

Learning to Live Together:
Modern Perspectives on Transversal Skills in Education for Sustainable and Solidary Development (ElitMod)
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**MODERN PERSPECTIVES ON EDUCATION
FOR SUSTAINABLE AND SOLIDARY DEVELOPMENT**

Joint International Conference

organized by the University of Craiova (Romania) and Bifröst University (Iceland)

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Craiova, Romania

Traditionally, education for development in its international aspects draws on the concept of education for solidarity, which promotes the values of cooperation, fairness and equality. Whilst international solidarity promotes the access by all humans to fundamental rights (access to water, food, health, education, freedom of expression and of association etc.), the aim of Education for Sustainable and Solidary Development (ESSD) is to *‘ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all’*¹. Education for sustainable and solidary development also raises questions about the concept of engagement and it is seen as a means of teaching engagement.

The focus of this conference is to encourage and develop joint research and educational activities, in order to strengthen the role of ESSD in the education and training policies of academic institutions. Moreover, in the last years the need for collaborative working between teachers, researchers, students and local education authorities has become more and more prominent with the aim of identifying and defining the skills associated to ESSD, as well as modern and updated approaches for developing them.

The conference should promote academic dialogue with a view to developing new inter-regional cooperation on education for sustainable development and international solidarity in the future. This also involves drawing on the experiences and practices previously analysed in other research projects in order to put forward a characterisation of education for sustainable development and international solidarity, identifying in particular its specificities in terms of content, methods and competencies.

Therefore, this conference invites academics, researchers, teachers, trainers and representatives of the civil society interested in designing ESSD teaching and learning initiatives, as well as in offering a response to questions such as: What impact does the ESSD syllabus have on students, teachers and more generally on the dynamics of the education process? What are the difficulties faced in defining, developing and measuring ESSD related skills, as well as the capitalisation methodology used by universities?

Papers are invited on topics related, but not limited, to:

1. transferable/transversal skills and lifelong learning
2. education for sustainable development
3. education for international solidarity
4. new methods and approaches towards a global education
5. intercultural communication and mediation
6. social, cultural and cognitive approaches to education for embracing complexity
7. critical thinking
8. creativity and innovation
9. citizenship education
10. global awareness

1 This is one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which Romania adopted in September 2015 in partnership with 193 members of the United Nations <https://www.mae.ro/en/node/35918>.

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All presentations should be in English. Any presentations drawn up in Romanian will be translated by the organising committee of the conference provided they are sent by October, 20th 2016.

All accepted contributions will be published in English, in a joint volume, with an international publishing house (e.g. Peter Lang) in 2017.

Important dates:

20 September 2016	Abstract submission (in English or Romanian, 200 words, 3 key words, 3-5 bibliographical references + a 100-words academic profile)
25 September 2016	Acceptance confirmation
10 October 2016	Full text articles (max. 30000 characters with spaces) <i>The articles may be submitted in English or Romanian. A specific format for the articles is not required.</i>
20 October 2016	Submission of PowerPoint presentations <i>ONLY for contributors with PowerPoint presentations in Romanian, so as to be translated into English for the conference</i>

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There is no participation fee.

Translation, proofreading, editing and publication costs, as well as conference materials, coffee breaks and meals will be covered by the project funding.

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