



***MID-TERM REPORT***

***on***

***inter-project coaching and  
project presentation activities  
(period M1-18; July 2024)***

**Project title:** Curricula innovation in climate-smart urban development based on green and energy efficiency with the non-academic sector

**Acronym:** SmartWB

**Project N°:** 101081724

<i>Work package</i>	<i>Title</i>
<b>6</b>	<b><i>Quality assurance and monitoring</i></b>
<i>Task N°</i>	<i>Task name</i>
<b>T6.4</b>	<b><i>Inter-project coaching</i></b>

<b>EVENT No. 1</b>	
<b>Event title</b>	<b>Workshop on environmental sustainability – – Grant Holders Meeting</b>
<b>Location</b>	Brussels
<b>Date/Period</b>	8 February 2023
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?type=&amp;id=5">https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?type=&amp;id=5</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<p><b>SmartWB</b> project was one of eight chosen WB projects to be presented by its coordinators during the Workshop on environmental sustainability, as part of the Grant Holders Meeting.</p> <p>Marija Jevrić, project coordinator (University of Montenegro), presented the main objectives and expected impacts of <b>SmartWB</b>, but also the thoughts on how to involve outside stakeholders to foster the impact and sustainability of the project.</p>

<b>EVENT No. 2</b>	
<b>Event title</b>	<b>International Staff Week</b>
<b>Location</b>	Podgorica, Montenegro
<b>Date/Period</b>	20-24 March 2023
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://www.ucg.ac.me/objava/blog/616807/objava/160616-predstavljanje-kancelarije-za-projekte-na-medunarodnoj-nedelji-obuke#lat">https://www.ucg.ac.me/objava/blog/616807/objava/160616-predstavljanje-kancelarije-za-projekte-na-medunarodnoj-nedelji-obuke#lat</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<p>University of Montenegro, in cooperation with the University of Granada, hosted the International Staff Week, under the auspices of the European program Erasmus+.</p> <p>The event's theme was various aspects of the university's internationalisation. Out of 15 new cycle projects, <b>SmartWB</b> project was chosen to be presented in more detail.</p>

<b>EVENT No. 3</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 3 – ICCE 2023</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Civil Engineering, ICCE 2023</b>
<b>Location</b>	Tirana, Albania
<b>Date/Period</b>	18-20 May 2023
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://www.icce2023.al">https://www.icce2023.al</a> <a href="https://www.thestructuralengineer.info/events/2nd-international-conference-of-civil-engineering-icce-2023">https://www.thestructuralengineer.info/events/2nd-international-conference-of-civil-engineering-icce-2023</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<p><b>SmartWB</b> project was presented at the Second International Conference of Civil Engineering – ICCE 2023. Freskida Abazaj, hailing from the Polytechnic University of Tirana, and Olga Čalasan, from the University of Montenegro, introduced the project to raise awareness, promote sustainable development, and foster regional cooperation.</p> <p>To fully grasp the significance of the <b>SmartWB</b> project, Abazaj and Čalasan introduced the project concept, activities, expected results and collaborative approach.</p>



<b>EVENT No. 4</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 4 – SINARG 2023</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b>International Conference Synergy of Architecture &amp; Civil Engineering – SINARG 2023</b> ----- <b>Inter-project coaching meeting within the projects:</b> - <b>“Digitalisation of water industry by innovative graduate water education” – DIGIWATER</b> (Action type: Knowledge Alliances in Higher Education Project number: 621764-EPP-1-2020-1-NO-EPPKA2-KA) - <b>“Graduates for Climate Change adapted water management” – CCWATER</b> (Action type: Capacity Building Higher Education Project number: 619456-EPP-1-2020-1-NO-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP)
<b>Location</b>	Niš, Serbia
<b>Date/Period</b>	14-15 September 2023
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://project.gaf.ni.ac.rs/sinarg/">https://project.gaf.ni.ac.rs/sinarg/</a>
<b>Short description</b>	DIGIWATER and CCWATER Inter-project coaching meeting took place in a hybrid format on 15 September 2023, coinciding with the International conference SINARG 2023. The targeted audience of this event were primarily the DIGIWATER and CCWATER consortia, the beneficiaries of several European projects, participants of the conference and the academic staff. Marija Jevrić, project coordinator (University of Montenegro), presented <b>SmartWB</b> project with all its activities and results for period M1-M9.

<b>EVENT No. 5</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 5 – DGTRANS</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b>Inter-project coaching meeting within the project “Transport of Dangerous Goods - Modernization of Curricula and Development of Trainings for Professionals in the Western Balkans HEIs” – DGTRANS</b> (Call: ERASMUS-EDU-2022-CBHE-STRAND-2 Project number: 101082187)
<b>Location</b>	Niš, Serbia
<b>Date/Period</b>	20-22 February 2024
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://dgtrans.pr.ac.rs/training-at-university-of-nis/">https://dgtrans.pr.ac.rs/training-at-university-of-nis/</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<b>SmartWB</b> was among 17 projects presented at the Inter-project coaching meeting within DGTRANS project, held at the University of Niš (30 participants, from 13 institutions, 10 countries).  Milan Gocić, from the University of Niš, presented important information on <b>SmartWB</b> project, as well as experiences from the first year of its realisation.



