

# Living Laboratories: Resilience and Sustainability of Municipalities



**The goal of the Living Laboratories course is to build capacities for resilience and sustainability at local governance level through small-scale actions**

- Duration: 2012
- Donor: Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Budget: EUR 180,000
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## IN NUMBERS:

- 55 participants
- 20 local projects developed
- 11 lecturers

## GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo\*, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Turkey

\* This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

## Activities

- Holding a preparatory capacity-building workshop for experts from the organising partner institutions
- Forming local teams based on the Sustainable Development Academy's alumni network
- Organising a two-week course for participants from Central and Eastern Europe on developing sustainability and resilience know-how
- Identifying sub-national responses to large-scale economic and resource-related challenges
- Supporting the development of local projects aimed at nurturing sustainability and the resilience of social and ecological systems

## Impacts

- Further contribution to knowledge sharing between the REC, Venice International University and other partners
- Updated and upgraded course content and methods
- Practical assistance in bringing about change in the region

# Course for Sustainability for Black Sea Countries



## Activities

- Analysing regional problems and identifying the best practical solutions through case studies drawn from the region and EU member states
- Sharing in-depth knowledge of global and regional sustainability issues and their practical context
- Providing theoretical and practical information on policies and instruments related to sustainable development
- Encouraging the application of acquired knowledge in participants' institutions

## Impacts

- Regional network created for joint activities
- Greater understanding of the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable development goals
- Participants equipped with tools to integrate sustainable development components into decision-making processes

**The seminar series "Partnerships for Sustainable Development — Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries" involved representatives of central and local governments and the private sector**

- Duration: 2008–2011
- Donor: Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea
- Budget: EUR 717,078
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## IN NUMBERS:

- 4 years
- 6 countries
- 129 participants

## GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine

