

Baltic University Programme Finland

Activities 2021

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Introduction

The Baltic University Programme has celebrated 30 years, 1991–2021, this year. Almost all activities during the year have taken place online, but a clear focus has been to pay attention to the history, besides developing new activities.

The webinar series “Space Bridge 2.0” where all the national centers within BUP have hosted one session each throughout the year is a part of the celebration year. Another is the collection of BUP stories to a publication that will be finished during 2022.

On the same time, an active work is ongoing with developing new course materials on the key themes of BUP with the purpose to be open for all member universities. To better connect to the students in the member universities, a call for BUP student ambassadors was open during the spring 2021.

Today 95 universities and higher education institutions are members within BUP and the network is appointed a flagship project in the policy area of education as part of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR).

For more information on the activities at BUP, visit <https://www.balticuniv.uu.se/> and <https://bup.fi/>.

Activities arranged by BUP Finland:

Courses

- Webinar series **Implementing Sustainability at Universities**. Four webinars from December 2020-March 2021 in cooperation with SWEDESD & BUP Uppsala. Keynote #1: Arjen Wals, Wageningen University, NL. (8.12.2020, participants 113). Keynote #2: Shepherd Urenje, Uppsala University (12.1.2021, ~ 100 participants). Keynote #3: Ulrika Persson-Fischier, Uppsala University (9.2.2021, 82 participants). Keynote #4: David Kronlid, Uppsala University (9.3.2021, 77 participants).

Recorded: <https://bup.fi/the-webinar-series-implementing-sustainability-at-universities-available-on-youtube/>

Good feedback, overall grade: 4.6/5

The webinar series was part of the Year of Research-Based Knowledge 2021 launched by e.g. the Academy of Finland and the Ministry of Education and Culture (CL)

- **BUP Teachers' Course Reunion – ESD in Higher Education** 2017-2020, 2 afternoons online, 23–24.3. The purpose was to share experiences and best practices with the BUP colleagues and on the same time inspire for future work and communication (32 participants from 8 countries) <https://bup.fi/reunion-of-the-bup-teachers-courses-2017-2020/>
Good feedback, overall grade 4.5/5 (CL)
- New distance course, **Introduction to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**, in cooperation with the Open University, ÅAU, 2.11.2021–30.1.2022. Course material and assignments on Moodle (23 participants from 4 countries, AK, CL) <https://studiehandboken.abo.fi/en/course/SU00CI47/22166?period=2020-2022>
- Webinar series **ESD and Digitalisation - Implications of Digital Technology for Education Policy and Practice**, 4 webinars from November 2021–February 2022 in cooperation with SWEDESD & BUP Uppsala. Keynote #1: Yash Chawla, Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland (16.11.2021, participants 19). Keynote #2: Shepherd Urenje, Uppsala University (14.12.2022). Keynote #3: Jukka Manner, Aalto University (18.1.2022). Keynote #4: Charlotta Hilli, ÅAU (15.2.2022). The webinar series was part of the Year of Research-Based Knowledge 2021 launched by e.g. the Academy of Finland and the Ministry of Education and Culture (CL) <https://bup.fi/webinar-series-esd-digitalisation-implications-of-digital-technology-for-education-policy-and-practice/>
- **Teachers SAIL** in August from Mariehamn to Visby (SS) **CANCELLED**

Projects

- **Baltic Science Network Extension - BSN Powerhouse** 1.8 2019–31.7 2021, <https://projects.interreg-baltic.eu/projects/bsn-powerhouse-212.html> (SS, AK)
- **Cascade** – Community Safety Action for Supporting Climate Adaptation – 1.1.2019–30.6 2021, <http://www.cascade-bsr.eu/> (CL,SS)
- **Baltic Sea Region Climate Change Curricula** 1.8 2019–31.12.2021 <https://www.balticuniv.uu.se/projects/baltic-sea-region-climate-change-curriculum/> (CL,SS)

Presentations, workshops etc

- Presentation on BUP and the Teachers' Course, "Collaboration and International Learning – Some Experience from the Baltic Sea Region" for Kyutech Institute of Technology in Kitakyushu, Japan, 27.1 (CL)
- Lecture in the course Globala miljöproblem at the department of biology, ÅAU, 10.2.2021 (CL)

- Workshop, Integrating SDG in Course Design and Teaching, at a webinar on learning common for the schools of higher education in Turku (Pedamessu), 31.5.2021 (CL)
- Host for the BUP Space Bridge celebrating BUP 30 years: What Does Social Sustainability Means to You? (presentation of topic, the method Timeout (<https://www.timeoutdialogue.fi/>) and discussion), 16.9.2021 (12 participants; AK,CL)
- The **BUP 2021 Symposium**, online 19–20.10.2021. CL chair and member of the scientific committee for theme 8: Education for Sustainable Development <https://www.balticuniv.uu.se/activities/bup-symposium-2021/>
- Participation in the Universities of Finland's (Unifi) SDG-days, 4–5.11.2021 in Jyväskylä and hybrid (SS, AK)
- Course material for the new BUP course "Exploring Sustainability" (AK)

Cooperation

- ÅAU is part of the network [European School of Sustainability Science and Research \(ESSSR\)](#). ESSSR is an inter-university consortium with the aim to coordinate the sustainability science teaching and research at European universities. Contact person at ÅAU: Catharina Groop.

