



**DISC Student Project Showcase** 

DISC believes in anchoring learning in real-world development. Discover the creative and practical solutions developed by DISC students.





**DISC Learning Suite** 

DISC offers two online courses to support educators, trainers, and students in facilitating ESD and exploring sustainability and innovation within their own learning environments. Simply register and start learning!





**Sustainability Projects Collection** 

Get to know the sustainability projects and educational approaches that have been collected through DISC stocktaking research.





**DISC Community** 

Get in touch with our DISC experts regarding the five dimensions of the UN SDGs (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership) and how to be part of DISC.





**DISC KA1 Offers** 

Interested in joining a DISC course in person? Explore KA1 learning offers from the DISC Network. These opportunities are part of Erasmus+ Key Action 1, which supports international mobility for eligible learners and educators.



Apply funding for your DISC project

Do you have an idea for a project about Education for Sustainable Development or a community project to promote sustainability? Get in touch to apply for seed funding.



## **DISC Work Package 4**

# Guide to DISC Open Learning and Development Hub



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#### Introduction

The DISC Open Learning and Development Hub (<u>https://disc-eu.org/index.php/dischub/</u>) is an online platform designed to support educators, trainers, students, and community partners in applying the DISC approach to sustainability and innovation in education. As part of Work Package 4 of the DISC project, the Hub brings together tools, learning resources, and community support to help individuals and institutions engage meaningfully with Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

The Hub offers six key sections, each supporting a different aspect of the DISC learning model—from structured online courses and student-led project showcases to expert guidance, sustainability resources, and opportunities for mobility and funding. Whether you're looking to enhance your facilitation skills, start your own sustainability project, or connect with like-minded professionals, the Hub provides a flexible entry point into the DISC community and methodology.

This guide provides a brief overview of each section of the DISC Hub, explaining its purpose, content, and how you can make use of it in your own context.





## **DISC Learning Suite**

The DISC Learning Suite (<u>https://moodle.disc-eu.org/</u>) is a comprehensive digital learning environment hosted on Moodle. It supports both educators and learners in building the competences needed to engage with sustainability, innovation, and education for sustainable development (ESD). The platform combines structured courses, open educational resources, and inspirational media to make the DISC approach widely accessible.

While the online resources are open and self-paced, the DISC Learning Suite and its two core courses are designed to be delivered in a blended format—combining digital learning with in-person elements. This reflects the pedagogical foundation of Design-Based Collaborative Learning (DBCL) and Design-Based Collaborative Research (DBCR), which rely on real-time teamwork, dialogue, and project-based engagement. In-person or face-to-face sessions offer crucial space for co-creation, facilitation practice, and local project work—enabling participants to apply DISC methods in authentic, social learning environments.

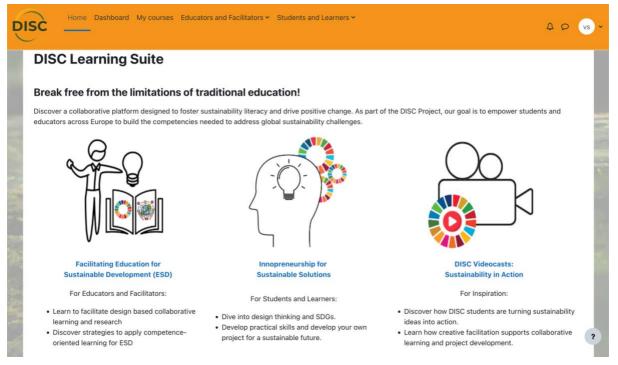


Figure 1. Landing page for DISC Learning Suite

The Learning Suite consists of three key components:

## 1. DISC Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Course: *Facilitating Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)*

Designed for educators, trainers, and facilitators, this course introduces participants to Design-Based Collaborative Learning (DBCL), with a strong emphasis on competence-oriented approaches to ESD.

It also includes an Open Education Resource (OER) Repository for ESD—a growing collection of over 100 OERs on sustainability themes and teaching strategies to support the practical application of course content. Course participants are also encouraged to contribute their own materials,





examples, or tools, helping to expand the repository and share good practices across the DISC community.

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| Entries per page 30 + Search                   | Sort by             | Language   Ascending                               | ¢ □ Advan | ced search Save s        | settings |
| Title  | Author              | Theme  | Language  | Туре                     |          |
| Global Challenges for a Sustainable<br>Society | KU Leuven           | Global challanges from a scientific<br>perspective | English   | Online Course            | 1        |
| Journey 2050                                   | Nutrien             | sustainable agriculture                            | English   | Game                     | 1        |
| Sustainability from the Start                  | edChild             | Sustainable development                            |           | Online Course<br>App     | 1        |
| Virtual Field Trips and DE Docs                | Discovery education | Social and environmental<br>sustainability         | English   | Course material<br>Video | 1        |
|  |                     |  |           |                          |          |

Figure 2. OER Repository with "Add Entry" button on the bottom right

#### 2. DISC Learner Course: Innopreneurship for Sustainable Solutions

Targeted at higher education students and lifelong learners, this course offers a hands-on introduction to design thinking, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and LEVEL5 Competence Assessment. Participants are guided through a process of developing their own sustainability-focused project ideas, gaining practical skills for problem-solving and innovation in the context of sustainable development.

