



# The BUP weekly

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Dear BUP colleagues,

We are very happy to announce that the BUP received funds for our next project, Science & Sail! This project will be carried out as a summer school and is planned to take place in Kaliningrad, Russia during the summer of 2022.

The main purpose of the project is to create a mutual learning ground where students can meet to study and discuss the joint environmental problems of the Baltic Sea. The project will also be strengthening the people-to-people contact between students and university teachers from the participating countries. More information will of course be available later on.

The BUP is thrilled to announce the winner of the annual PhD award in the category of Social Sciences and Humanities. Our warmest congratulations go to Huriye Armagan Dogan, from Kaunas University of Technology, for the thesis *"The Role of Cultural Memory in the Strategies of Adaptive Re-Use of Built Heritage"* which was successfully defended in 2020.

Kind regards,

The Baltic University Programme's coordinating secretariat

### BUP in social media



## BUP secretariat news

Webinar on ESD & digitalisation:

Smart Phones, Gorillas and Armed Conflicts

When: 14 December, 14–15 CET.

About the webinar: What is the hidden cost of your high-tech equipment, such as smartphones? As demand for smart gadgets continues to rise, mining for smart phone minerals and their illegal trade are also rising. These are often controlled by armed groups helping to feed a vicious circle of conflicts, poverty and disease. Our discussion will question how the use of your mobile gadgets affect communities around the world and what you can do about it.

**ESD & DIGITALIZATION**  
Implications of Digital Technology for Education Policy and Practice

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Shepherd Ussler, Ph.D. Specialist in teacher education of 2002/2010 - Swedish International Centre of Education for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University, Sweden

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**Webinar series on Education for Sustainable Development**

Register for the webinar

Interdisciplinary - Multicultural - International  
**BUP Master Thesis Training**

### First call for BUP Master Thesis Training

The BUP Master Thesis Training is a new concept, aimed to give master students an opportunity to get supervision from a senior from another BUP Participating University. Moreover, it will provide an opportunity to get feedback from other students in the region, build connections with other students, and become better acquainted with other academic perspectives in an interdisciplinary and intercultural environment. This training offers an interdisciplinary learning experience, with sustainability as a shared concept.

The Master Thesis Training on the BUP web page

Application deadline is 31 January 2021

## BUP Student survey

As part of their activities, the BUP Student Ambassadors have designed a survey which looks to learn about and gather information on students' experiences and values in regards to the concept of sustainability. Students are becoming increasingly active in the field of sustainability and the BUP network is pioneering regional cooperation.

This survey will help them investigate perceptions and education in our region. Please consider forwarding the survey to your student to fill out. It is now available in five languages. We hope for a fruitful response.

Slovak survey    Ukrainian survey    Polish survey

Russian survey    Survey in English

## Network news

### Invitation to collaborate

Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University is ready to collaborate in the framework of the carbon polygon project implementation. We consider setting up new international projects on joint research (for example, conducting parallel research with the use of similar equipment and methods, but on different peateries, etc.) Any ideas and suggestions are welcome. Should you have any questions or comments, please, do not hesitate to contact International office at IKBFU (Daria Gerber, [dgerber@kantiana.ru](mailto:dgerber@kantiana.ru))



The BUP is pleased to include details of an ongoing project taking place at UTP Bydgoszcz, *'Spinaker - A.I. am here - Digital-based business as a path for the sustainable building sector'*.

The BUP is committed to research, cooperation and ESD within the Baltic Sea Region and this project is a good example of that. Four different modules will be given, all of which are directed at academic teachers, where skills and knowledge relating to sustainable development can be gained. Participation can be done online or offline and material will be available until February next year. A conference in Switzerland is also scheduled and teachers are desired for a summer school in 2022.

Project website    Registration

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