Thanks to the fruitful experience gained with the *Course for Sustainability: Strategies, Methodologies, Policies and Actions for Central and Eastern Europe*
, new advanced training courses have been carried out in 2008.

The programs started in 2008 are:

- Course for Sustainability: Strategies, Methodologies and Policies
- Seminar Series: Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries
- Course on Local Sustainability and Action

Course for Sustainability: Strategies, Methodologies and Policies

The aim of the Course, that develops over one year and takes place both in Astana (Kazakhstan) and in Venice (Italy), is to promote capacity building among key senior government officials involved in the process of policy making, in order to foster a sustainable approach on the key issues of development.

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Module	Location	Agenda
April 14 - 19, 2008 Sustainable Development: Introduction and Analysis	Astana	download
July 12 - 20, 2008 Sustainability of Natural Resources	Venice	download
July 12 - 20, 2008		

Human Security and Environmental Safety Sept 5 - 13, 2008	Venice	download
Sustainability in Practice	Venice	download

Seminar Series: Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries

In 2008 a new advanced training course took place at VIU: the Seminar Series: Partnerships for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Public Policies and Business Practices for Black Sea Countries.
35 participants, coming from 7 countries of the Black Sea Region (Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine) participated at the Seminar Series organised by VIU in collaboration with REC (Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe), Istanbul Bilgi University and Agroinnova.

The participants attended the first part in Istanbul (June 15-24, 2008) and the second in Venice, at VIU (September 28 – October 8, 2008). Each session scheduled a common session and then two thematic ones devoted to Climate Change and to Sustainable Management of Natural Resources. In order to put the session themes into practice, several examples, case studies and practical site visits were scheduled in the agendas.

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Module	Location	Agenda
June 15 - 24, 2008 Sustainable Development Climate Change - Adaptation Sustainable Resource Management	Istanbul	download
Sept 28 - Oct 8, 2008 Climate Change - Mitigation Sustainable Resource Management Economic and Political Instruments for Sustainable Development	Venice	download

Course on Local Sustainability and Action

The Course on Local Sustainability and Action was organised by Venice International University (VIU) in collaboration with Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC), Agroinnova and ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. This Course took place at the Venice International University from November 2 to 9, 2008 as the evolution of the previous Course for Sustainability: Strategies, Methodologies, Policies and Actions for Central and Eastern Europe which had been carried out until 2007.

The 35 participants came from several different countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and the new EU member states Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. Moreover; a few participants from Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) were also included.

The agenda of the Course was structured with the aim of underlining best practices and concrete case studies, so that the practical aspects of Sustainability could be discussed among lecturers, experts and participants. After a common session of two days, thematic sessions followed. These faced three important themes such as: Sustainable City, Climate and Energy in a Sustainable City, and Enforcement and Assessments for Sustainability.
On the closing day a high level panel discussion and a role playing game were scheduled with the aim to involve participants in an active way and to promote their future commitment on sustainable development.

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Module	Location	Agenda
November 8 - 9, 2008		
Climate and Energy in a Sustainable City		
Sustainable City		
Enforcement and Assessments for Sustainability		
	Venice	download