



How to support the alumni's lifelong learning?

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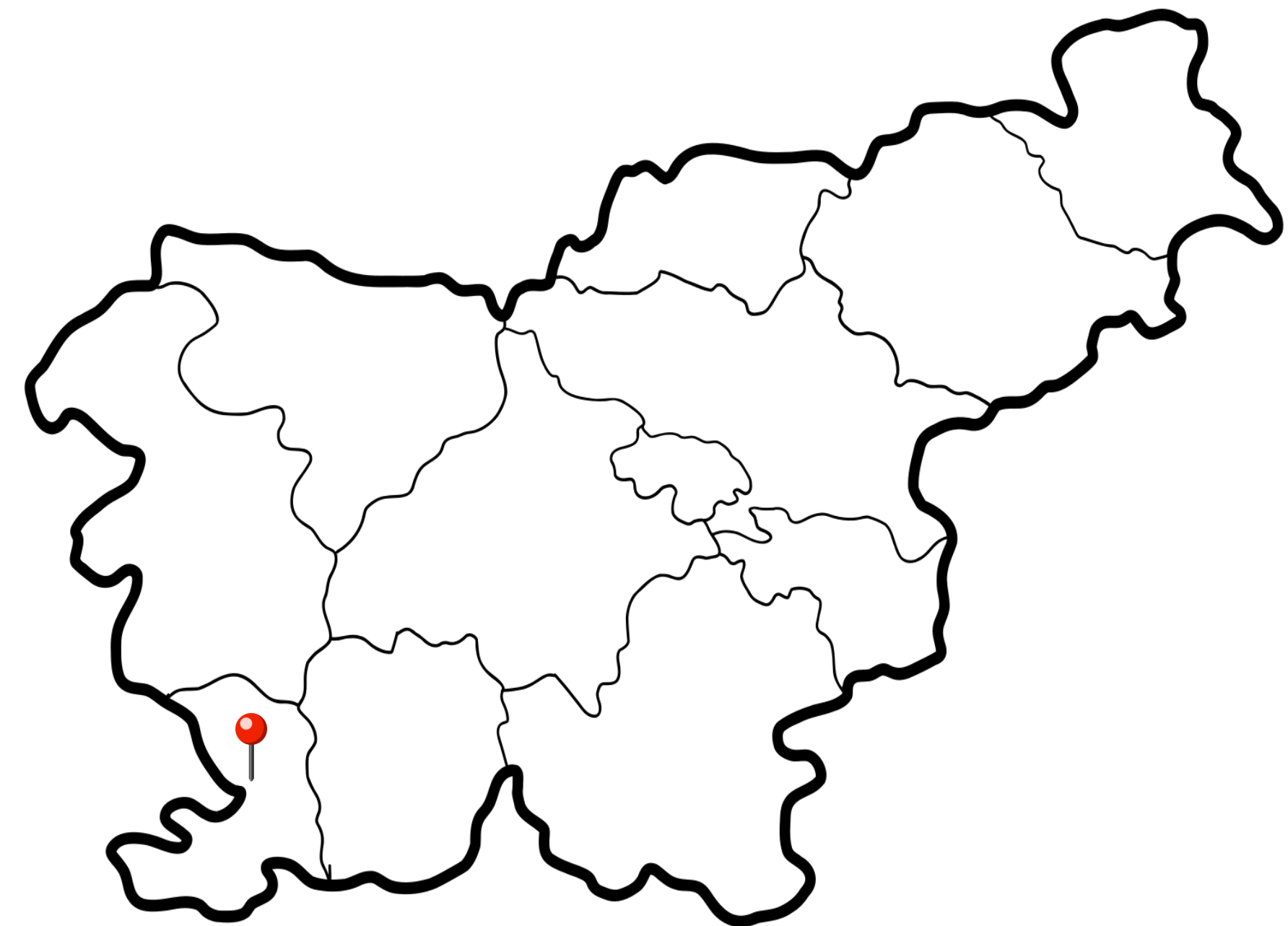
University of Primorska

6 faculties + ...

