

ECOSystems

Project brief

Program

Erasmus+

Action Type

KA220-YOU – Cooperation
Partnerships in Youth

Duration

Apr 1, 2024 – Sep 30, 2026

Goal

ECOSystems aims to create sustainable connections between eco-communities and marginalized youth, fostering education and engagement around sustainability. The project's mission is to drive behavioral changes, enhance social inclusion, and build resilient communities across Europe.

Overall Impact and Long-Term Vision

Immediate Impact

- **Stronger Community Networks:** Establish a collaborative network between eco-communities and young people from marginalized backgrounds, fostering sustainable learning and cultural exchange.
- **Educational Empowerment:** Equip eco-communities to act as mentors and educators in sustainability, establishing them as active contributors to youth development.

Long-Term Vision

- **Resilient and Inclusive Societies:** Position eco-communities as key educational stakeholders, building a sustainable and socially responsible foundation for future generations.
- **Scalable Model:** Offer a successful, replicable framework that can be adopted across Europe, promoting environmental consciousness and inclusivity in various communities.

Objectives and Expected Outputs by Work Package (WP)

WP1 Project Management

Objective

Ensure efficient coordination, communication, and progress monitoring among all project partners.

Key Outputs

- **Regular Coordination Meetings:** Organize periodic meetings to review progress and address any challenges.
- **Monitoring Reports:** Create progress and impact reports for internal evaluation, maintaining high-quality standards throughout the project.

WP2 Mapping and Networking

Objective

Identify, document, and connect eco-communities, fostering collaboration and resource sharing.

Expected Outputs

- **Eco-Community Map:** A comprehensive map of eco-communities across partner countries that are engaged in non-formal education.
- **Online Portal:** Launch a digital platform to serve as a networking hub where eco-communities and youth can share resources, best practices, and project information, promoting collaboration.
- **Networking Events:** Host a series of events to strengthen relationships between eco-communities, youth, and organizations, enhancing shared knowledge and impact.

WP3

Enhancing Skills in Non-Formal Education (NFE)

Objective

Build educational capacity within eco-communities, empowering them to serve as mentors in sustainability and social inclusion.

Expected Outputs

- **Training Programs:** Develop and deliver training for at least 100 eco-community youth workers in non-formal education and sustainability practices.
- **Local Learning-Action Initiatives:** Implement at least five community-based projects where youth workers lead activities focused on sustainability, allowing participants to gain hands-on experience.
- **Workshops and Toolkits:** Offer both local and international workshops, with a toolkit to guide eco-communities in integrating NFE methods.

WP4

Building Bridges – Sustainable Dissemination and Engagement

Objective

Connect marginalized youth with eco-communities, creating inclusive, hands-on learning experiences focused on sustainable practices.

Expected Outputs

- **Youth Immersion Program:** Provide direct involvement opportunities for at least 350 marginalized youth to engage with eco-communities, gaining insights and skills in sustainable living.
- **Promotional Video Series:** Produce a series of videos created by and for youth, documenting life in eco-communities, sharing sustainability practices, and encouraging eco-friendly actions.
- **Online Seminar on Social-Eco Entrepreneurship:** Conduct a 6-month seminar, equipping youth with skills in sustainable business, waste management, permaculture, and project creation.
- **e-Handbook on Eco-Communities as Educational Actors:** Compile case studies, best practices, and guidelines for other eco-communities looking to engage in non-formal education.