SDGs as Core Pillars of University Governance - Algebra University College case
PhD, Mislav Balkovic, Assistant Professor, Dean
13/05/2019, Bucharest
Content

• Our economic and social environment
• Perceived local / national needs and SDG’s
• Our Strategy and governance
• Implementation examples
• Our rationale
Our environment – unsustainable socio-economic model

Figure 1.1. Old-age dependency ratio: 2001-2013 figures and projection to 2050

Source: Education and Training Monitor 2014, European Commission, DG EAC
Our environment – knowledge and economic growth

Source: European Expert Network on Economics of Education EENEE
Analytical Report No. 20, Prepared for the European Commission, 2014
Our environment – unsustainable socio-economic model

Number of pupils in primary schools from 1977/1978 until 2012/2013. Croatia

Number of new-born kids in Croatia from 1974. until 2011

Source: Croatian Bureau of Statistics
Perceived local / national needs and SDG’s

- Quality of education from primary school to PhD programs (SDG4)
- Employment support (to students and to society) (SDG8)
- Promote innovation (SDG9)
- Support sustainable tourism and destinations (SDG11)
- Building better policy and institutions (SDG16)
Our strategy and governance

- One of our 4 core values is: “*constant contribution to development of society in which we live*”
- We positioned *stakeholders high in governance structure* through Economic board
- Our overall *business model highly values third mission* and impact to society
- Our *key personnel* are being involved in *development of national legislation and policy* in science, education and labour market
Implementation examples – organizational structure
Implementation examples – business model
Supporting quality education using data within institution
Supporting quality education
Institute for educational Quality
Supporting quality education
Digital Academy
Supporting employment and Innovation
Open Innovation Accelerator
Supporting employment and innovation digital talents

Your first chapter

Today, all stories are digital. Are you ready for digital transformation? We are. We will help you too. We are special, really special. We will put you on the digital map the way only digital enthusiasts can.

What makes us special?
Supporting sustainable destinations
Research supporting sustainable development
Implementation examples
Building better policy and institutions
Building better policy and institutions

- member of National Council for Development of Human Potential
- member of National Council for Science and Higher Education
- member of the Vocational Education and Training Council
- president of the Sectoral Skills Council for Electrical Engineering and Computing
- president of Innovation Council for Sustainable Energy
- president of Croatian Employers Association in Education
- vice president of Croatian Employers Association in ICT
- member of ESCO Maintenance Committee ...
Our rationale

• Support all SDG’s to the extent possible
• Be aware of your size and potential
• Start from your local / national environment and development needs
• Involve stakeholders (including students)
• Involve strongly / select areas where we provide most significant contribution, accept responsibility