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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN ENERGY TRANSITION

Starting in Autumn 2026

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INVEST SPECIALISATION STUDIES AT KARELIA UAS

Sustainable Communities in Energy Transition, 60 ECTS

Starting in Autumn 2026

Karelia UAS organizes Sustainable Communities in Energy Transition – studies in international collaboration. Themes of these international studies are Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Local Communities. Studies are aimed for 3rd or 4th year B.Sc. students and international exchange students.

Studies in Autumn:

Energy Policy and Advocacy, 5 ECTS

Life Cycle Analyses of Energy Systems, 5 ECTS

Business Models for Community Energy, 5 ECTS

Applied Research for Energy Transition, 5 ECTS

Introduction to Finnish Language and Culture, 2 ECTS

Facilitating Community Energy Transition, 8 ECTS

Studies in Spring:

Living Lab Project, 15 ECTS

Final Thesis/Research, 15 ECTS

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How to apply to Karelia: <https://karelia.fi/en/how-to-apply/>

Students nominated by partner universities should apply by 30.04.2026

Further information at Karelia UAS:

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As INVEST graduate in Sustainable Communities in Energy Transition, you will facilitate community-level renewable energy transition. You will deliver inclusive initiatives that address challenges of unsustainable practices and make community-specific proposals for accelerating a just energy transition.

The Renewable Energy sector has an essential role in mitigating carbon emissions and alleviating the effects of climate change, as well as supporting the regeneration of local rural economies. The sector needs skilled engineers and other professionals who can facilitate and promote energy transition.

Competences

As INVEST graduate, you will be able to

- facilitate community-level renewable energy transition within national and the EU policy frameworks of sustainability
- deliver inclusive initiatives that address challenges of unsustainable practices and make community-specific proposals for accelerating a just energy transition
- think innovatively, identifying and creating opportunities for economic, ecological and social benefits
- manage complex change processes in culturally sensitive and participatory manner, appropriately communicating to different audiences
- formulate community plans and advocate for business solutions and policies that contribute to equitable and regenerative local economies

Evidence-based learning

The learning will encompass applied research practices, living-labs of both Renewable Energy laboratories as well as North Karelia Biosphere, Finland, under the UNESCO MAB -Programme. The Specialization is organized jointly by the professionals from attending INVEST partner universities.



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Programme



POHJOIS-KARJALAN
BIOSFÄÄRIALUE
North Karelia Biosphere Reserve

Structure of studies

Autumn semester, 30 ECTS	Spring semester, 30 ECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Policy and Advocacy, 5 ECTS• Life Cycle Analyses of Energy Systems, 5 ECTS• Business Models for Community Energy, 5 ECTS• Applied Research for Energy Transition, 5 ECTS• Facilitating Community Energy Transition, 8 ECTS• Introduction to Finnish Language and Culture, 2 ECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final thesis / Research, 15 ECTS• Project in Living Lab Karelia, 15 ECTS

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