Course Curriculum for IMEN17 Practical Analysis and Communication for Sustainability

1. General information
Course code: IMEN17
Course name: Practical Analysis and Communication for Sustainability
Main field: Environmental Management and Policy
Master level. Advanced level A1N
Credits: 3 ECTS
Language of instruction: English
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2. General Description of the Course
This course is a compulsory course in the first semester of the EMP (MSc in Environmental Management and Policy) programme. The course provides a basis for further courses in the programme, and brings together the courses of the first semester in a thematic cross-disciplinary assignment. The course is the first opportunity for the student to practice applied research in the programme, and it is a key opportunity to learn how to present and interact using web based platforms.

3. Learning outcomes
On completion of the course the student shall be able to
- demonstrate skills in information-gathering, analysis and presentation in the context of the courses of the first semester;
- use appropriate internet-based communication tools to present the assignment and interact with other presenters;
- reflect on the challenges to gather primary information; and
- reflect on the challenges to trigger change in society / a local community towards sustainability.

4. Course content
Thematic group assignment carried out alongside the courses of the first distance semester. Students present the results at a web conference at the end of the semester.

5. Teaching and assessment
The course is designed as a distance course, but can also be offered as campus course if needed. The participants communicate via the chosen learning platform and via mail, chats, voice- and video-conferencing etc. The teaching involves search, gathering, structuring and analysis of information, as well as virtual presentation and discussion of project ideas and of the final results. Grading is based on individual and group performance.

Grading scale
The following grades are used: Fail – 3 – 4 – 5 (TH)

6. Prerequisites
Students should have completed three out of the four previous courses in the first semester.

7. Literature
The course is based on specific information gathered for each project and thus there is no general literature for the course.