

Dear reader,

You have just received the 2nd newsletter of the SECuRe project (Smart Education for Corporate Sustainability Reporting). The project deals with the topic of ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) and non-financial reporting in the context of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).

Tracking data on environmental and social aspects and providing this information to external and internal stakeholders is an integral part of sustainability reporting. Pressures of the regulatory framework, value chains and financial sector are leading to the situation where the preparation and publication of sustainability reports by companies is no longer just an optional PR matter, but becomes an important element of overall business success.

Best wishes,

SECURE project team

Train the trainers

The "Train the trainers" activity of the SECuRe project took place in Timisoara, Romania from May 16th to 18th 2023 with the aim of testing the SECuRE course developed so far, collecting feedback, and improving the course content. During the pilot course, trainers from the five organisations taught and exchanged knowledge on the six topics of the course,



European Legislation & Sustainability Standards, Sustainability Management, Environmental Dimension, Social Dimension, Corporate Governance Dimension and Sustainability Reporting. Five ESG experts from denkstatt Romania, participated in the training and provided valuable feedback for course improvement.

Basic data about the project

The project was launched in May 2022 with support from the Erasmus+ programme and will run for two years. It brings together five partners from business and academia from five different EU Member States, including the Czech Republic (ENVIROS), Poland (ATMOTERM), Romania (CNPCD), Slovenia (University of Maribor) and Spain (PROSPEKTIKER). The general idea of the proposed project is the creation of an educational program that will enable professional staff in private and/or public sector and teachers, to undergo the topics of environmental, social and governance reporting.

SECuRE Knowledge Repository

New online database is now available for learners and all interested parties helping them to connect with information and expertise globally via online searchable library <https://csr-secure.eu>. SECuRE **Knowledge repository** is an interactive resource knowledge including multi-source information of various: legislation, standards, guides, reports, scientific articles related to sustainability and ESG reporting. The library is under continuous development and will be expanded with other relevant study materials and links.

SECuRE at scientific conferences

SECuRE team was introducing the project and identifying the most relevant, up-to-date topics at 3 scientific conferences. The series of project dissemination among scientific community started with the **ISC conference** (7th International Scientific Conference: Strengthening Resilience by Sustainable Economy and Business - Towards the SDGs). This event was organised in a hybrid mode by Faculty of Economics and Business at University of Maribor on 16th May. The next presentation of the SECuRE project took place from 8th to 9th June at the online **IRDO conference** (18th IRDO International Conference INNOVATIVE SUSTAINABLE and SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SOCIETY 2023: Empowering Society, Environment and Economy for Sustainability). The trio of presentations was rounded off by a **conference at Wageningen University** (Transforming Consumption-Production Systems Toward Just and Sustainable Futures) from 5th to 8th July 2023.



We are grateful for the opportunity to share our work on SECuRE project with the scientific community and to gain valuable insight which will support us in the further development of high-quality course!

What is next?

Intensive work is now being done on the development of new teaching materials in the already established units. Individual chapters will be a combination of scientific findings, legislative framework and examples of good practice. They will also include guides and lists of resources to help those charged with ESG processing in companies.

The face-to-face pilot course will be performed in all countries to test and collect feedback from target groups.

We will present the project achievements during multiplier events organised in Romania, Czech Republic, Poland and Slovenia. We hope to see you there!



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