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HumAct responds to **two main sets of challenges** and provides an integrative solution to them. The first challenge is the enhancement of capacities in the field of higher education in partner countries. The second specifically responds to professionalisation needs in the humanitarian sector of these countries. HumAct proposes to address these by focusing on enhancing capacities of HEIs in partner countries in the area of humanitarian action (HA) through curriculum development and skills development.

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The project partners are: The [National and Kapodistrian University of Athens](#) (Greece), [University of Cape Verde](#) (Cape Verde), [University of Santiago](#) (Cape Verde), [Pedagógica University](#) (Mozambique), [Púnguè University](#) (Mozambique), and [Rovuma University](#) (Mozambique).

The project began on 15/01/2021 and will last until 15/01/2024.



Objectives and Target Groups

The **main aim** is to build capacity in higher education institutions in the area of Humanitarian Action in relation to climate change and displacements in the partner countries of Cape Verde and Mozambique in collaboration with institutions in the programme countries of Greece and Portugal.

The specific objectives are:

1. Building capacity with regard to content in the substantive aspects of Humanitarian Action.
2. Building research capacity of educators and students in regards to HA.
3. Enhancing the pedagogical strategies of educators
4. Strengthening community outreach and engagement.

The **target groups** are: educators, students, non-teaching staff, and others that will include policy-makers, NGOs, traditional leaders, and community members.

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What will happen during the project?

- The creation of a Humanitarian Action Academy (HAA) Management Committee with representatives of partner institutions in Cape Verde and Mozambique and programme institutions in Portugal and Greece.
- The adaptation of five existing modules per partner institution, and the development of at least one new module on HA per partner institution, and the production and securing of teaching and learning materials, training manuals and field work packages related to these.
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- An HAA credit bearing summer/winter school programme in Mozambique in year one, and one in year two in Cape Verde.
- Two workshops to enhance the teaching and research capacities of educators.
- Two workshops to engage in "hands-on" work in the adaptation of existing curricula to include content on humanitarian action.
- Live-stream special lectures, conferences, debates and Webinars on humanitarian action issues organised and lead by partner and programme institutions.
- A seminar and wrap-up meeting in year three.

What will be the results?

5 adapted modules per partner that will include HA content, which are 25 in total.

One new module on HA per partner, which are 5 in total.

Increased capacity of 10 educators across disciplines in the field of HA.

Increased capacity of non-academic staff.

Up to date teaching and learning materials, training manual and a field package.

Postgraduate students with professional knowledge, values, and skills that can enter the open labour market at local, national and international levels.

Increased community outreach and engagement.

Members of civil society, policy-makers, NGOs, and community members better prepared for humanitarian action.

Have the foundations for the introduction of a Master's program in Humanitarian Action.

2 articles per partner for publication.

Handbook on HAA.

Increased international scholarly collaboration and networking.

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