<b>EVENT No. 6</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 6 – GNP 2024</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> International Conference</b> <b>“Civil Engineering – Science and Practice” – GNP 2024</b> ----- <b>Inter-project coaching session</b> <b>within the project SmartWB</b>
<b>Location</b>	Kolašin, Montenegro
<b>Date/Period</b>	5-9 March 2024
<b>Link</b>	<a href="http://www.gnp.ucg.ac.me">www.gnp.ucg.ac.me</a> <a href="https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?id=25">https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?id=25</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<p><b>SmartWB</b> project organised the Inter-project coaching session at the International conference GNP 2024, on 7 March 2024. The session is a project activity within the work package Quality assurance and monitoring, the task being inter-project coaching.</p> <p>The moderators were Biljana Šćepanović, University of Montenegro, and Milan Gocić, University of Niš.</p> <p>Nine projects, including <b>SmartWB</b>, from seven institutions, from five countries were presented. Around 20 participants attended the session, that consisted of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part I - project presentations (60 min),</li> <li>- Part II - brainstorming and discussion (60 min).</li> </ul> <p>In the session invitation, the chairs demanded that participants focus on challenges and point out what they consider the most interesting as tips for others, during projects presentations (Part I).</p> <p>During the discussion (Part II), the participants (not only those who presented projects, but also audience) communicated all additional information in a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere. One question posed was: <i>What could be done better now?</i> Many useful tips and hints were exchanged, which justified the need for these meetings and inter-project collaboration.</p> <p>The director of the National Erasmus Office (NEO Montenegro), Vanja Drljević, also participated session and contributed to the discussion part, sharing her rich experience in Erasmus+ projects.</p>









<b>EVENT No. 7</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 7 – SKILLS4WATER</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b><i>“Added Benefits of European Projects for Soft Skill Development” – Multiplier event within the project “Advancing the Integration of Soft Skills in Higher Education for Water” – SKILLS4WATER</i></b> (Project type: ERASMUS+ KA220-HED Project number: 2023-1-RO01-KA220-HED-000160511)
<b>Location</b>	Niš, Serbia
<b>Date/Period</b>	14 March 2024
<b>Link</b>	
<b>Short description</b>	<b>SmartWB</b> was among 11 projects presented at the Multiplier event, organised within SKILLS4WATER project, held at the University of Niš (39 participants). Milan Gocić, from the University of Niš, presented <b>SmartWB</b> project, emphasising its contribution to the development and improvement of soft skills in HE, at the Round table “Advancing Soft-Skills in the Water Sector Across EU and Beyond”.

