

Press Release nº 2



Project: Boosting lifelong learning awareness of European Green Deal 2nd transnational project meeting, Saturday 15th JULY 2023

The 2nd transnational project meeting of the project "Boosting lifelong learning awareness of European Green Deal" (www.tenforsustainability.eu/GreenBoost.html) has been held on Saturday 15th July 2023 in Brussels (Belgium), hosted by KI AN Ente europeo di sviluppo e cultura Asbl (partner from Belgium) with participants from the following organizations: Ten For Sustainability (Project Applicant and Coordinator, Italy), Europski klaster Alpe Adria Pannonia (partner from Serbia), Centrul pentru Politici Durabile Ecopolis (partner from Romania). The project is co-financed by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union.

As a follow-up to the previous training session, within the project's scope of empowering partner organizations as regards the delivering of the European Green Deal, the Partners have moved forward in building their capacities, sharing good practices as follows:

- Research and needs assessment in relation to increasing the participation of adult learners, their proficiency and improve their overall wellbeing, in connection to the EU Green Deal in particular, to environmental sustainability in general;

- Identification and exchange of good practices: the following two EU Green Deal pillars: "Working with nature to protect our planet and health" and "Renovating buildings for greener lifestyles".

Furthermore, the meeting has been an opportunity to explore and debate the main EU policies in connection to the Environment with a special focus on the Directive on the energy performance of buildings.

We'd like to highlight the following outcomes:

The EU Green Deal presents concrete opportunities to foster the connection between environmental sustainability and adult education and lifelong learning in the countries were Partners are based:

- the EU Green Deal provides a robust policy framework that emphasizes the importance of education, training, and lifelong learning for achieving environmental sustainability goals.

- the implementation of the EU Green Deal entails several different EU funding and support through various initiatives and programs that can be utilized to enhance environmental education and lifelong learning.

- the EU Green Deal can inspire curriculum development in adult education and lifelong learning institutions, as we're doing within this very project. In different fields touched by environmental sustainability.

- the EU Green Deal promotes green entrepreneurship and supports initiatives that foster innovation and sustainability. Adult education and lifelong learning institutions can nurture entrepreneurial skills among adult learners, providing them with the knowledge and tools to develop and implement environmentally friendly business models and initiatives.

- the starting point when looking at the advantages and positive effects of adult education is, therefore, sociological (reduction of inequality, increase in social inclusion, strengthening of social cohesion),

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economic (economic growth, increase in employment, economic development) and to us, due to the nature of the profession, the closest humanistic starting point (personal growth, development, joy of learning, etc.);

- skills, competencies and attitudes ultimately enable people to find fulfillment in their lives and adapt to rapid change, beyond participation in the labor market. Skills, whether vocational or social, technical or core competences, help adults to cope with current crises and make them more aware of their potential in society. This in turn enhances democratic participation and strengthens communities and social life.

The Partners have agreed to meet again for the third and final project's meeting in Bucharest (Romania) on Friday 20th October 2023.

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FOLLOWING pictures taken during the meeting





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