5744 students

22% international students

Number of employees: 782



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Green, Digital & Inclusive University of Primorska 2022-2025

The GDI UP project aims to **renew higher education curricula** to support a green and resilient transformation towards Society 5.0. (SDG's)

This project is crucial for **the lifelong learning of our alumni** (as one of the target groups).

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Green, Digital & Inclusive University of Primorska 2022-2025

One of the key areas of focus is on initiatives to promote **continuous professional development and upskilling.**

UP Alumni office (2023)

Building an alumni community



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Alumni Club of the University of Primorska (Alumni UP)



- Newsletters
- Ambassadors
- Social events
- **Promotional material**
- Sport events
- Benefits
- **Social Media**
- **Alumni Awards**

- **Lifelong learning**

These initiatives help alumni stay updated and competitive in their fields.

UP Alumni Week 17-21 APRIL 2023
to ENCOURAGE, EXPAND & ENGAGE
Inspirational Week of Endless Opportunities.

- CREATIVE WORKSHOPS (live | via Zoom)
- THEMATIC LECTURES (live | via Zoom)
- ARCHITECTURAL WALK THROUGH THE CITY OF KOPER
- UP POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES SHOWCASE "UPgrade"
- NETWORKING

Highlight of the Week **Alumni MEETUP**

April 20 at 5 p.m.
UP FAMNIT lobby

- "Per aspera ad astra" – a debate with the President of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia, **Mr. Marko Lotrič**
- Stand-up Comedy Performance by **Perica Jerkovič**
- A convivial get-together with refreshments and musical performance

We warmly welcome all students, professors, UP alumni and all those who share a passion for lifelong learning and growth.

All events are free of charge and will take place at all member faculties of the University of Primorska.

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Alumni UP emphasises lifelong learning through an ecosystem of micro-events (in person and online). These events benefit **local and regional communities** and focus on the humanities, education, social sciences, arts and other relevant fields: **Summer schools, workshops, lectures, camps, master study programme, and more.**



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Micro-credentials

Micro-credentials are achieved through short learning experiences leading to a certification of **skills**.



We aim to **re-skill** and **up-skill** workers and professionals, as research shows that due to rapid technological and societal developments, **a graduate's knowledge is outdated after 15 years, and in the future this will drop to only 3 years.**

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Micro-credentials (example)

The NEBAP Hub is a key component of the GDI UP project and Alumni UP activities. **It offers traditional and online training on** bio-based materials, digital technologies, and circularity to expedite the decarbonization of homes and buildings.

The development of **shorter and more flexible learning pathways and the creation of an ecosystem of micro-credentials** have already been initiated at UP, in the framework of the GDI UP project and the NEBAP Hub. We identify innovative content in the environment and, based on the successful response of the pilot projects, we are integrating it into the curricula of the study programmes.

**The New European Bauhaus Academy
Pioneer Hub for Sustainable Built
Environments with Renewable Materials
(NEBAP Hub)**



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Micro-credentials (example)

In 2023 the following **proposals** for micro-credentials have been prepared:

- Machine Learning Basics for Architects – 1 ECTS (László Hajdu),
- The use of survey questionnaires in architecture – 1 ECTS (Ana Slavec),
- Strength grading of timber – 1 ECTS (Mohammad Derikvand),
- Bio-based multipurpose materials – 1 ECTS (Rene Herrera Diaz) and
- IAQ monitoring in building with IoT – 1 ECTS (Michael Mrissa).



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Global and Inclusive Reach

With over 20% international students and participation in T4EU activities, UP prioritizes linguistic inclusivity. This approach allows non-Slovenian graduates to actively contribute to the Alumni UP community.



Transform4Europe Alliance (T4EU)

