



The Baltic University Programme and SAIL

The Baltic University Programme (BUP) started their activities in 1991 and presently it is a network of more than 225 universities and other institutes of higher learning throughout the 14 countries of the drainage basin to the Baltic Sea.

The network is coordinated by the Baltic University Programme Secretariat, a part of Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development at Uppsala University, Sweden, with the support of the 14 national centres.

BUP's aim is to support and promote regional cooperation for sustainable development as well as to develop and maintain contacts among the universities and corresponding institutions of higher learning within or partly within the Baltic Sea region. The BUP network supports the implementation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) within the Baltic Sea Region both for "Baltic 21 – An Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region" and for UNESCO's decade (2005-2014) on ESD as well as being a strategic partner to the Council of the Baltic Sea States regarding higher education. BUP is the Lead Partner of a flagship project within EU's Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region focusing on enhancing cooperation between universities in the Baltic Sea Region on sustainable development and Education for Sustainable Development. BUP produces and offers common educational material (textbooks, videos and material on the Internet), provides interdisciplinary student courses, teachers' education and training, workshops and conferences for students and university teachers.

BUP concentrates on issues of sustainable development, environmental protection and democracy and on developing creative ways to inform students and teachers about these topics.



Sustainability Applied in International Learning - SAIL.

One of the creative ways to teach and inform has since 1996 been sailing with students and teachers. Every year close to 40 members of our network, both students and teachers, representing 14 countries, gather on board a tall ship and get a unique

possibility to teach and learn, broaden their views, get rid of prejudice, socialize, strengthen their personalities, test their own limits and prove their abilities - sail together in storms and sunny days and nights, train their body and mind, share friendship for life, work together as a team beyond nationalities, age differences, positions and titles, share duties during watches, educate and experience *Sustainability Applied in International Learning - SAIL*.

This highly appreciated course and activity, received in 2007 three years of ERASMUS/Intensive Programme approval for financial support for 2007-2010, after many years of financial support coming from the Swedish Institute and one year from Sida's Baltic Sea Unit. In the same year it became as well an Uppsala University summer course that gives students 7,5 ECTS credit points. It's unique combination of great adventure and academic studies contribute to this course's superb reputation. It is also something we are very proud of!

Since last year the SAIL course is arranged again by the Baltic University Programme and participating students are not receiving any official credits for participation however the SAIL course still corresponds to 7,5 ECTS credit.

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