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Online Courses

Sustainability
Online courses in English language

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Within the framework of the EU-funded project “eSchool4S” under the leadership of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), six courses in English language, addressing different dimensions of sustainability, were developed. In Baden-Württemberg the project “eSchool4S” is supported by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

The aim of „eSchool4S“ initially was to connect the countries in the Danube Region virtually. So, within the courses a special focus is put on the Danube Region, but they can be used irrespectively of a regional focus.

Content
Six courses addressing different dimensions of sustainability:

Course 1: Danube – River of United Europe
Nature, culture and history in the Danube Region – what connects the countries in the Danube Region, what divides them?

Course 2: What is sustainable development?
The course provides an introduction to the topic of sustainability and highlights how one can personally contribute to sustainability.

Course 3: Water
The course provides information about the rare resource water. Which challenges are we facing due to water pollution and water scarcity? Which options for action do we have?

Course 4: Climate Change
The course highlights causes and consequences of climate change and explores the role of forests and agricultural practices to tackle climate change. How can every single person contribute in everyday life to prevent climate change?

Course 5: Sustainable Consumption
The course stresses the relevance of considering sustainability criteria when making consumption decisions, for instance when buying a new pair of jeans. Moreover, it includes practical oriented topics, like composting.

Course 6: Social Inclusion
The course addresses a wide variety of topics concerning social inclusion – like gender equality, migration and education for all.

Implementation possibilities in the Classroom
The courses can be implemented as needed in different subjects, for instance within the framework of bilingual education. Suitable subjects include Political Studies, Economics, Geography, Biology and English e.g.

One opportunity is to use the courses within the framework of the elective subject Global Studies at the Berufliche Gymnasien in Baden-Württemberg. Links between the curriculum and the courses can be found especially within the topics “ecosystems and human action” in year 1, for instance concerning water and threats. Further links can be found in the topic area “development” in year 2, for instance concerning “the role of businesses: employment” as well as “private initiatives: sustainable consumption”.

In a multimedia classroom students get the opportunity to learn interactively about different dimensions of sustainability. The topics range from getting to know about the water cycle to discussing the most important global problems, to dealing with the question how the students themselves can live more sustainably. What’s my carbon footprint? How can I reduce waste?

I am sure the course has helped my students to realize the importance of each everyday activity for the future of our planet.” – Quote from a teacher who participated in “eSchool4S”.

Furthermore, the courses offer the opportunity for international cooperation with partner schools in the Danube Region. Within the framework of the project “eSchool4S” a regional network was created – providing diverse opportunities for cross-border exchange.

School classes
The courses are suitable for students from 15 years onwards.