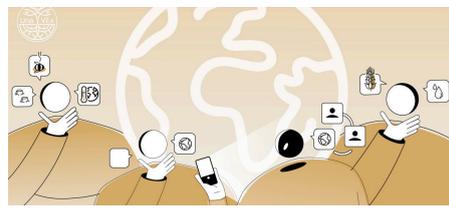




**VIRTUAL BRIDGE**  
BETWEEN EUROPEAN & AFRICAN STUDENTS  
FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURES



## Join the **UNAVEX** virtual exchange! (1 + 3 ECTS)

Una Europa Virtual Exchanges for Sustainability

**Call for Students is open!**

Are you interested in **global sustainability** and **international environments**? Have you considered applying for a **student exchange**? If so, the UnaVEx virtual exchange might be just for you!

UnaVEx offers a versatile look into sustainability, with topics including:

- The concept of sustainability
- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Ecological sustainability
- Social & economic sustainability



UnaVex is a five-week-long virtual exchange unit consisting of a total of five sessions. During the virtual exchange, you will attend **inspiring plenary talks** on different perspectives on sustainability. You will also be introduced to your **international small group of peers** and a moderator. In the groups, you will discuss and develop a collaborative, sustainability-themed action task.

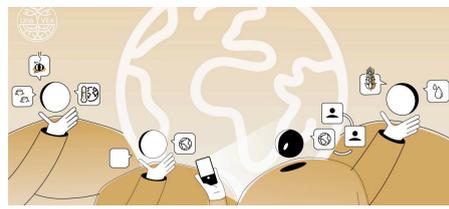
No previous sustainability or natural science studies are required. UnaVEx is a platform for **multidisciplinary** and **intercultural** encounters for university students interested in sustainability and the future of our shared planet. UnaVEx welcomes students from EU and African nations, building a bridge between the continents for sustainable futures.





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UnaVEx is organized by:

- University of Helsinki (Finland)
- University of Bologna (Italy)
- KU Leuven (Belgium)
- University of Johannesburg (South Africa)
- University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- University of Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo)

**WHEN:** 24. Feb —28. Mar 2025

**Dates of the sessions (max 3 hours each):**

Monday 24 Feb  
Friday 7 March  
Friday 14 March  
Friday 21 March  
Friday 28 March

**PLACE:**

Online on Zoom

**COMPLETION METHOD:**

online participation and a collaborative group assignment.

**AWARD:**

1 ECTS (via Helsinki Open University) and a certificate of participation - useful for CV.

**WHO CAN APPLY:**

BSc, MSc, PhD, and PostDoc students from Una Europa Alliance partner universities and UnaVEx African partner universities.

**REGISTER HERE:**

<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/132355/lomakkeet.html>

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 1 Feb 2025

**LANGUAGE:** English

**COST:** no fee

## More about UnaVEx:

**Una Europa Virtual Exchanges for Sustainability (UnaVEx)** is an international, interdisciplinary, and intercultural online bridge between **European** and **African** students for sustainability education. UnaVEx is an EU-funded ERASMUS+ project coordinated by the University of Helsinki and other leading research-intensive universities in Europe and Africa. UnaVEx offers accessible, affordable, and sustainable international online student exchange opportunities to all students interested in **Global Sustainability education**.

The first UnaVEx virtual exchange is on **February 24th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 24th, 2025**. In total, five iterations of the virtual exchange will be organized in 2025-2027. UnaVEx aims to increase **environmental awareness**, knowledge of the **green transition**, and **skills in the sustainability transformation** of young

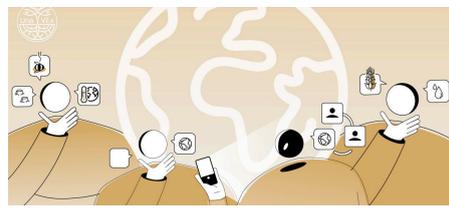


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generations and societies both in Europe and Africa. The virtual exchange looks at sustainability from economic, socio-cultural, technological, political, legal, and scientific perspectives.

## Una Europa Micro-credential in Sustainability

UnaVEx builds from the *Introduction to Sustainability (3 ECTS) MOOC* (massive online open course). Completing all parts of UnaVEx awards you a total of 3 + 1 ECTS.

*Introduction to Sustainability* is part of the **Una Europa Micro-Credential in Sustainability 10 ECTS** online unit designed for your personal and professional development in the field of sustainability. The micro-credential consists of a total of five MOOCs related to the themes covered during the virtual exchange.

The four other micro-credential courses are:

- Climate.now (2 ECTS)
- Biodiversity.now (2 ECTS)
- Political Economy of Sustainability (2 ECTS)
- Sustainability and the Arts (1 ECTS)

After the VE unit, you can continue the Micro-Credential courses at your own pace. You will learn to analyze sustainability and its importance and impacts with an interdisciplinary approach. After studying the Micro-credential program, you will have a basic understanding of sustainability from ecological, social, and economic perspectives.

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For more information:

- UNAVEX website: <https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/unavex/>
- More information about the Micro Credential in Sustainability: <https://www.una-europa.eu/study/microcredential-sustainability#content>
- Stay updated: [https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/unavex/?page\\_id=116](https://www.atm.helsinki.fi/unavex/?page_id=116)
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