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Project title: Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution course series and online teaching platform	
Coordinator Itä-Suomen yliopisto Irmeli Mustalahti, irmeli.mustalahti@uef.fi	The ECCR-ON project aims to increase the quality of higher education and address global challenges through responsible and equitable academic partnerships developed between universities in Finland, Southeast Asia (Indonesia) and Southern Africa (Tanzania). One of the global challenges is conflicts and conflicting interests over natural resources and the environment. Conflict management and collaborative governance are crucial for addressing global environmental and social challenges and achieving sustainability transformations. The ECCR-ON project is based on our experience and expertise from the Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution (ECCR) course series and teaching network. We aim to develop in-person courses, teaching materials and teaching platforms for online courses, and provide reciprocal students' and teachers' mobility opportunities connected to the ECCR course series. Joint development of course materials will be based on the partners' knowledge of environmental collaboration, conflict analysis, conflict resolution strategies and collaborative governance. The courses will also apply partners' expertise in pedagogy, educational technologies and online learning environments. The courses will include conceptualising environmental collaboration, conflict mediation strategies and practical skills in negotiations and consensus-building in environmental conflict situations. Mobility periods will allow students and teachers to participate in in-person courses and the development of course teaching materials, while online versions will make courses accessible to a wider group of students, globally. The online version of the course series will be based on the materials and experiences of the in-person courses. Online versions will provide flexibility and tailor-made course content to the needs of partner universities and practitioners working with collaborative governance and conflict mediation in real-life cases. The ECCR-ON project will provide students, researchers and practitioners with a deeper understanding of the complex relationships between nature and society. The acquired knowledge and practical skills can be applied by course alumni in teaching, learning, and research, as well as diplomacy and decision-making related to environmental collaboration and environmental conflict management in partner countries and elsewhere.
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