Social media

- BUP Finland has own accounts (besides the accounts administered by the coordinating secretariat in Uppsala) on both facebook and Instagram (128 resp. 116 followers) (<https://www.facebook.com/bupfinland/>, <https://www.instagram.com/bupfinland/?hl=sv>)

BUP meetings

- Center Directors meeting online 27.5 and 18.11 (CL)
- BUP Board meeting online 11.6 and 6.12 (TS)

We have had regular internal BUP meetings (CL, SS, AK, MH) every third week during the year. We have also established a good contact and communication with the Environment group at the Students' Union at ÅAU and the ÅAU BUP Student Ambassadors.

We have had two meetings with the contact persons at the Finnish BUP member universities: in the spring organized by the coordinating secretariat (16.3), and a national meeting coordinated by ÅAU during the autumn (2.12).

Besides this we have a regular contact with the coordinating secretariat in Uppsala.

Other

- Recruitment of and cooperation with new BUP Student Ambassadors and E-tutors in cooperation with the BUP Coordinating secretariat (2 ambassadors and 2 e-tutors from ÅAU)
- Article on the BUP Teachers' Reunion Meeting and the Webinar series in the newsletter no 64 of BUP, articles on the Space Bridges, BUP 30 years and the project Baltic Science Network in the newsletters 1/2021 and 2/2021 of the Centre for Lifelong Learning (in Swedish) https://www.balticuniv.uu.se/digitalAssets/909/c_909578-l_1-k_newsletter-64.pdf
<https://www.abo.fi/centret-for-livslangt-larande/bups-jubileumswebbinarier-om-hallbarhet-oppna-for-alla/>

<https://www.abo.fi/centret-for-livslangt-larande/baltic-science-network-for-samman-forskare-och-studerande-kring-ostersjon/>

<https://www.abo.fi/centret-for-livslangt-larande/bup-natverket-behovs-lika-mycket-idag-som-for-trettio-ar-sedan/>

- New BUP associate secretariat agreement between Uppsala University and ÅAU for the period 1.1.2022–31.12.2024. Preparations during the autumn, signature by the rector of ÅAU hopefully during December 2021.

Participation from Finland in our BUP events

- BUP Teachers' Reunion: 3 participant from Finland (ÅAU)
- BUP 2021 Symposium: 8 participants from Finland
- BUP Student Delegation: 6 participants from Finland (5 from ÅAU)
- Webinar on ESD 2020–2021: 77 participants (registration) from Finland (15 registered from ÅAU)
- Webinar on ESD 2021–2022 (so far): 19 participants (registration) from Finland (10 registered from ÅAU)

Plans for 2022

- Continuation of the **webinar series ESD and Digitalisation**. Two webinars from January to February 2022, in cooperation with SWEDESD & BUP Uppsala (CL)
<https://bup.fi/webinar-series-esd-digitalisation-implications-of-digital-technology-for-education-policy-and-practice/>
- **New distance course, Climate change in the Baltic Sea Region**, in cooperation with the Open University, ÅAU, and BUP Uppsala 1.3.–15.5.2022. Course material and assignments on Moodle (CL)
- Development of **material for a new BUP course: The Baltic Sea Environment – Challenges and Solutions**, 1.1.–31.8.2022 with help of an employed coordinator (CL)
- **Online BUP Teachers Days** with keynote, workshop and discussion and best practice sharing. To be held in March/April 2022 (CL, SS, AK)
- **Teachers' SAIL course** in August 2022 in cooperation with BUP Uppsala, Högskolan på Åland and SWEDESD at UU. Especial focus: Sustainable Tourism. Planning starts in December 2021, uncertainties due to Covid-19 (SS, CL).
- **BUP Teachers' Course 2022-2023** based on blended learning with e-course modules, individual work and 2 workshops. Planning started in spring, how the course will be held is due to the current Covid 19-situation in autumn 2022 (CL, SS, AK).
- **BUP Rectors' Conference and celebration of BUP 30 years**, 28-29.9.2022 in Uppsala (CL, SS, AK, MH). Pre-rectors conference online 10.3.2022 (CL, SS).

- Autumn 2022: **Finland holds the BUP Presidency** – plans to be developed during the spring:
 - o **Webinar series** “This is BUP Finland” with presentations and workshops involving the experts from the BUP member universities in Finland
 - o **Student event** open for the whole BUP, organised in cooperation with The BUP Student Ambassadors at ÅAU and the Student Union at ÅAU
 - o Something else to broaden the visibility of BUP at Finnish universities?
- Continue the **cooperation** with the BUP Student Ambassadors at ÅAU and the Student Union at ÅAU and their Environment group. (MH)
- Tighter **cooperation** with the teachers and researchers at ÅAU and the member universities in Finland

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