

THE ECOLOGICAL TALENT - EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY CALL FOR RECEIVING PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

The project "The Ecological Talent - Education for Sustainability" is one of the largest Erasmus+ consortium projects in Europe in the fields of sustainability and ecology.

Its special focus is on ecological, sustainable and innovation-oriented projects as a part of a Europe-wide initiative called "L'Olivier - the Olive Tree".

Our goals:

- We want to raise awareness among our 170 schools about the topics of ecology, sustainable development as well as encourage and equip them for further activities within their walls.
- We wish to implement best practice examples from all Erasmus countries into our own school system.
- We also aspire to spread this knowledge to all other Austrian schools.
- Through our programme, we want to create networks, enhance visibility for the topic and for organisations that are working in the field of education for sustainable development and that could be a useful resource for schools.
- We continue to work on the core competences for European educational cooperation: European political education, digitalisation, foreign languages and inclusion.

Our project consists of three parts:

1.) From spring 2021: free event programme (online, hybrid, in person) for all Austrian schools.

- We develop our own events in various formats (with and without partners)
- We identify events from other organisations and share them

So far, we have already developed and implemented an advanced training series for teachers and students on sustainability and design in cooperation with the VIENNA DESIGN WEEK, among other things. Furthermore, we managed to convince the game publisher Piatnik to develop a sustainable version of the classic Austrian game DKT with us.

2.) From spring 2022: job-shadowing and guest teaching in all 32 Erasmus countries for the 170 consortium schools

3.) From summer 2022: thematic training events for teachers and other educational staff (principals, secretaries, accountants, etc.).

Further information:

<https://padlet.com/EuropaundBildung/v6yri6wa8w3qzoy9>



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What is the project about?

The project focuses on the topic "Ecology-Sustainability-Innovation" and gives Austrian school staff (and also people from other institutions like universities, NGOs, public administrations) the chance to visit schools and attend conferences, workshops etc. in partner schools/institutions. The project is part of a Europe-wide initiative of Erasmus+ projects in the field of ecology.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for schools, institutions, public entities to welcome Austrian participants. These schools/institutions should offer possibilities for job shadowing, workshops, conferences and/or training courses covering the theme "Ecology-Sustainability-Innovation".

How to cooperate with us?

Suitable schools/institutions would be "receiving organisations", which means that they would welcome Austrian teachers and other school staff from spring 2022. Exact dates will be coordinated by the international office of the Styrian school authority – together with the project partners. As partners, you do not have to be registered in Erasmus+ (although it would be helpful).

If you want to cooperate with us, please contact us before the 16th of January 2022.

Costs for accommodation, journey and course fees of the Austrian participants are funded by Erasmus+.

What can you expect from participating in the project?

- International exchange and networking between stakeholders from the education sector
- Austrian schools and organisations that are sending their staff to you are potential receiving partners for your future Erasmus+ projects
- A possibility to spread your methods internationally
- An opportunity to receive international input and feedback
- A chance to increase your international profile/publicity
- An invitation to join our networking events in Graz
- Contacts for future teacher and student exchanges
- The potential inclusion of your ideas concerning sustainability and innovation to our project

Side notes:

As already mentioned above, we are looking for schools/institutions/associations, etc. They would be what is called "receiving organisations", which means that they would just receive staff from Austria. Unfortunately, we cannot finance foreign teachers/staff visiting Austria – this is not possible in an Erasmus+ KA1 project.

However, we also encourage you to start an Erasmus+ KA1 project, which allows you to send educational staff to Austria or to other Erasmus programme countries. We would then welcome you with great pleasure.

How to contact us:

Do you want to be part of our project or do you have questions?

Please contact us via international@bildung-stmk.gv.at or

register via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/aMdKUHjXDd>

THE ECOLOGICAL TALENT - EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY STUDY VISIT PROGRAMME IN GRAZ JUNE 2022

Visit of schools, institutions and organisations that carry out exciting activities in the field of ecology, sustainability and innovation. Exchange of ideas and networking events.

- Primary Schools
- Lower Secondary Schools
- Upper Secondary Schools
- Vocational Schools

- Umwelt-Bildungs-Zentrum Steiermark (Environmental Education Centre Styria)
<https://www.ubz-stmk.at/>

- ProHolz Steiermark (Association of the Styrian Timber and Forestry Industry)
<https://www.proholz-stmk.at/>

- GREENOVET (Green Tech Cluster)
<https://www.greentech.at/en/greenovet/>

- Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change (University of Graz)
<https://wegcenter.uni-graz.at/en/>