



Brendan Duprey

Brendan is the founding Director of the Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute and Associate Professor in Sustainable Development at Narxoz University in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Brendan has been working globally for over a decade on solutions driven sustainability programs and research. Over the course of his career, he has been known as a sustainability leader with the ability to integrate its diverse aspects to drive solutions by connecting and leading teamwork across-sectors. His current work on integrating sustainability values, skills and knowledge into the formal educational system of the Republic of Kazakhstan was submitted by the government as the national nomination for the Japan-UNESCO Global Prize on ESD. Moreover, applied research work he has conducted in the field of nature-based solutions to industrial waste was presented as a best practice within the framework of the UNECE Convention on Mine Tailing Safety and Industrial Accidents (56 countries). He currently is a member of the Interinstitutional Working Group for Mine Tailing Safety of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the National ESG Club. From 2012-2017, he led the five year Framework Program "Education for Sustainable Development in the Western Balkans: Education for Sustainable Futures". Through his leadership the Program was instrumental in integrating sustainable development concepts and ideas into the broader educational reforms that are currently underway in the region as part of the global shift to the outcome-based learning approach to education in the countries of Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo. This success was selected as a best practice for the UNECE evaluation report "Ten Years of the UNECE Strategy on ESD (2005-2015)". It has been promoted at several international forums including the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in Nagoya, Japan (2014). He was also a TEDx speaker where he shared his views on how educational reforms can be used as a tool for sustainable development. Brendan holds a PhD in Environmental Sciences and Policy from Central European University. His academic interests include: EU integration, implementation, public policy, multi-level governance, educational reforms through ESD and transformational change management.