

MPRI109 Education for Sustainable Development: EkoSkola and Out – of-Class Activities

ECTS Value: 1 ECTS

Overall Objectives and Outcomes

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is one of the cross-curricular themes listed in the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). The module is intended to familiarize teachers with the principles of ESD and how to identify opportunities for cross-curricularity. During the module, learners will be familiarized with the Eko-Skola programme (that has been identified by UNESCO as the largest international ESD movement) and the opportunities it provides to implement ESD as a whole school approach. One of the objectives of ESD (and of the NCF) is the development of the school-community interface. The module will also provide teachers with skills on how to plan out-of-class activities that familiarize students with community resources.

By the end of this module, the learner will be able to:

Competences:

- a. produce lesson plans that address ESD themes;
- b. carry out a curriculum audit to identify ESD-based themes within the syllabi of different subject area;
- c. collaborate with other colleagues in the setting up (or consolidation) of the EkoSkola programme in his/her respective school;
- d. carry out an audit of the community to identify ESD resources that can be used in out-of-class activities.

Knowledge:

- a. the principles of ESD and the implications to the educational system;
- b. the principles of cross-curricularity;
- c. the 7-step methodology of the EkoSkola programme; and
- d. the benefits of out-of-class activities for the holistic development of learners.

Skills

- a. discern what constitutes ESD and select appropriate/relevant themes;
- b. prepare cross-curricular learning material;
- c. support students in the running of the EkoSkola programme; and
- d. design out-of-class activities that valorise the ESD potential of community resources.

Assessment Methods

This module will be assessed through: Portfolio

Suggested Readings

Core Reading List:

1. The Learning Outcomes Framework: <http://www.schoolslearningoutcomes.edu.mt/en/>
2. UNESCO roadmap for implementing the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development. Available from: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002305/230514e.pdf>
3. The Eco-Schools International Website: <http://www.ecoschools.global/>
4. The Eco-Schools methodology: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYnTmgnUmmo>
5. The EkoSkola Website: <http://www.ekoskola.org.mt/>

Additional literature will be provided by the lecturer