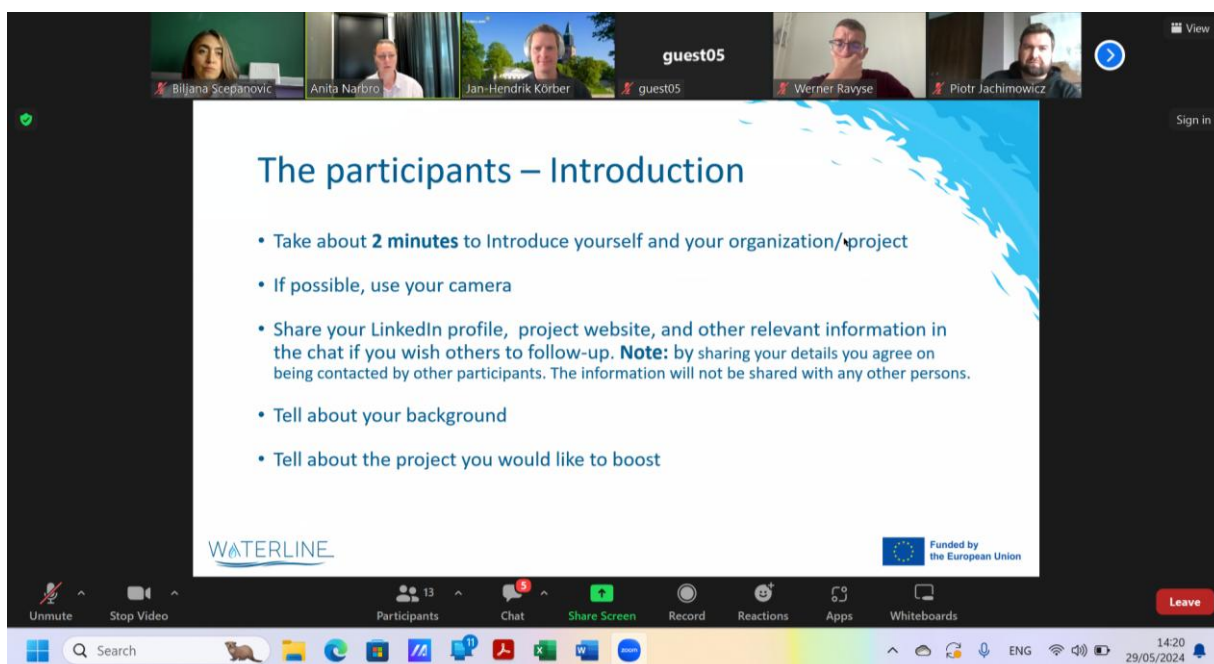
<b>EVENT No. 8</b>	
<b>Event title</b>	Cluster meeting " <i>Green transition in the Montenegrin higher education system</i> "
<b>Location</b>	Podgorica, Montenegro
<b>Date/Period</b>	17 April 2024
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?id=32">https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?id=32</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<p>At the Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Montenegro, the <b>SmartWB</b> team hosted the cluster meeting "<i>Green transition in the Montenegrin higher education system</i>", organised by the National Erasmus+ Office in Montenegro.</p> <p>The event brought together the coordinators / local coordinators of the Erasmus+ CBHE projects oriented towards the green economy, which are currently running at universities in Montenegro. Non-academic partners participating in these projects also attended the meeting. Given that the green economy is one of the key priorities of the new cycle of the Erasmus+ program, this cluster meeting aimed to discuss institutional approaches to "green" initiatives at Montenegrin HEIs, focusing on Erasmus+ projects' achieved and expected results and the impact of these projects on the system of higher education in Montenegro.</p> <p>In the introductory part of the meeting, the attendees were addressed by Marija Jevrić (UoM) and Vanja Drljević, director of the NEO Montenegro, who emphasized the importance and possible impacts of the Erasmus+ projects focused on this area. In addition, five CBHE projects were presented, including <b>SmartWB</b>. Also, green activities of the University of Montenegro were presented by Sanja Peković, vice-rector of the University of Montenegro.</p>







<b>EVENT No. 9</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 9 – WATERLINE</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b>Workshop “Sparking Ideas for Collaboration”</b> <b>within the project “Transforming Advanced Water Skilling Through the Creation of a Network of Extendedreality Water Emulative Centres” – WATERLINE</b> (Grant programme: HORIZON WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-05 Grant agreement no: 101071306)
<b>Location</b>	online
<b>Date/Period</b>	29 May 2024
<b>Link</b>	
<b>Short description</b>	<p>The workshop focused on two main aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>increasing the visibility</b> of participating projects and</li> <li>- <b>building networks and generating ideas</b> for new collaboration projects.</li> </ul> <p>Biljana Šćepanović, from the University of Montenegro, introduced main goals of <b>SmartWB</b> and interests of <b>SmartWB</b> team from the UoM for future projects collaboration, not only in the subject field, but also in other areas.</p> <p>Representatives of 18 projects and programmes from all around Europe participated and exchanged ideas for future joint work, based on the current activities as well as expressed interests.</p>



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there are six video thumbnails of participants: Biljana Šćepanović, Anita Narfo, Jan-Hendrik Körber, guest05, Werner Ravise, and Piotr Jachimowicz. The main screen displays a presentation slide titled "The participants – Introduction" with a blue and white abstract background. The slide contains a list of instructions for participants to follow during their introduction. At the bottom of the slide, there is a "WATERLINE" logo and a "Funded by the European Union" logo. The Zoom toolbar at the bottom includes buttons for Unmute, Stop Video, Participants (13), Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, Apps, Whiteboards, and a red "Leave" button. The system tray at the very bottom shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the date/time: 14:20, 29/05/2024.

