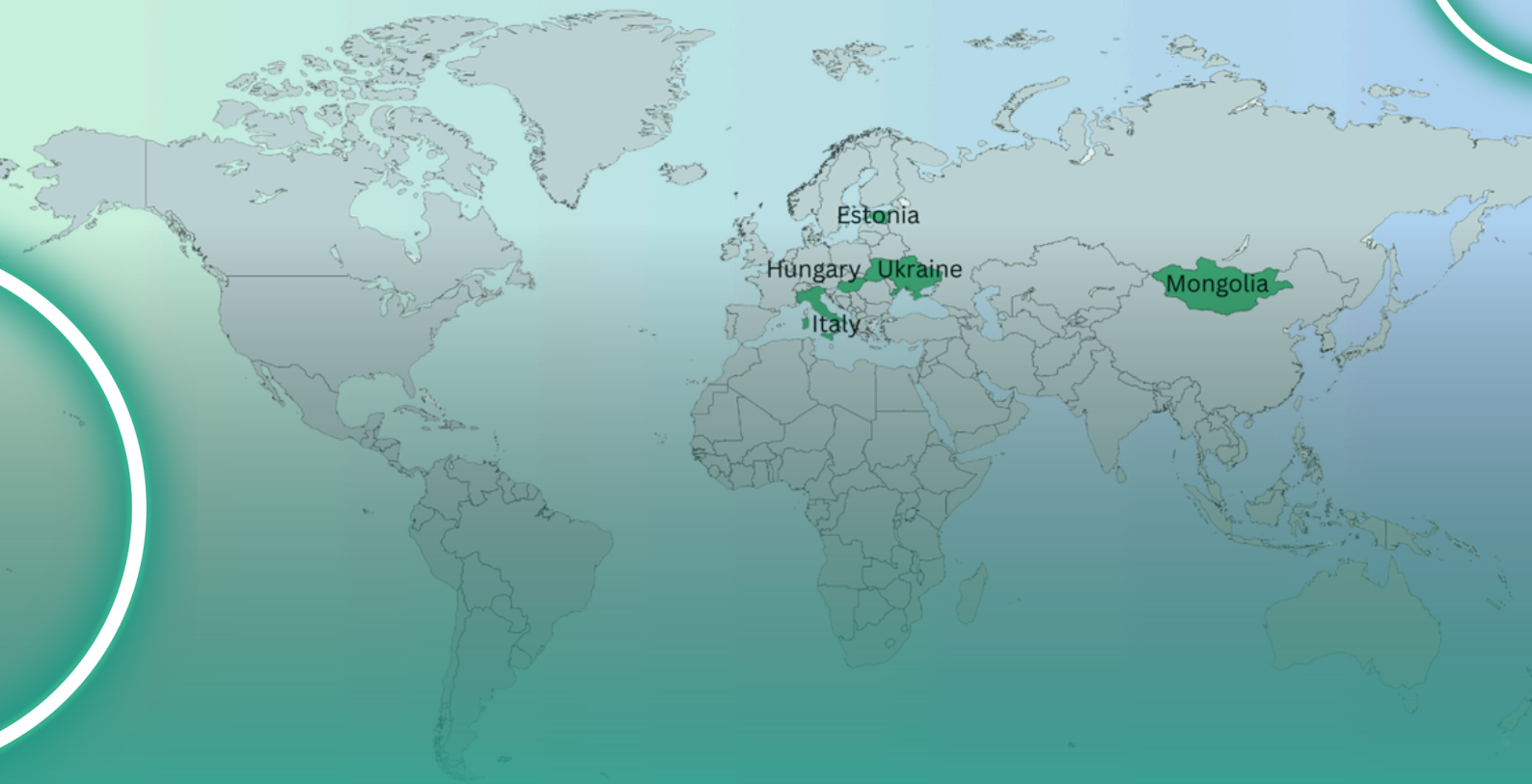
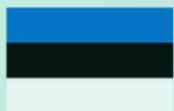




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The partnership will create 91 ECTS worth of new and upgraded courses within 6-cross-cutting topics identified by DOMANI stakeholders, responding to needs of green transformation, tackling environmental emergencies.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PERIOD

DOMANI Project is Launched and Organized First In-person Meeting in Tartu - 2025.01.27

The DOMANI consortium held its first in-person meeting at the beginning of the project, hosted by the Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU) in Tartu in January 2025. The meeting brought together 27 representatives from 12 organisations across five countries, marking an important milestone in strengthening collaboration and launching joint activities.

