

Empowering regional development and innovations – Building resilience in rural communities

Unit of study - code study unit	IE10001 (in Karelia)
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Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competences in the field of sustainable regional development - Problem solving competences - Transdisciplinary competences - Communication and social interaction competences - Intercultural competence field, including cultural awareness, multilingual and internationalization - Transversal competences
Learning outcomes	After completing the course, you will be able to utilize multidisciplinary expert networks, creative thinking and various technologies for problem solving in innovation methods. You will have a working knowledge of innovation tools and ways to present your findings. You will understand the multidisciplinary nature of regional development and its significance on rural and urban communities as well the basic concepts of resilience of communities.
Content	During the course, multidisciplinary groups will work on a challenge posed by a Finnish organization related to rural resilience in special conditions. The groups will be introduced to different methods and tools for innovation, expert lectures on regional development and community resilience and its meaning. The expert lectures will be given by stakeholders from each of the partner countries (Finland, Bulgaria, Greece, the Netherlands and Slovakia). The groups will innovate solutions and propose actions to increase the communities' resilience. The groups will work in close cooperation with different stakeholders. The students will learn about Finnish food culture and participate in an online cooking class. The students will also plan and implement a joint cultural evening.
Teaching method(s) and student workload	<p>The course will be implemented online and consists of three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary tasks (15 May - 6 June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 25 - 30 hours o Presenting yourselves online, background research, designing the evening activity, starting the learning diary - Hackathon process (7 - 14 June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 64 hours - Introduction to innovation processes and tools, expert lectures, group work, coaching, joint activities - Final tasks (15 - 17 June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 11 - 17 hours o Finalising the learning diary
Rating scale	The course is evaluated on a scale of 0-5, where 5 is excellent, 1 is satisfactory and 0 is failed. The evaluation of the course is based on the approved completion of the preliminary assignments (10%), expert evaluation of the presentation (20%), report of the solution (30%), participation in joint online meetings and group work (20%) and the learning diary (20%).

Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous assessment - Assessment of group assignments - Assessment of individual assignments
Mandatory literature	-
Module coordinator	Karelia University of Applied Sciences: Kaija Saramäki, Sini Rantanen, Jukka Tulonen
Language	English
Credits	5
Period	Summer semester
Entry requirements/prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum requirements for English language level is B2 - If student is a BSc, he/she should have completed two years of studies

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