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Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Living, Inquiring and Knowing: outdoor practices for sustainability (LINK OUTDOOR)

In today's world, connection to 'others' (human and more than human) is paramount. Enabling different ways of knowing, feeling, perceiving, and connecting with 'others', in the realm of the multispecies communities we live in, is consequently a key for a sustainable future.

This BIP proposes **immersive** and transformative experiences in the landscape and in the hardscape, as hubs for learning and research. Through theoretical backgrounds, **immersive** experiences, analysis and discussions of Real-World case studies, participants will develop the perception of their roles in embracing sustainability in their daily lives as global citizens, regardless of their different backgrounds and professional roles within society.

Three phases define this BIP:

i) ***online classes*** on the basic theoretical concepts and background practices related to sustainability competences and outdoor experiential research-based learning;

ii) ***in-person immersive*** and ***participatory experiences*** involving different methods of inquiry;

iii) ***autonomous inter/transdisciplinary outdoor project***, done individually or in a group (with online tutorial support), contributing to the expected transformative process, followed by discussion and assessment.

The BIP is organized into 4 modules:

Module 1 | Online, September 15th to 26th
EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN OUTDOOR CONTEXTS

Module 2 | In-Person, September 29th to October 3rd (Galway, Mayo, Irland)
OUTDOOR IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

Module 3 | Online, October 6th to 17th
TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Module 4 | Online, October 20th to 31st
OUTDOOR RESEARCH IN ACTION: ENVISIONING THE FUTURE





Learning outcomes

Students are expected to be able to:

Know about the theoretical and practical basis of Outdoor transformative learning and Place making pedagogy and research;

Embody sustainability and its values including supporting fairness and cultural significance, and promoting nature and wellbeing through outdoor experiences;

Embrace complexity using systems thinking, critical thinking, creativity and problem framing to envision sustainable futures;

Adopt a relational way of thinking, considering the connections between humans and more than humans by exploring and linking different disciplines (also in a creative way).

Collaborate with other individuals by designing common goals and negotiating actions to support life in all its dimensions, including the other than human;

Engage in verbal and non-verbal communication that demonstrates interest, empathy, mutuality, paying attention, bonding and caring in a multispecies community.

Design relevant and viable eco-social projects, engaging inclusive (both collective and individual) initiatives using different languages and media to support and develop transformative learning.





General information about the course

Cost: free of charge

Date: September 15th – October 31st, 2025

Study period and scope:

VIRTUAL attendance - 15 to 26 /09/2025 and 6 to 31/10/2025
IN-PERSON attendance in the Atlantic Technological University (Mayo Campus), Irland - 29/09 to 3/10/2025

Language of instruction: English – B1
Communication support will be available for French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

ECTS for participation in the programme: 6
Number of places: 30

Deadline for application: June 15th 2025
Send an e-mail to your local Academic Coordinator (see list below) a copy of your CV and a personal motivation letter of maximum 300 words

Link to BIP application form https://forms.gle/Eh6CQfBwHfNqCcgM7

Conditions for admission



This BIP has been designed for post-graduation students, including Master and PhD. Applicants may come from a diversity of backgrounds, (Humanities, Science, Arts, etc..), countries and cultures.

The selection for this programme will be based on the evaluation of submitted CVs and statements of personal motivation - Why have you applied for this BIP? What are your expectations?

Applicants may use any media for expressing his/her motivations, such as writing, audio, video, drawing, etc). Those participants who are selected will form a multicultural and multidisciplinary group:

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Financial support

The participation in Blended Intensive Programme may be covered by an ERASMUS+ SMS Short Mobility Grant for all participating students. This financial support may only be guaranteed by the selected student's home University. Please refer to your local coordinator or Erasmus/International Relations Office for any further information related to the financial support made available.

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This BIP is designed for postgraduate students, including Master's and Phd candidates, but is also open to bachelor's students. Applicants from all backgrounds are welcome, including those in Humanities, Natural and Social Sciences, Arts.



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