The event fostered strong partnerships and set a positive tone for effective cooperation throughout the project.



DOMANI was Introduced at the Grant Holders Meeting of ERASMUS+ CBHE - 2025.01.29-30

The ERASMUS+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) Grant Holders Meeting was held online on 29–30 January 2025. The event addressed key topics related to project implementation and monitoring, as well as post-audit processes and recommendations. In addition, regional workshops were organised, including the Asia-Pacific session, where Ochir Altansukh (NUM) presented the DOMANI project to an international audience.



Cooperation Agreement Between EMU and NUM - 2025.01.30

The Rector of the National University of Mongolia (NUM), along with senior leadership and the Mongolian project coordinator, participated in the DOMANI project kick-off meeting. During the meeting, NUM and the Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU) exchanged experience on micro-credential development and quality assurance, and discussed opportunities to adapt the Estonian model at NUM. A key outcome was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between EMU and NUM, marking an important step in long-term institutional collaboration.



Building a Micro-Credential Ecosystem for Higher Education and Workforce Development in Mongolia - 2025.04.18

A hybrid workshop on “Building a Micro-credential Ecosystem: Strategies, Policies, and Practices for Higher Education and Workforce Development in Mongolia” was held in Darkhan-Uul, gathering around 30 participants from academia, government, and industry.

The event strengthened institutional capacity and promoted EU best practices in micro-credential development, policy, and quality assurance. Experts from Kristina Marran, EMU (Estonia) and Attila Katona, the Center for Systems Innovation (Hungary) shared European approaches, supporting collaborative discussions on national implementation strategies.



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ROUND TABLE PROGRAM
on the EU Erasmus+ project 'DOMANI'
Developing micro-skills ecosystems in Ukraine and Mongolia for a competitive and sustainable green economy

«Non-formal education in the field of Environmental Monitoring and Protected Areas Management»

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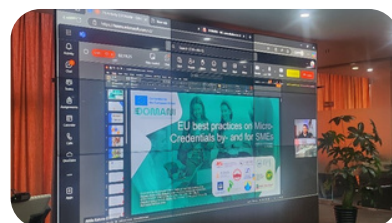
18 April 2025, Kharkiv, ZOOM

Non-formal education in the field of Environmental Monitoring and Protected Areas Management in Ukraine - 2025.04.18

Project partner V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University organised an online round table discussion titled “Non-formal Education in the Field of Environmental Monitoring and Protected Areas Management.” The event brought together experts and stakeholders to discuss the role of non-formal education in strengthening skills and knowledge in environmental monitoring and protected area management. Participants exchanged experiences, shared best practices, and explored opportunities for integrating innovative educational approaches into environmental training programmes.

Stakeholders Workshop and Consultation was Organized in Mongolia - 2025.05.06

Project partner National University of Mongolia organized an open workshop and consultation of “Current conditions, challenges, opportunities, and future development of micro-credential education in Mongolia”. The discussion focused on current challenges, opportunities, and future trends in implementing micro-credential education in higher education. Participants from Estonia and Hungary shared EU experiences through presentations, supporting knowledge exchange on policy, standards, and practical implementation.



MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

DOMANI Project Kick-off Meeting Held Online - 2024.11.27

The DOMANI consortium officially launched its Erasmus+ project with an online kick-off meeting on 27 November 2024, bringing together 24 partners from Estonia, Ukraine, Mongolia, Hungary, and Italy. Chaired by Project Coordinator Kristina Marran (Estonian University of Life Sciences), the meeting established a shared understanding of the project's goals, structure, and collaboration practices.

Running from November 2024 to October 2027, the DOMANI project aims to strengthen cooperation between higher education institutions, public authorities, and NGOs, focusing on inclusivity, digital transformation, and sustainability.

Key decisions included biannual financial reporting and the use of MS Teams and email for communication. Upcoming activities include website development, social media launch, and partner meetings in December 2024 and January 2025 in Estonia.



DOMANI WP Lead and Co-lead Coordination Meeting Held Online - 2024.12.06



The DOMANI project held an online coordination meeting for Work Package leaders on 6 December 2024, chaired by Kristina Marran (EMU), to align tasks and timelines for early project implementation.

Key outcomes included plans to finalise the consortium agreement, launch surveys, and develop the project website. The consortium also agreed to organise a national summer school on micro-credentials in Mongolia in August 2025.