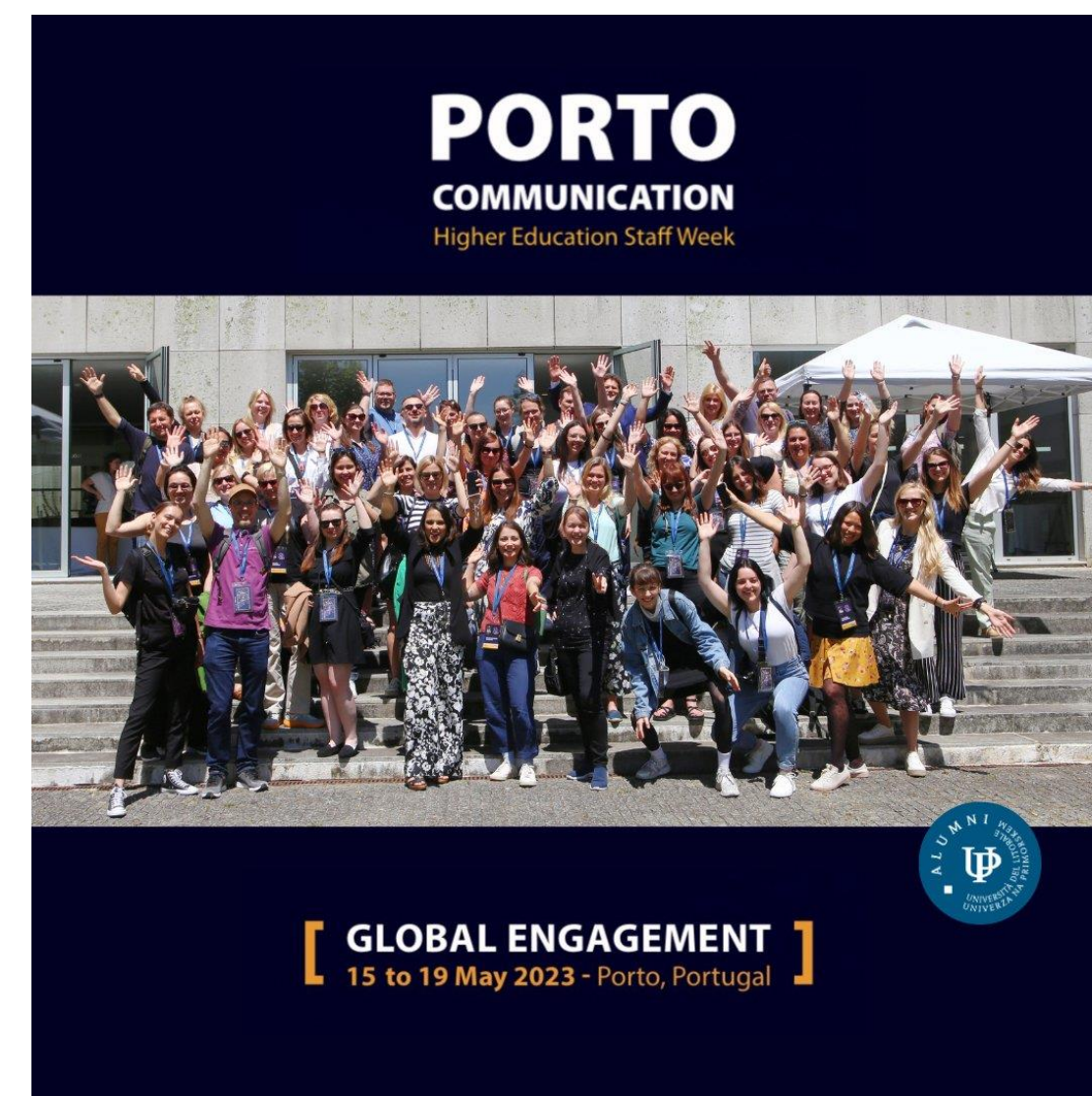
Develop a T4EU Lifelong Learning Centre and promote curricular service-learning
(1-6 ECTS)

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How to improve?

- Communication: statistics from social media and newsletter
- **Evaluation of events**
- Feedback surveys and performance evaluations
- **Questionnaires**
- Study Focus Groups
- **Pilot programmes**
- Be part of the students' university experience
- **Learn from other institutions (at the local and global level)**



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What next?

- **Evaluation of the data**
 - Incorporating Feedback and Emerging Trends
 - International alumni network and community
 - **Establishment of a system of micro-credential not only at national level, but also at European and global level**
 - Mentorship programmes
 - More collaboration with the industry
 - Continuous Improvement...
- **Volunteer programmes, campaigns, fundraising,...**





Děkujeme!- Hvala lepa!- ¡Muchas gracias! - Thank you very much!



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