

Learning &

Engaging communities for Societal Impact

CDS Hybrid Training Event

South-West University “Neofit Rilski”

October 5-6 2021





A partnership of like-minded closely collaborating

research-intensive universities

▪ Matching excellence with relevance

▪ High trust platform: learning from & with each other ▪ Equip graduates with entrepreneurial skills & mindset

As a partnership of European universities, we believe that we have a key contribution to make to the prosperity and wellbeing of our continent and the wider world. To achieve this, we serve communities and work with partners at a local, regional, European, and global level.



Aurora

Universities

1. University of Iceland

2. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam 3. University of East Anglia 4. Copenhagen Business School 5. Universität Duisburg-Essen 6. Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci

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7. Universität Innsbruck

8. Universitat Rovira I Virgili 9. Università di Napoli Federico II 10.Université Grenoble Alpes 11. University of Aberdeen

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Aurora

Associates

1. V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University 2. Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice 3. University of Tetova

4. South-West University “Neofit Rilski”

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The Aurora

Activity

Programme

The activity programme set out in our European University Initiative bid is the shared ambition and endeavour of our students,

academics, university leaders, and administrators.

It reflects the Aurora vision of a European University in four pillars

Learning

for societal

impact Engaging communities

Shared 

priorities

Sustainability

pioneers Research & Innovation

for

Societal

impact



Aurora Engaging Communities Work package 4

Aurora Capacity Development Support Programme (CDS)

▪ **36 months: Nov 2020-Nov 2023**

▪ **Activity Lead : Selma Porobic**

**&Tereza Kalouskova , UP**

▪ **Co-lead : Sabina di Prima, VU**

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About CDS

To narrow the gap in quality in higher education & research in different parts of Europe by supporting universities in CE Europe and Neighbouring Countries in strengthening their capacity for academic excellence and societal relevance.

Goals

▪ At least **30 target universities** have been reached and informed about the possibilities of strengthening their capacity with Aurora support.

▪ At least **5 Aurora deliverables** have been adapted to suit capacity development support.

▪ At least **three capacity development support projects** affecting at least 9 target universities have started up.

Chairs

Task 4.1

Co-creation

Task 4.2

Academic

Collaboration 

Platform

Task 4.3 Social 

Entrepreneurship

& Innovation

Task 4.4 Aurora 

Capacity

Development

Support

programme

Task 4.5 Aurora 

Institute



Aurora CDS University Network 

**Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice** 

**State University of Tetova**

**South-West University ‘Neofit Rilski’**

4 **Associate Partner Universities +** 30 **more universities of the CDS University Network**

CDS Participants

Associate Partner Universities

|  | South-West University “Neofit Rilski” Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria |
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|  | Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice  Košice, Slovakia |
|  | V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University  Kharkiv, Ukraine |
|  | University of Tetova  Tetova, Northern Macedonia |

Aurora Member

Universities

|  | 3 CDS projects  Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany |
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|  | University of Innsbruck, Austria |
|  | University Federico Secundo in Napoli, Italy |
|  | Copenhagen Business School, Denmark |

CDS Network

members

|  | Babeș-Bolyai  University, Romania |
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|  | University of Tirana, Albania |
|  | Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine |
|  | State University of Medicine and  Pharmacy "Nicolae Testemițanu"  Molodova |

5 Deliverables adapted to CDS partners’ local contexts

▪ 2021 March 31st ‘Transforming teaching through soft skills, social 3 CDS projects

engagement and virtual exchange competences**’**

▪ 2021 5-6th October In-person hybrid training at South-West University ‘Neofit Rilski’, Bulgaria HUB : Community Service Learning and COIL

▪ 2021 7-8th December In-person hybrid training Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic: Competence Framework

▪ 2022 In person training N. Macedonia, Slovakia, Ukraine HUBs

▪ 2022 Aurora Summer School for Associate partners and CDS Network at Palacky University in Olomouc

3 CDS Projects

▪ **March 2021 UP Aurora mini-grant scheme**: 17 education & research projects 3 CDS projects

https://aurora.upol.cz/aurora-mini-grants-list-of-awarded-mini-grants/

▪ **Autumn 2021 VU Aurora mini-grant scheme**: Pre-doctoral training with Aps and Network

▪ **Summer 2022 UP Aurora Summer School** – Environmental sustainability, Health and wellbeing, Digitalisation and global citizenship, Culture, Identity, Diversity

▪ **2021-2023 Joint Degree in Slavic Studies and Sustainable Tourism Management**: Lead by South-West University N.R., BUL



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CDS Training event

South-West University “Neofit Rilski” October 5-6 2021 Enjoy your workshop!



1st CDS Training

Transforming Higher Education through

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) and (Community) Service Learning 5-6 October 2021, Hybrid Format

South-West University “Neofit Rilski”

