

ENGAGE. EU Summer School
Designing European Sustainable Futures

16-27 June 2025

Sofia, Bulgaria

About

The ENGAGE.EU Summer School is an intensive, two-week undergraduate summer program taught by professors and lecturers from ENGAGE.EU universities. In line with the general ENGAGE.EU goals, the program aims to provide a forum for interdisciplinary academic exchange and learning on current societal challenges. It aims at equipping students with hard and soft skills needed to tackle these challenges and act as responsible future leaders. Students from all ENGAGE.EU partner universities have the chance to actively participate in this summer program. Additionally, a social programme is offered to foster networking opportunities.

Time, Place and Topic

The Summer School will take place in **Sofia, Bulgaria, from 16 to 27 June 2025, in-present at the University of National and World Economy (UNWE)**. The topic is “*Designing European Sustainable Futures*”, and its goal is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and interdisciplinary perspectives needed to envision, design, and implement sustainable solutions tailored to Europe's unique environmental, social, and economic contexts. Through the program, students will gain a deep understanding of European sustainable policies, design strategies, and industry practices, along with hands-on experience in tackling sustainability issues.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following list:

- Reducing Inequality
- Climate Action
- Sustainable Growth
- Clean Energy
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Role of Emerging Technologies in Sustainable Management
- Corporate Sustainability

These are topics of interest but there is **no limitation** – any other topics are welcome! UNWE is open to ideas that would provide a well-rounded view on designing sustainable futures for Europe. The final courses will be established after the teaching team is finalized.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Lecturers

1. Curriculum Development and Course Design

The lecturers should develop and structure the course content, ensuring it aligns with the overall program goals and learning objectives. It is recommended to integrate current events, policies, and real-world challenges into the curriculum to ensure content is up-to-date and applicable.

2. Instruction and Facilitation

The lecturers should encourage open dialogue and critical thinking through class discussions, group work, and collaborative projects, also to offer support and mentorship to students throughout the course, addressing questions and providing feedback on their progress.

3. Assessment and Feedback

The lecturers will be responsible for creating assessments (quizzes, projects, presentations) that accurately evaluate student understanding and learning outcomes and for providing timely and constructive feedback on student work, helping them improve their understanding and skills.

Proposal

The selected academic members will have five **90-minute lectures** offered daily (Monday-Friday) in a single week and one **workshop/lab** on the same week. Approximately 45 undergraduate students (5 students from each partner-university) are expected to attend the summer school. **Every faculty member will be remunerated with EUR 500.** Lunches are provided from the organizer. Accommodation is at own expense, but UNWE will send different options (hotel, Airbnb, dormitory) to the chosen teachers.

Application Process

If you are interested in teaching at the Summer School, please do not hesitate to send your application at: **summer.school2025@unwe.bg**. It should include:

- Topic of interest and summary
- Tentative teaching plan (including assessment method)
- Short CV (introducing your teaching experience and research interests)

The deadline for application is 7 January 2025. We will contact you regarding the outcome of your application on 17 January 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the program, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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