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If you are student in disciplines of rural development, agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, social sciences, marketing and business, ecology, conservation biology and forestry with agricultural orientation, and you are interested in studying in a multicultural and multidisciplinary environment on issues of sustainable development, consider taking this course!

Peripheral areas have a critical role in achieving rural vitality across European rural regions. Their sustainable development maintains and enhances environment, rural heritage and biodiversity while improving socio-economic conditions of diverse rural actors.

In this course, you will broaden your understanding of the social, environmental, and economic characteristics of peripheral rural areas. You will learn to recognize the needs and opportunities for sustainable development in those areas. Above all, you will engage with key elements of the participatory innovation process, and with diverse innovations as solutions to modern challenges. You will get to work with real life examples of innovation process in Finland and across the EU.

All activities take place in Moodle. The study language is English.

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This course acts as an introductory for a summer course that will be held in Greece during the summer 2022. A successful completion will allow you to take part in the summer school with the costs covered by the project. You can opt for completing only the online course.

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