Upcoming activities include the website launch, a quality workshop, and a consortium meeting in Estonia in January 2025.

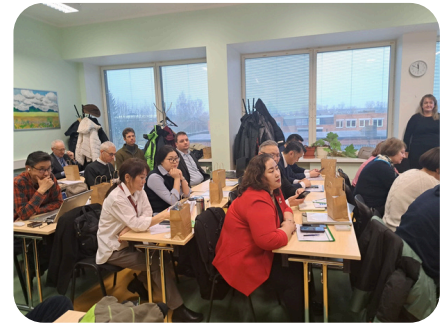


DOMANI Steering Group and Project Coordination Meeting Held in Tartu - 2025.01.29

The DOMANI project held a Steering Group and coordination meeting on 29 January 2025 in Tartu, Estonia, hosted by the Estonian University of Life Sciences and chaired by Kristina Marran.

Partners reviewed project progress, survey results, and upcoming deliverables, while finalising governance and quality assurance structures. Key decisions included establishing a Quality Assurance Team, confirming dissemination channels, and planning a single international hackathon at the end of the project.

Next steps include developing the digital learning platform, preparing training activities, and organising upcoming meetings and summer schools in Mongolia and Italy.



DOMANI Steering Committee Meeting Reviewed Progress and Defined Next Steps - 2025.05.19

The DOMANI consortium held an online Steering Committee meeting on 19 May 2025, chaired by Kristina Marran (EMU), to review progress and plan the next phase of activities.

Partners assessed completed Work Package 2 deliverables and discussed country-specific challenges, highlighting strong interest in micro-credentials in Ukraine and lower awareness in Mongolia. The consortium agreed to focus on developing national guidelines, mentorship programmes, and a DOMANI competence framework.

Key decisions included approving the Terms of Reference document and initiating two guideline documents on micro-credentials and institutional mentorship. Upcoming work will focus on course data collection, framework development, and preparation for future training and events.



TRAINING EVENTS

DOMANI Training Event on Developing Micro-degree Ecosystems Held in Tartu - 2025.01.29

The DOMANI consortium organised an international training event, "Developing Micro-degree Ecosystems in Ukraine and Mongolia," on 29 January 2025 at the Estonian University of Life Sciences in Tartu. The training brought together partners and experts to explore Estonia's experience in micro-degrees, quality assurance, and lifelong learning systems.

Sessions covered national and European frameworks, institutional practices, and accreditation models, with contributions from EMU and HAKA/HARNO experts. Discussions highlighted Estonia's strong quality assurance system, the importance of industry collaboration, and the role of micro-degrees in flexible learning pathways.

Next steps include adapting best practices to Ukraine and Mongolia and further developing cooperation on online learning and quality standards.



Overview of Estonian forestry and forest management - 2025.01.30

Marek Metslaid, Director of the Institute of Forestry and Engineering at the Estonian University of Life Sciences, presented an overview of Estonia's forestry characteristics and sector developments. His presentation highlighted key aspects of sustainable forest management and the role of forestry in the national economy.

Participants showed strong interest in the topic, engaging in discussion around forest management practices, sustainability approaches, and forestry-related products, reflecting its relevance for innovation and applied learning within the project context.



NUM Held Online Training on Syllabus Preparation in Mongolian and EU Standards - 2025.03.19

The National University of Mongolia (NUM) organised an online training session on 19 March 2025 focused on syllabus preparation for upcoming online micro-credential courses. The training supported academic staff in aligning course syllabi with both Mongolian requirements and EU standards.

Participants discussed key syllabus components such as learning outcomes, structure, workload, and assessment, and reviewed differences between national and European approaches. The session resulted in a shared understanding of EU-aligned expectations and an agreed working plan for course development.

Following the training, NUM academic staff began preparing syllabi for online micro-credential courses, marking an important step in the implementation of the project's academic activities.



DOMANI Online Training on ICT and Quality Assurance for Micro-Credentials - 2025.05.28-29



DOMANI partners took part in a two-day online training on 28–29 May 2025, organised by EMU, focusing on ICT systems, digital certification, quality assurance, and EU frameworks for micro-credentials. The training gathered 37 participants and supported WP3 and WP6 activities.

Sessions introduced Estonia's digital education systems, blockchain-based certificates, and European frameworks such as the European Learning Model. Partners also shared experiences from Ukraine and Mongolia and discussed implementation readiness.

The consortium agreed to use Moodle and aligned digital tools as a common basis for micro-credential development and to further align with EU standards.