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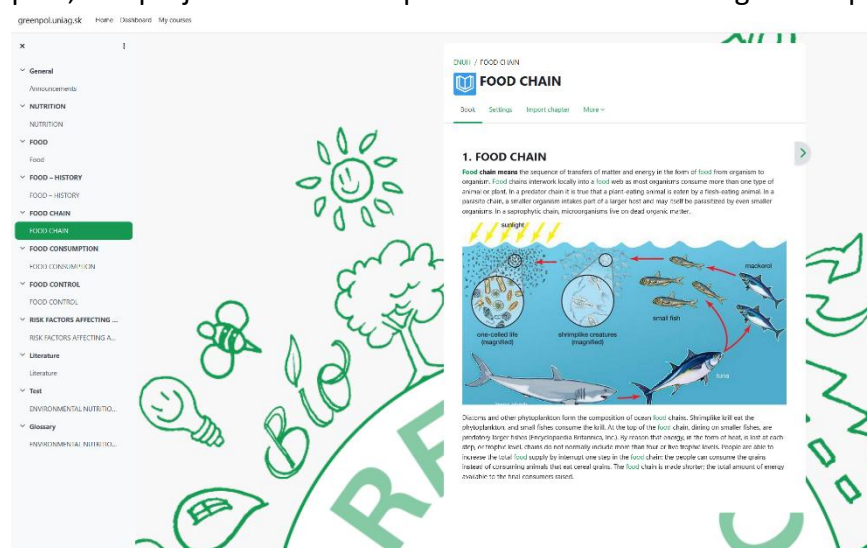
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GREENPOL - Centre of Excellence in European Green Deal Policies

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Project implementation phase – summary

The implementation phase of the project focused on carrying out activities related to the preparation of project outputs across all work packages. Within Work Package No. 1, in compliance with the project work plan, the project coordinator performed the monitoring of the project's activities carried out during its



first year, i.e., from 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024. The results of the monitoring campaign were processed and summarised in the report which was submitted to the European Commission. Under Work Package No. 2, three courses for doctoral students were innovated. Teaching for these courses took place during the summer semester of the 2024/2025 academic year. The course materials were developed by members of the Centre of Excellence – experts in European policies,

nutrition, health, and renewable energy – and are available for students via the online LMS Moodle platform. In Work Package No. 3, members of the Centre of Excellence focused on implementing research activities, particularly in the areas of concentrations of selected risk elements in the tissues of domestic and wild animals, selected social and economic indicators in the V4 countries, and trends in the teaching of EU green policies. As a result of these research activities, three scientific and expert articles were prepared. The article “Teaching Trends in the Field of the European Green Policies” was presented by the Centre of Excellence members at the international EDULEARN25 conference in Palma, Spain.

Work Package No. 4 included a roundtable debate “Environmental Nutrition and Health” with international participation.

Project implementation – teaching

Teaching activities were carried out in accordance with the project's work plan during the summer semester of the 2024/2025 academic year within the following three innovated courses (listed with codes from the Course Catalogue):

- 1) **PHD_U055_N – EU Energy Policy** – this course explores long-term challenges arising from EU environmental policies;
- 2) **PHD_M109_N – Renewable energies for sustainable development** – the course addresses the current energy crisis and the limited production capacity of renewable energy sources;



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- 3) **PHD_P323_N – Environmental Nutrition and Health** – this course examines the links between the food value chain, agriculture, environment, climate, nutrition, and the health of humans and animals, aiming to improve public health through environmentally sustainable food production.

Twelve full-time doctoral students participated in the teaching activities: 3 from the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development, 5 from the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences, and 4 from the Faculty of Engineering. All students completed all three courses. The teaching was delivered in a blended format – partly through in-person instruction and partly through self-study using course materials available on the LMS Moodle platform. This teaching model is part of a multidisciplinary approach, which in the case of the GREENPOL project, reflects the need to address current challenges set out by the European Green Deal through educational and research capacities and experts from the participating faculties.

At the end of each course, students completed an assessment in the LMS Moodle system. As part of successful course completion, students also provided feedback on their learning experience and study needs regarding the topics covered.

Project implementation – research

Members of the Centre of Excellence implemented **research activities** in several areas, resulting in three expert articles. One has been published in a renowned scientific journal, another in a conference proceedings, and the third has been submitted for publication with anticipated release by the end of 2025:

- the article „**Concentration of selected biogenic and risk elements in liver, kidneys and muscle of domestic rabbit and wild brown hare**“ was prepared by an international scientific team led by Prof. Marcela Capcarova from the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences, SUA in Nitra. It was published online on 28 August 2024 in the Journal of Environmental Science and Health, Part A: Toxic/Hazardous Substances and Environmental Engineering. Abstract available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10934529.2024.2395714>;
- the article „**Teaching Trends in the Field of the European Green Policies**“ was prepared by Centre of Excellence members under the leadership of Prof. Pavol Schwarcz from the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development, SUA in Nitra. It analyses feedback collected from doctoral students who participated in the innovated courses and completed an electronic questionnaire in LMS Moodle. The article was presented at the EDULEARN25 conference and published in its proceedings. Abstract available at: <https://library.iated.org/view/SCHWARCZ2025TEA>;
- the article „**Development of selected economic and social indicators - a case study of v4 countries**“ was prepared by the Centre of Excellence member Dr. Marián Kováčik from the Faculty of European Studies and Regional Development, SUA in Nitra. The article analyses the relationships between selected social and economic indicators in NUTS2 regions of V4 countries. It has been submitted for publication in Prague Economic Papers, with publication expected by the end of 2025.

As part of the GREENPOL project's research activities, Prof. Pavol Schwarcz and Dr. Norbert Floriš participated in the **EDULEARN25** conference held from 30 June to 2 July 2025 at the Palma Convention



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Centre in Palma, Mallorca, Spain. They presented the article “Teaching Trends in the Field of the European Green Policies” in the Integrating Sustainable Development Goals in Education session.



Project implementation – events

The roundtable debate “**Environmental Nutrition and Health**” took place on 11 July 2025. The event was attended by 18 participants – including members of the Centre of Excellence, academic experts, and an



international team of students from Slovakia, Poland, Serbia, Hungary, and Italy. In addition to the roundtable, the students took part in a multi-day event organized by the Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Sciences, SUA in Nitra. At the beginning of the discussion, participants were given a brief presentation of the GREENPOL project, including its concept, objectives, work plan, and implementation methodology. The professional segment of the event focused on nutrition and food-related topics. After a general overview, there was a presentation and discussion on specific regulations within national and EU-level

food control systems. The event concluded with a professional lecture on risk factors in food production that may negatively impact human and animal health, followed by an expert-led discussion on prevention and control measures.



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News in the Field of Environmental Nutrition and Health

European Commission – Vision for EU Agriculture and Food Systems

The European Commission's vision for the future of farming and food production in the EU aims to create a fair and competitive food system that delivers affordable and sustainable food for all. The objective is to build a stronger and more innovative food system that benefits both farmers and consumers. This vision is based on the outcomes of the strategic dialogue on the future of EU agriculture and outlines key approaches to advancing agri-food policy through 2040.

More information at:

https://commission.europa.eu/topics/agriculture-and-rural-development/future-agriculture_en

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