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About FORSU

Higher Education Cooperation for Forest Landscape Restoration and Sustainable Livelihoods in Bangladesh and Vietnam (FORSU). FORSU is a 3-year capacity building project which is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The project includes two European Programme universities: the University of Helsinki (coordinating HEI) & the University of Freiburg, and 2 Partner universities in Bangladesh: Rangamati Science and Technology University & Patuakhali Science and Technology University and 3 Partner universities in Vietnam: Hue University, Tay Nguyen University & Thai Nguyen University of Agriculture and Forestry

The overarching objective of FORSU is to strengthen the capacity of partner higher education institutions to contribute to well-functioning, relevant and accessible forest landscape restoration (FLR) education to meet the needs of graduates, employers, and other stakeholders, for the broader benefit of the environment and society.

Strengthening Academic Partnerships: FORSU Management Team Visit to Tay Nguyen University

On 8 January 2024, the project management team from the University of Helsinki visited Tay Nguyen University (TNU), Vietnam, within the framework of the CLIDEV and FORSU projects. The visit aimed to strengthen academic cooperation and enhance coordination among partner institutions.

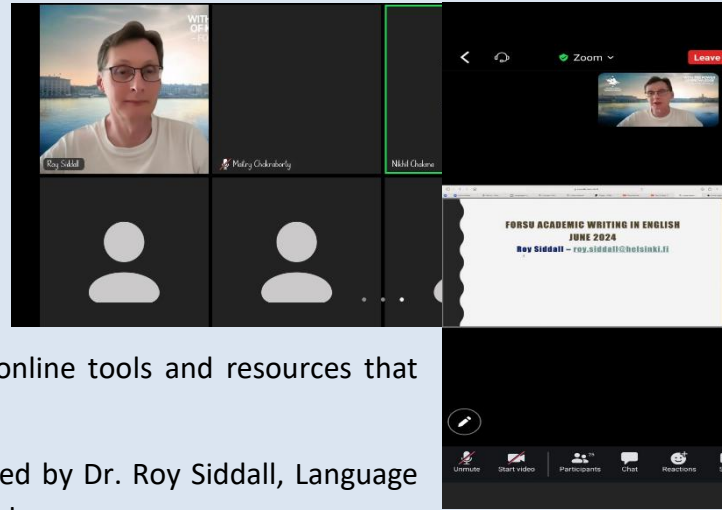
During the visit, the project coordination team met with members of the local project implementation team and other relevant representatives of the partner universities. The meeting opened with a welcome address by Mr. Le Duc Niem, Vice-Rector of Tay Nguyen University. Throughout the day-long session, the project manager reviewed activities implemented under the CLIDEV project in 2023 and outlined proposed activities for 2024. Participants also engaged in constructive discussions on administrative coordination, project operations, and financial procedures related to the implementation of FORSU project activities in the coming year.





FORSU Launches Online Academic Writing Course for RMSTU Forestry Students

The FORSU project has launched a four-day online Academic Writing course for students of Forestry and Environmental Science at Rangamati Science and Technology University (RMSTU), aiming to strengthen students' academic writing skills. More than 30 students registered for the course, which focuses on the academic writing process, writing in one's own words, and improving flow, cohesion, style, and accuracy. Participants are also being introduced to online tools and resources that support effective academic writing.



The course runs from 4–13 June 2024 and is facilitated by Dr. Roy Siddall, Language Specialist from the University of Helsinki Language Centre.



FORSU Partners Strengthen Skills and Collaboration in Freiburg, Germany and Helsinki, Finland

From June 3-7, 2024, a significant staff exchange program was successfully held at the University of Freiburg, Germany, under the FORSU project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

The intensive week brought together a diverse group of academic professionals from partner institutions in Bangladesh and Vietnam, fostering a vibrant cross-continental dialogue. The core of the program featured a series of expert-led workshops focused on contemporary curriculum development and innovative, student-centered teaching methodologies, providing a robust framework for reimagining educational design.



Beyond the university walls, learning extended into the cultural and environmental fabric of the region. Participants explored the historic Freiburg City Center, with its sustainable urban model and iconic Gothic cathedral, and embarked on an inspiring excursion into the legendary Black Forest.

These experiences offered profound, contextual lessons in sustainability, heritage, and holistic well-being.



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FORSU Partners Strengthen Skills and Collaboration in Helsinki

From 10–14 June, partners from Bangladesh and Vietnam joined an intensive capacity-building and exchange week in Helsinki, Finland under the FORSU project (Higher Education Cooperation for Forest Landscape Restoration and Sustainable Livelihoods).

The week featured expert-led sessions on academic supervision and ethics (including AI use), project management and leadership, climate change and carbon accounting, deforestation and community livelihoods, GIS and land-use analysis, and innovative teaching technologies such as AI and virtual reality. Contributors included Professors Mike Starr, Eshetu Yirdaw, Sergey Nesterov, Markku Kanninen, Yonariza, and GIS expert Johannes Jamaludin, as well as Ulla Hemminki-Reijonen from the University of Helsinki’s MOOC Center.

The programme focused on practical, market-relevant skills to strengthen interdisciplinary curricula and enhance graduate employability in partner universities. It also reinforced North–South–South cooperation, laying a strong foundation for continued collaboration and sustainable impact in higher education across Bangladesh and Vietnam.



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