



USN – SPPU

International Collaboration

Title of the Project: TEACHIN - Teacher Education for Sustainable Futures in India and Norway

➤ **Project No.:** UTF-2020/10045

➤ **About the Project**

Teacher Education for Sustainable Futures in India and Norway (TeachIN) aims to enhance the quality and relevance of teacher education through internationalization and interdisciplinary collaboration for sustainable futures at the University of South-Eastern Norway (USN) and Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU). Our goal is to strengthen and expand our existing partnership with a clear focus on ways to implement Agenda 2030 in education, with a particular focus on target 4.7 - Education for sustainable development and global citizenship.

As a result of TeachIN, we expect increased student mobility of high quality and relevance, both virtual, blended, and physical. We seek to lower the threshold for student participation in internationalization. Students and teacher educators will explore diverse perspectives on teaching and learning for sustainable futures. Students from SPPU, USN and other universities will be given the possibility to enroll in two online courses (2 x 5 ECTS), jointly developed and implemented by

the TeachIN team focused on 1) Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) and 2) Global Citizenship.

The TeachIN team will organize regular webinars and workshops for knowledge exchange and the development of teaching materials. Both universities will include affiliated schools in TeachIN activities for bridging the gap between teacher education and schools. Joint interdisciplinary research will focus on content and teaching methods for sustainable futures relevant to teacher education and schools in both countries and elsewhere. MA students will be included in the research community.

The TeachIN team will contribute to the international teacher education community with peer reviewed publications and other dissemination activities, in addition to two globally accessible online courses for teacher education students.

➤ **Nature of the Project:** Joint (Department of Culture, Religion and Social Studies University of Southeast, Norway and Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India)

➤ **Objectives of the Project**

The main goal of TeachIN is to enhance the quality and relevance of teacher education through internationalization and interdisciplinary collaboration for sustainable futures at USN and SPPU. We aim to strengthen and expand our international partnership with a clear focus on ways to implement Agenda 2030 in education, with a particular focus on target 4.7. With this as a point of departure, we have identified four work packages where both streams of outcomes and outputs in the UTFORSK call are addressed. In the project we aim at:



WP 1) enhancing learning outcomes for teacher students through different ways of mobility, a) virtual mobility, b) blended mobility and c) long-term mobility. Through this we seek to lower the threshold for student participation in international learning environments and challenge students to explore comparative perspectives and approaches to learning and teaching with a particular focus on SDG4.7.

WP 2) creating joint arenas for knowledge exchange and developing teaching materials through workshops and webinars involving team members from SPPU, USN and schools affiliated to the two institutions. Through this we seek to create spaces for partnerships across countries, institutions and disciplines for enhancing the relevance of teacher education for the teaching profession with a focus on bringing the SDGs closer to learners of all ages.

WP 3) jointly developing and implementing two innovative and research based 5 ECTS online courses available to all teacher students at USN, SPPU and beyond, focusing on both content and methodology relevant to Agenda 2030 and SDG 4.7.

WP 4) enhancing relevance and quality of teacher education through joint research and publications, focused on content and teaching methods for sustainable futures, involving team members from both SPPU and USN. MA students from both countries will be included in the research community (blended mobility). Findings are shared with global audiences through outreach activities.

➤ **Project Partners**

 Universitetet i Sørøst-Norge	Main Partner Institution in Norway University College of Southeastern, Norway (NO-HSN)
	Main Partner Institution Outside Norway Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India (IN)

➤ **Funding Agency:** UTF, Norway

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➤ **Status:** Ongoing

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➤ **Phases:**

2021: No physical mobility planned for 2021 due to possible travel restrictions. However, academicians from both Universities continuously discuss through ZOOM platform and developed one online course “Teacher Education for Sustainability”.

2022: Student Mobility

The selection of committee, select three students for mobility under the project. Department published advertisement on university website dated on 06/07/2022 and according to received applications all applicants were selected for the interviews by online/offline mode. Selection Committee was selected three students under the student mobility program.



Both JOIN and TeachIN are projects funded by HK-dir (NOTED and UTFORSK) to enhance quality and relevance in teacher education through internationalization. Both projects are “spin-offs”, bilateral (SPPU-USN) and Spica (Nordplus). This picture shows that SPPU faculty and students team participate and give reflection on the SPICA 2022 program.

2023: Teacher/Student Mobility

The next year, under the teacher mobility program nearby two/three teachers and under the student mobility program nearby three/four students will be selected. The notification regarding student mobility program will be published on website soon.