

**CEU Summer University, UNDP**  
**Joint Summer Course on**  
**Human Development and MDGs –**  
**Regional challenges, national responses**  
**Course contents**

**Module 1 – distance learning on-line course (March-April 2012) addressing theoretical basics of the topics to be addressed in Module 2. Assigning participants to “Development paradigm” groups.**

**Module 2 - In-residence course at CEU, July 2-13, 2012**

Each day will consist of

- Lecture (maximum 2 lectures, 1½ hrs each)
- Practical work (role play, simulations, practical work with research instruments)
- “Wrap-up” working groups brainstorming (approx. 45 minutes), facilitated by course faculty

**Topics:**

- 1. Conceptual Frameworks – sustainable human development concepts.** Relations between “human development” and “sustainable development”. Translation of both concepts into policy practice and different development policy agendas. Specifics of human development in transition environment. Sustainable human development as an alternative to neo-liberal paradigm.
- 2. Human Development Operationalized in Policy Frameworks.** Human development, human security and MDGs. Human development and vulnerable groups. Case studies from the region (Roma, people with disabilities, IDPs).
- 3. Translating SHD agenda into “local development language”.** Localizing MDGs in countries of RBEC region. Translating national MDG targets into local level priorities: MDGs and regional development planning. Political reforms, political support and sustainable human development at local level.
- 4. Measuring human development.** Indicators for Sustainable Development and Human Development – overlaps and complementarities, reliability, problems in computation, interpretation. Other related indicators.
- 5. Institutions and Human Development.** Reforming the Public Sector to Advance the MDGs: a capacity development agenda. The Human Factor in Management: what exactly do we mean? Human Resources Management and Human Resources Development (HRM&D): an institutional approach.
- 6. Human Development and environmental challenges in Europe and CIS.** Sustainable human development and public participation; environmental discrimination with cases from the CEE.
- 7. Human Development and climate change challenges in Europe and CIS.** Climate change as human development challenge. Policy response to mitigate climate change. Multilateral environmental agreements and poverty reduction: opportunities for synergy and integration
- 8. Human development and social inclusion.** Conceptual approach to social inclusion, linkages to HD and HR and policy frameworks. Social Inclusion in practice - Beneficiary Perspectives of a Project in Eastern Slovakia.
- 9. Civil society, Social Inclusion and Social Economy.** Civil Society Organizations – Who, What, and How in CEE and the CIS. Financial Viability of Sector: How to Sustain CSOs? Addressing the Credibility Gap – CSO Accountability Deficit. Supporting a Conducive Legal and Regulatory Environment for CSOs
- 10. “Development Summit”** – work groups’ presentations, debates and assessment; next steps.