

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Title:** Sierra Leone Education in Entrepreneurial Pedagogy & Skills (SLEEK) Project Launched to Enhance Entrepreneurship Education and Job Creation.

United Methodist University Sierra Leone (UMU-SL) an observing partner of the *Sierra Leone Education in Entrepreneurial Pedagogy & Skills (SLEEK) project*, is delighted to announce the launch of this transformative initiative under the Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) programme. The project aims to strengthen Sierra Leone's capacity to foster entrepreneurship education, create quality jobs, and empower youth and women entrepreneurs.

### **Benefits to Sierra Leone**

The SLEEK project brings tremendous benefits to Sierra Leone by:

- Enhancing entrepreneurial education across higher education institutions (HEIs).
- Developing a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- Creating quality jobs, particularly for youth and women.
- Strengthening partnerships between academia and the business sector.

By addressing weaknesses in entrepreneurship education, SLEEK is poised to drive sustainable growth, social cohesion, and innovation within Sierra Leone.

## **Project Partners**

The SLEEK project is a collaborative effort between renowned institutions, both local and international. The consortium partners include:

- **9University of Alicante (Coordinator), Spain**
- **Oulun Yliopisto, Finland**
- **FH Joanneum Gesellschaft MBH, Austria**
- **University of Sierra Leone (USL/IPAM), Sierra Leone**
- **University of Management and Technology (UNIMTECH), Sierra Leone**
- **University of Makeni (UNIMAK), Sierra Leone**
- **Milton Margai Technical University (MMTU), Sierra Leone**
- **Innovation (SL) limited, Sierra Leone and,**
- **United Methodist University Sierra Leone (UMU-SL) 0as an observing partner**

This partnership showcases the importance of collaboration between public and private universities in Sierra Leone, combining expertise to achieve impactful outcomes.

## **Theme**

The theme of the SLEEK project is “*Enhancing Entrepreneurship Pedagogy for Sustainable Growth and Job Creation.*”

## **Objectives**

The SLEEK project aims to:

1. Develop a comprehensive entrepreneurship curriculum for Sierra Leonean educators.
2. Establish an **Entrepreneurship Academy** to provide cutting-edge training for educators and integrate the business sector into the educational process.
3. Support youth and women entrepreneurs by enhancing their business skills and promoting employability.

## **Impact**

Through SLEEK, higher education institutions in Sierra Leone will:

- Enhance the quality of entrepreneurship teaching.
- Empower graduates with practical skills for the job market.
- Contribute to achieving the Erasmus+ priorities of inclusion, sustainable growth, and innovation.
- Strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem, ultimately boosting economic growth and reducing unemployment.

The Sierra Leone Education in Entrepreneurial Pedagogy & Skills (SLEEK) project encourages all stakeholders, including educators, businesses, and community leaders, to engage with the

SLEEK project. Your participation and support are vital to achieving its goals.

**For updates on this project, visit the following website:**

1. [www.unimtech.edu.sl](http://www.unimtech.edu.sl)
2. <https://usl.edu.sl/institute-of-public-administration-and-management-ipam/>
3. <https://www.mmtu.edu.sl>
4. <https://www.unimak.edu.sl>
5. <https://www.umu.edu.sl>

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