

Dear reader,

You have just received the 3rd 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).

Best wishes,

## SECURE project team

## 1. Start of the Pilot course

The organization and implementation of the Pilot course training took place among all the individual project partners in each country. The purpose of the Pilot Course was to test the prepared study materials and the platform in practice before the Experimental online course is released. The feedback from participants closed the loop, facilitating further refinement of the learning products developed under the project.



The programme consisted of introduction of the project partnership, objectives, results, as well as understanding the level of participants' knowledge and expectations. This training comprehensively addresses sustainability management in organizations, focusing on the application of business models and innovation, as well as the development of ESG strategies aligned with the UN SDGs.



Successful course in Spain was followed by a pilot course in **Timisoara, Romania** on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Three learning units were presented deeply and the discussion of the topics was very fruitful. The second part – the practical session – was dedicated to the presentation, account creation and navigation of the SECuRE platform. At the end of the day participants have been asked to provide feedback regarding the demo course. The responses were very positive, indicating that there is a strong interest in ESG education in Romania.



In **Slovenia**, the pilot course took place on 15<sup>th</sup> of December at the **University of Maribor**. In the course, all learning units and the online platform of the project were presented in detail. Feedback from the project included many stimulating opinions, including a suggestion to develop a full-day course for each learning unit, as the ESG topic is important to the audience and they welcome further training in this area.

In the same period, a pilot course was held in **Opole, Poland** on 21<sup>th</sup> of December, 2023, which was also well attended. The course was evaluated as well organized. The feedback mainly concerned the need of update of necessary national legislation in Knowledge repository and there were also questions about the possibility of adding more case studies to the platform.





The training series concluded with a pilot course in **Prague, Czech Republic** on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. The first part of the lecture introduced the participants with the objectives of the SECuRe project, the project partners, then the content of the individual course chapters and the planned scope of the online course were briefly presented. Second part of the lecture focused on presenting the practical topics of ESG and sustainable reporting, which are now at the forefront of interest for Czech companies.

Pilot courses in all countries aroused widespread interest among the attendees. They all agreed on the suitability of training aimed at sustainability management in companies in the face of the incessant increase in regulation in this area.

## SECuRe course in national languages

By the end of March, the course will be launched in addition to English in other national languages (CS, ES, PL, RO, SL) to increase the availability of SECuRe project content. If you are interested in ESG, need to deepen your knowledge and have an overview of reporting obligations, do not hesitate to sign up for our course!

Platform link available on https://platform.csr-secure.eu



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