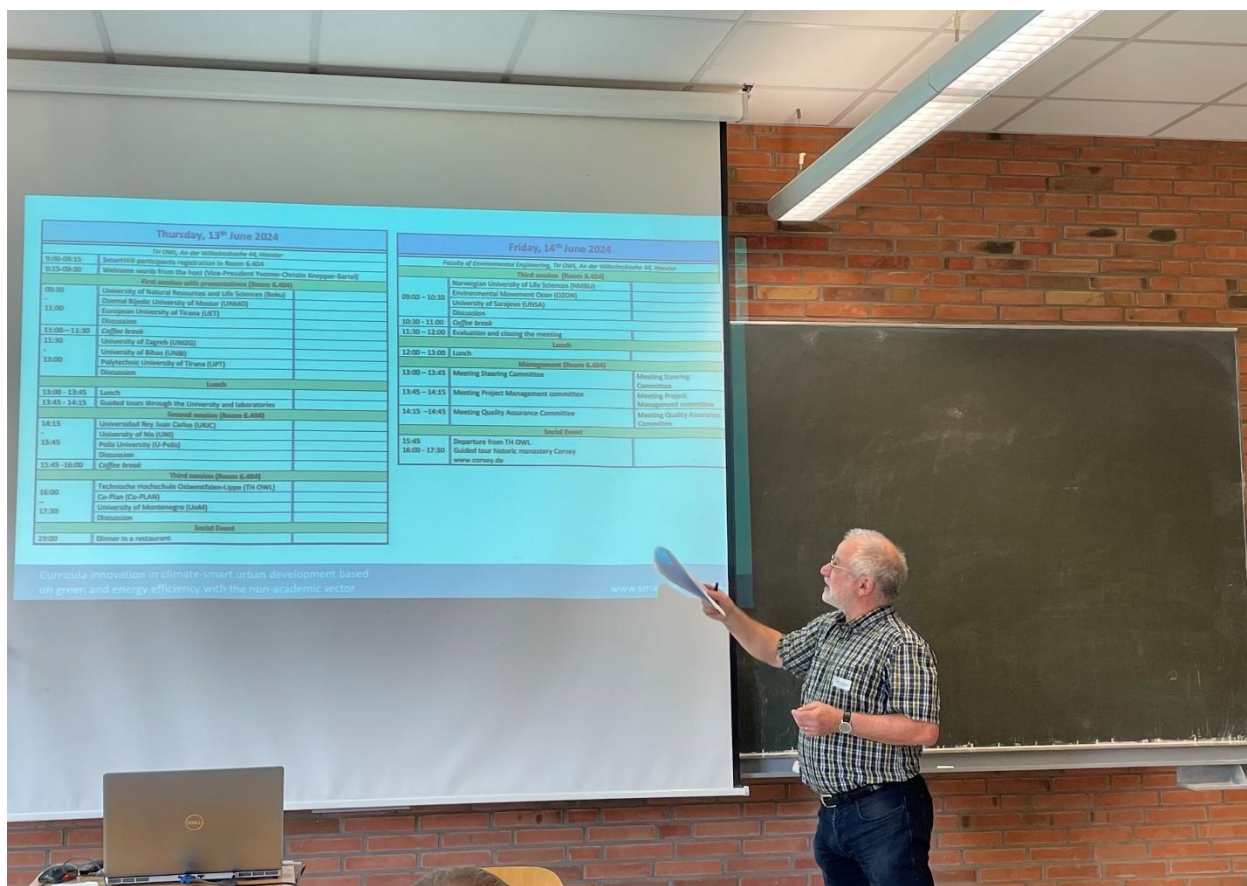
**The participants – Introduction**

- Take about **2 minutes** to introduce yourself and your organization/project
- If possible, use your camera
- Share your LinkedIn profile, project website, and other relevant information in the chat if you wish others to follow-up. **Note:** by sharing your details you agree on being contacted by other participants. The information will not be shared with any other persons.
- Tell about your background
- Tell about the project you would like to boost

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<b>EVENT No. 10</b>	(Attached material: <b>EVENT No 10 – SmartWB</b> )
<b>Event title</b>	<b>Inter-project coaching – WP6, T6.4</b>
<b>Location</b>	Höxter, Germany (hybrid)
<b>Date/Period</b>	13-14 June 2024
<b>Link</b>	<a href="https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?type=news&amp;id=36">https://www.smartwb.ucg.ac.me/news.php?type=news&amp;id=36</a>
<b>Short description</b>	<p>Inter-project coaching was arranged in the second project year, at the OWL University of Applied Sciences and Arts (TH OWL), to explore synergies with similar on-going or completed projects in the region in the field of CSUD, to share ideas, discuss complementarities and eventually review activities.</p> <p>The idea of the inter-project coaching: Each partner presented one project (in which partner participates/ed or a best practice example from his own country) within the background of CSUD – other than <b>SmartWB</b>.</p> <p>In addition, each partner gave an opinion about the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What did we (partner) learn from the project?</li> <li>- Which activities have been helpful, which haven't?</li> <li>- What is missing in the project?</li> <li>- Which benefit does the partners' institution have from the project?</li> <li>- How do we want to continue this process for the next two years?</li> </ul> <p>12 partners presented their projects. Each presentation was followed with constructive discussion. Finally, <b>SmartWB</b> was also presented by Marija Jevrić, project coordinator, in the same manner, but even more thoroughly. Partners provided reflections on <b>SmartWB</b> project, and lessons learned and good practices were exchanged.</p> <p>The meeting was unanimously regarded as a pivotal and productive step towards future collaboration, not only within the project but also for upcoming projects. The conducive atmosphere and environment at the university were particularly appreciated.</p>



















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