Horizontal Green Competences in VET

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Green skills / sustainability competences

- What are these?
- How can we implement them in our curriculum?



Green Skills Program by Estonian Education and Youth Board (Harno)

- 9 consortia for the mapping of specific green skills for industry and education (VET and HE)
- Universities, VET schools, roof organizations
 - 8 consortia in different sectors (agriculture, construction, transport, energy, chemicals, food, forestry and automotive)
 - 1 consortium for horizontal green skills







Horizontal sustainability competences

- Competences (skills, knowledge, attitudes) for all:
 - Students in VET
 - Students in HE
 - Workers in all sectors
 - Managers and politicians







"GreenComp"

Valuing sustainability

Embracing complexity

Envisioning sustainable futures

Acting for sustainability





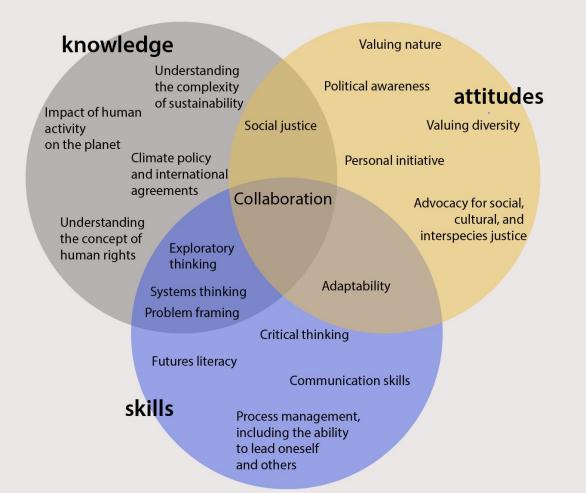






- Competences here are based on various sources
- A lot of these overlap with 21st century skills

Horizontal green competences





How to add a practical dimension? How to help teachers in VET?

ESG reporting - today's challenge for all industries in EU.

https://finance.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-adopts-european-sustainability-reporting-standards-2023-07-31 en

The planetary boundaries concept

https://www.stockholmresilience.org/research/planetary-boundaries.html



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Challenges and goals of human activity within the context of Planetary Boundaries to maintain the possibility of life on our planet

Planet Earth Nature Other Species **Environment** Work
Economics
Utilizing Resources for the Benefit and Development of Humanity

People Society Culture

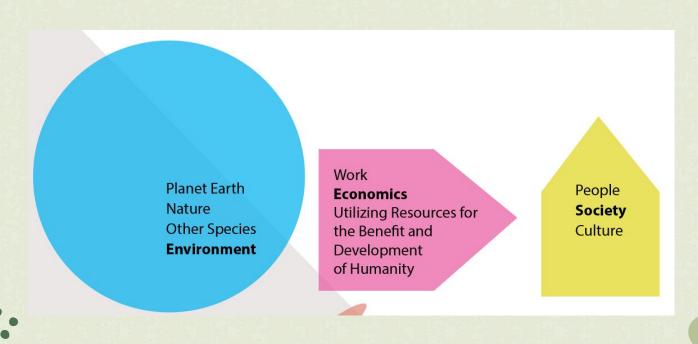
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- Decoupling performance
 and business success from a
 growth-oriented economic model
- Transitioning from a linear to a circular economy: greatly reducing the use of virgin raw materials
- The obligation of all links in the production and supply chain to take responsibility for environmental damage caused by their business activities
- 4. Longevity and repairability of products
- Comprehensive life cycle design and responsibility for products and services
- Transparent economy: consumers have the right to know all details regarding environmental impact and social justice
- Reducing overproduction and slowing down the pace

- 1. Protection of human rights
- 2. Reducing inequality
- 3. Valuing cultural diversity and supporting local communities
- 4. Valuing a sustainable lifestyle through legislation
- 5. Global cooperation
- 6. Cultivating resilience
- 7. A meaningful and slower life with less consumption



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Environmental challenges

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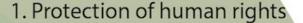


Economic challenges

Business
Work
Management of resources usage

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Social and cultural challenges

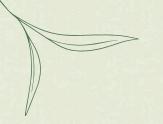
People Culture Communities





What next?

- Tool for the assessment of green skills in the curriculum or study program (Prototype is in testing phase)
- Curricula development: new VET programs, new training courses
 (E.g. "Sustainable technologies" 4-year program at Tartu Art School and Tartu VOCO)
- Training of teachers and trainers



Thank you!

Link to the skeme:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PxTHEbK4tCntauRgleGVx7Tqp6SInzzh/view?usp=sharing

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