



Green Transition for Low-Carbon and Resilient Societies

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The Swedish Institute Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP) programmes are financed and initiated by the Swedish Institute with the overarching aim and purpose to increase and strengthen the competence of young professionals from the public and private sector in Eastern Europe to drive a Green Transition towards a low carbon and sustainable future.

The SAYP programme Green Transition for Low-Carbon and Resilient Societies focuses on governance as service and facilitator, providing the framework that is needed to catalyze public and private investment into green infrastructure and solutions. The programme offers a holistic learning experience, combining theoretical knowledge with practical applications and fostering collaboration and networking for impactful Green Transitions.

PROGRAMME CONTENT AND LECTURERS

A Green Transition to renewable energy, sustainable mobility and energy-efficient buildings will reduce greenhouse gas emissions thereby mitigating climate change, mitigate air pollution, enhance energy security, and stimulate economic growth. The programme aims at building human and institutional capacity for a Green Transition. A key building block in the programme involves every participant to develop a practical, real-world "Green Transition Change Project" that is directly relevant to their organizations and can be implemented during the programme or after its completion.

A dedicated learning activity in the programme involves change management training to help participants effectively lead and manage the transition within their organizations.

The training curriculum covers a range of topics, including the latest advancements in renewable energy technologies, strategies for sustainable urban mobility, and innovative approaches to constructing and retrofitting energy-efficient buildings.

The programme is structured in three modules;

1. an online preparatory module with independent study of thematic learning materials (15 May – 14 September);
2. an eight-day main module on site in Lund, Sweden (17 – 25 September) consisting of a mix of lectures, workshops, and study visits to local Green Transition solutions, as well as networking opportunities;
3. a follow-up module (October 2024 – May 2025) with independent project work and two follow-up online workshops (November 2024 and March 2025; approx. half day each).

During the preparatory online module, a study time of about 5 hours per week is required, which can be organized flexibly by the participants. During the main module in Lund, an average day has around 5-6 hours of scheduled activities.

Upon completion of the programme participants receive a certificate from Lund University, and will be part of the extensive alumni networks of both Lund University and the Swedish Institute.

The programme is coordinated by [Lund University International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics \(IIIEE\)](#) and conducted in collaboration with Swedish business and public sector organizations that have already implemented innovative Green Transition solutions. It is delivered with the support of [Lund University Commissioned Education \(LUCE\)](#). The main responsible teachers for this programme are Lars Strupeit, a sustainable energy researcher, in the role as programme director and lecturer Bernadett Kiss.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

Provide participants with:

- Thematic foundational knowledge about key approaches, technologies, and policies that are pillars for a Green Transition in the areas of energy, mobility and buildings.
- New knowledge, tools and cross-border networks to be able to work in and towards a modern, long-term sustainable governance.
- The opportunity to work actively with modern approaches on transparent, responsible and more efficient public administration that can contribute to a democratic and inclusive development.
- The opportunity to train skills in overcoming resistance to change and managing the cultural aspects of a transition.
- Networking opportunities that will enable new collaborations and partnerships.
- Knowledge on how to regularly assess and evaluate progress and outcomes of projects using selected indicators, to help track the impact at their organizations.

Furthermore, the programme will enable and empower participants to:

- See and experience good-practice Green Transition solutions in real-life, consult and network with practitioners and researchers, and draw inspiration and get expert feedback for the development of their change projects.
- Independently develop their Green Transition projects and effect change within their organizations.

YOU CAN APPLY IF YOU

- are a citizen of Armenia, *Belarus (more information below), Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Ukraine and Sweden. * It is not possible for public sector employees in Belarus to participate in SAYP activities, either physically or online.
- have good command of the English language
- have a relevant higher education (at least three years)
- are between 25-40 years (born between 1984-1999)
- are working in the field of energy, mobility, buildings, and green innovation
- are employed in one of the following groups: (1) public sector, (2) municipal and city administrations, (3) regional and national governmental authorities, or (4) relevant business organizations.

SAYP alumni may apply but do not have priority in the selection of candidates.

Please note: The programme focuses on interactivity and participants are expected to take responsibility for their learning process.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Pre-module (online): 15 May - 14 Sept 2024

Main module (on-site): 17 - 25 Sept 2024

Follow-up module (online): Oct 2024 - May 2025

Number of participants: 30

Costs: Participation in this programme is free of charge. It includes travel to and from Sweden. Meals and accommodation onsite in Sweden are covered. (Costs that arise in the visa process and from local transportation in the participant's home country are not covered by the programme.)

Application period: 27 February - 5 April 2024

Apply here: dinkurs.se/SAYPGreenTrans

More information: For more information visit [the Swedish Institute's webpage](#).

Questions about the application process or about the programme at Lund University: Contact the project team at Lund University, greentransition@education.lu.se