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Upgrading University Pathways to
Promote Bottom-Up Sustainable and
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OUR COMMITMENT

UP2YOU is a transformative project that **connects universities, civil society, and local communities** to foster sustainable development. It empowers **community-driven change**, aligning with the **SDGs** and promoting **bottom-up solutions**.

THE PROJECT

WP2 – Community Leadership Program

Blending academic knowledge with community expertise, this program offers 5+ online mini-courses with micro-credentials, training 25 educators, 150 students, and 90 CSO professionals. It emphasizes the SDGs, social innovation, and community organizing.

WP3 – Living Communities Labs (LCL)

Launching 5 Labs across partner countries, this work package fosters local innovation through co-creation spaces. It includes a practical LCL toolkit and a digital platform for shared learning among students, teachers, and community actors.

WP4 – Community Balance Scorecard (CBS)

Develops a digital tool to measure local impact and guide sustainable strategies. The CBS features community-based indicators, participatory evaluation, and a user-friendly manual for use and replication.

WP5 – Communication & Impact

Drives visibility and long-term impact through a strong visual identity, digital outreach, and 7 events reaching 350+ stakeholders. A clear exploitation plan ensures UP2YOU's tools and methods are used beyond the project.

OBJECTIVES

To foster the **quadruple helix model** — cooperation among academia, civil society, public institutions, and the private sector — as a strategy for inclusive and sustainable **development through participatory and multidisciplinary approaches**.

Specific Objectives

- Develop innovative **higher education courses** integrating the **expertise** of **civil society organizations** (CSOs).
- Strengthen collaboration between universities and CSOs.
- Promote **synergies** across academic and social sectors for more effective and coherent development policies.

OUR GOALS

A transnational Erasmus+ initiative aiming to **bridge the gap between academia and civil society**. Through innovative education, participatory methods, and community-based actions, **UP2YOU empowers local communities to shape sustainable futures** aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).