#### 3. DISC Videocasts: Sustainability in Action

For inspiration and reflection, this section links to the DISC YouTube playlist (available to course participants via Moodle) featuring student project presentations and insights into real-world applications of ESD. The videos illustrate how learners have translated sustainability concepts into action and how facilitation strategies have supported their collaborative learning journeys.





## **DISC Student Project Showcase**

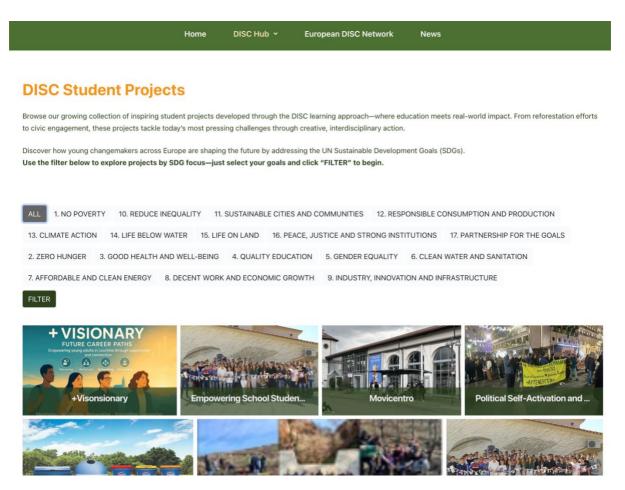


Figure 3. Landing page of DISC Student Project Showcase, with filter function based on UN SDGs

The DISC Student Project Showcase (<u>https://disc-eu.org/index.php/disc-student-projects/</u>) highlights a selection of innovative sustainability projects developed by learners participating in DISC courses across Europe. These projects are the result of applying the DISC learning approach, Design-Based Collaborative Learning and Research, to real-world challenges in local and institutional contexts.

Each featured project demonstrates how students engaged with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), explored their own sustainability interests, and developed actionable ideas through teamwork, research, and facilitation. The showcase gives visibility to these student-led initiatives while inspiring others to apply similar methods in their own settings.

The projects cover a wide range of themes—from waste reduction and climate action to social inclusion and sustainable education practices. By sharing these examples, the DISC Hub not only celebrates student achievement but also offers practical ideas for educators, facilitators, and peers seeking to promote sustainability through project-based learning.





## **Collection of Sustainability Projects**

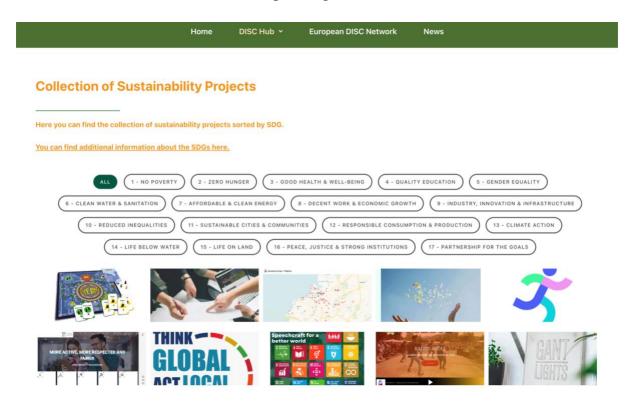


Figure 4. . Landing page of DISC Sustainability Projects Collection, with filter function based on UN SDGs

The Collection of Sustainability Projects (https://disc-eu.org/index.php/sustainability-projects/) showcases a variety of educational and community-based initiatives in Europe that explore how sustainability can be approached through learning, participation, and innovation. The featured examples highlight diverse practices in education, civic engagement, and local development, with topics ranging from climate action and social inclusion to circular economy and responsible consumption.

Each project demonstrates creative ways of integrating sustainability into different learning settings—formal and informal—and serves as inspiration for educators, facilitators, and community actors looking to launch or enhance their own sustainability-focused initiatives.

This collection aims to support knowledge exchange and the development of new approaches to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) across Europe.

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## **DISC Expert Community**

The DISC project is supported by a growing network of over 40 experts from across Europe—educators, researchers, sustainability professionals, and innovators—who bring cutting-edge knowledge in education for sustainable development, entrepreneurship, and design thinking. Our experts cover all five dimensions of the UN SDGs (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership) and contribute to advancing inclusive, future-oriented learning across sectors. Whether you're seeking guidance, inspiration, or collaboration, the DISC Experts are here to support your journey. <u>Contact us</u> if you want to be part of our community.

