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Project title: Finland-Zanzibar Marine Spatial Planning for a Sustainable Blue Economy	
<p>Coordinator</p> <p>Ab Yrkeshögskolan vid Åbo Akademi</p> <p>Stefan Heinänen, stefan.heinanen@novia.fi</p>	<p>The Finland-Zanzibar Marine Spatial Planning for a Sustainable Blue Economy (FinZa-MSuBE) is a cooperation between Novia University of Applied Sciences and The State University of Zanzibar in Tanzania. The project aims at developing participants' competences and build capacity in Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) through the implementation of two (2) realizations of a course which will be conducted partly online and onsite. The project partners will leverage the use of innovative pedagogical methods such as the MSP challenge (https://www.mspchallenge.info/) to further develop and strengthen participants' skills by exposing them to the local context and environment in Finland and Zanzibar. In addition to the course realizations, the project will also include discussions with input for curriculum development, students' and teachers' mobility to SUZA and Novia UAS, lectures and discussions by industry experts from the Zanzibar Fisheries and Marine Resources Research Institute (ZAFIRI) and possibly from SYKE, the Finnish Environment Institute.</p> <p>Tanzania is currently in the planning phase of the implementation of their Marine Spatial Planning and therefore in need of providing education to train students as future professionals to achieve a sustainable blue economy. This project is thus a response to this need. The exchange visit to SUZA aims to expose students and teachers from Finland to a different coastal ecosystem with its challenges and opportunities. During the exchange visit to Novia UAS, students and staff from SUZA will be exposed to the Finnish and the Baltic coastal ecosystem and will gain an understanding of how Finland successfully manages its natural resources. As a result of this cooperation, the partners anticipate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved competences in MSP and a deeper understanding of the local context in Zanzibar and Finland. - Improved MSP courses and benchmarking curricula in Sustainable Coastal Management. - Achievement of 2 course realizations in MSP and identification of course topics for future cooperation. - Strengthen global competence, enhance multicultural collaboration, and improve cultural awareness for students. - Publication of lessons learnt, and presentation of project results in blogs and during seminars and forums. - Renewed cooperation through other means of funding. <p>Through this project, the partners hope to contribute to the achievement of SDG 4 - quality education, and SDG 14 - life below water; and, to also promote sustainability in the communities through education.</p>
<p>Partners</p> <p>The State University of Zanzibar</p>	