ALL BLENDED LEARNING COLLABORATIVE LEARNING & RESEARCH DESIGN THINKING FACILITATION EDUCATION INNOVATION

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP PEACE PEOPLE PLANET PROSPERITY

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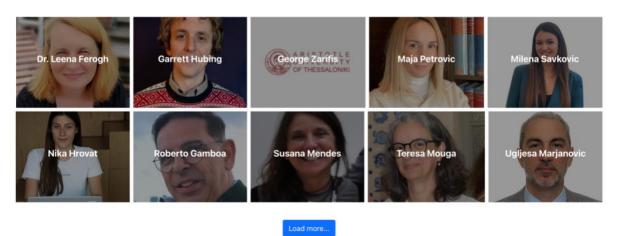


Figure 5. . Landing page of DISC Community, with filter function based on expertise.

The DISC Expert Community (<u>https://disc-eu.org/index.php/disc-community/</u>) brings together professionals from across Europe who specialise in sustainability, education innovation, and facilitation. This growing network includes educators, researchers, facilitators, and cultural innopreneurs who contribute their expertise to support the development and implementation of the DISC approach.

Covering all five dimensions of the UN Sustainable Development Goals—People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnership—DISC experts offer insight into how ESD can be integrated into teaching, learning, and community initiatives. Many also bring experience in design thinking, competence-based learning, and collaborative project facilitation.

The Expert Community serves as a point of connection and exchange. Users of the DISC Hub can reach out to experts for advice, mentorship, or collaboration—whether they are seeking guidance on how to facilitate sustainability learning, develop local initiatives, or adapt DISC tools to their own context.





## **DISC Funding Platform**

#### **Funding a project**

The funding mechanism to support a Sustainable Project

As part of the project, a support mechanism has been set up with the reveal association to enable small local projects to plan and implement their active citizenship projects.

The following background and steps should be considered:



#### **Basic principle:**

- The reveal association was already founded in 1980, however adapted its statutes in 2017 to become the European Network to promote informal Learning and Development projects.
- Following it's motto is ".because learning happens everywhere!" reveal supports initiatives which create non-formalised learning to create
  personal, professional and community development, following humanistic values and a holistic learning approach.
- Since 2021 the reveal association has been supporting local projects and initiatives which follow an open learning approach with a focus on the development of a culture of sustainable development, according to the SDGs.
- If your projects are in line with these values please approach us with innovative and sustainable ideas for open learning and development projects and quantify your demand of funding. The support may range from 200 to 5.000€ and will be calculated on a co-funding basis of 75-90%
- Our board members will decide on basis of available resources and on originality and professional quality of the application.



#### How to apply?

The basic prerequisites for funding are:

- the application of the DISC methodology in project design with the aim of developing concrete prototypes
- · describing the projects using the attached template so that competence-oriented planning and validation is possible
- the use of the DISC exhibition tools and templates.

Get the template

The DISC Funding Platform (https://disc-eu.org/index.php/disc-funding/) offers seed funding opportunities to support small-scale initiatives that apply the DISC approach to Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). These grants are intended to enable the development of local or institutional projects that foster sustainability learning, creative collaboration, and community engagement.

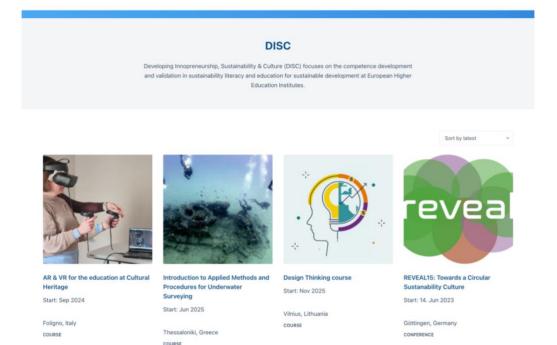
The funding supports a variety of formats—ranging from student-led initiatives and pilot workshops to co-creation activities and educational experiments rooted in design-based collaborative learning. Priority is given to proposals that demonstrate a clear link to DISC's principles: competence development, innovation, and real-world relevance.

This platform aims to empower individuals and organisations to test new ideas, build capacity, and contribute to a growing ecosystem of practice within the DISC network.





#### **DISC KA1 Offers**



The DISC KA1 Offers (<u>https://provide-eu.org/product-tag/disc/</u>) present a curated selection of inperson courses developed by DISC partners that are compatible with Erasmus+ Key Action 1 (KA1) mobility funding. These offers are intended for educators, facilitators, and learners interested in deepening their engagement with Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), competence-based learning, and design-driven innovation.

The courses listed on this platform include both **past learning opportunities delivered during the DISC project period** and **concepts for future training courses** that can be adapted and requested by institutions or individuals through KA1 mobility funding. Each course reflects the DISC approach, combining theoretical input with hands-on practice in design-based collaborative learning. While DISC itself does not provide KA1 funding, the platform enables access to high-quality learning formats that can be used as a basis for Erasmus+ support.

#### **DISC Help-desk**

To support both learners and instructors using the DISC Open Learning and Development Hub, a virtual help desk is available through national project partners.

For all technical inquiries, please contact vlaw@blinc-eu.org. Video calls can also be scheduled for additional support.



