

Activity Report

"Encouraging Youth for Using Renewable Energy"

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About Host Organisation

Bioville

Bioville was founded in 2011 with a goal to educate about and promote healthier lifestyles.

Bioville organizes seminars that take place in the form of lectures, theme-based workshops, and in the form of interactive sessions. The ultimate goal is to create awareness and thus encourage the participants to adopt healthier lifestyle alternatives. Bioville takes it a step further and diversifies the learning process and helps make use of what's learnt by means of organizing seminars, trainings, workshops and open air games, in an ecologically clean environment.

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About Partner Organisations

Youth Development and Enterprise Association



Youth Development and Enterprise Association, established in 2015, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization operating in the Adapazarı District of Sakarya Province. Our association has been working with social responsibility awareness since its founding and has been producing projects in many fields, such as youth, women, children, disabled, animals, and disaster emergencies.

The unit of our association that carries out national and inter-city studies in Sakarya province, Sakarya Municipality; D unit, Adapazarı Municipality, Serdivan Municipality, Erenler Municipality, Provincial Directorate of Migration, Sakarya Governor Project Office, Adapazarı Youth Center, and AFAD Provincial Directorate carried out organizing project work.

Our association also carries out applications with non-governmental organizations and private practices; It cooperates with many associations such as Sakarya Civil Society Platform (SASTOP), Sakarya KANSERDER, Sakarya Disabled Union Federation, Disaster Volunteers Association Headquarters,

Mediterranean Youth Association, KARGENÇ priority association, Social Steps Association. Our association continues the EU program with the Sakarya Chamber of Commerce.

Our association is a member of the Local Youth Associations Network. It has workshops with 40 different civil society organizations located in Türkiye. Our association consists of 40 members and 300 volunteers. We are working in Sakarya Province. Our association, which works with the online volunteering system, has worked in all regions of Türkiye and established a volunteer network.

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Eko-Zhivot Kavadarci



"Eko-Zhivot" was founded in 2010 as a non-profit and non-governmental organisation with the aim to work on conservation and improvement of the environment. They are in close collaboration with the local governments of cities Kavadarci, Negotino, Rosoman, Demir Kapija and Gradsko.

"Eko-Zhivot" act as a regional eco center.

- In March 2014 became members and participated in the establishment of Macedonia's eco-platform "Green Macedonia", a platform that will act for a cleaner and more ecological environment. Also the main goal of this platform is to neutralise Macedonia's so called "ecological hot spots", locations in Macedonia that are mainly affected by the pollution.
- Since 2012 members of Ecologists' Movement of Macedonia (DEM) and assigned by them as regional eco center and executive office.
- Since 2018 also acting as a branch of Food Bank Macedonia for the Tikvesh Region.
- In June 2021 have become full members of the international network CEEweb for Biodiversity.
- In December 2021 established the eco-educational center in the main city park in Kavadarci where we provide environmental education and activities for students and all the interested parties, including biodiversity info sessions for tourist visiting the region.
- In May 2022 became full members of the National Youth Council of Macedonia.

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Asociación Socio-Cultural VerdeSur Alcalá



Asociación Socio-Cultural VerdeSur Alcalá is by group of professionals working in the field of youth who would like to create a social change in town of Alcala while focusing on the young people and involving the young people, teachers and educator to the mobility activities as well as the local socio-cultural activities through its partnerships and its offers.

The association is supported by the local municipality and it is based on the youth building of Alcala la Real which has a very diverse environment with a great historical trajectory where it can bring many opportunities for events and social activities for young people and local population.

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Activity Description

Name of the Activity: "Encouraging Youth for Using Renewable Energy"

The project "There is no other world" is addressing the environmental problems, especially global warming. With a specific focus on "Encouraging Youth for Using Renewable Energy," this activity aims to deepen participants' understanding of renewable energy sources. Participants will gain insights into the advantages of renewable energy and how these sources function.

This experience was designed not only to equip youth with valuable knowledge but also to inspire and encourage them to actively embrace renewable energy solutions.

Daily Programme:

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8:00	9:30						
9:30	11:00		Opening Ceremony & Introduction to Renewable Energy Sources	Energy Conservation in Daily Life	Visit to MAJA 2024 Exhibition	Interactive Session on Real-world Challenges	
11:00	11:30			Coffee B	Break		
11:30	13:00		Renewable Energy DIY Workshop	Architectural insights on Energy conservation	Sustainable Transportation - field visit	Project Planning and Brainstorming	D e
13:00	14:30	Participants	Lunch				р
14:30	16:00	Arrival & Hotel Settlement	Field Visit to Solar-station	Local Eco-Friendly Initiatives	Sustainable Scavenger Hunt-Riga&Jurmala	Group Project Presentations	a r t
16:00	16:30	Settlement	Coffee Break			u	
16:30	18:00		Benefits of Renewable Energy	Field Visit to Local Eco-Friendly Initiative	Sustainable Scavenger Hunt-Riga&Jurmala	Campaign Check	r e
18:00	19:30		Group Discussions and Reflection	Group Sharing and Discussions	Group Sharing and Discussions	Campaign Check, Youthpass Session & Collaborative Evaluation	
19:30	21:00		Dinner				

DAY 1 - 21.03.2024

Participants were welcomed upon arrival, settled into their hotel accommodations.

DAY 2 - 22.03.2024

Insights into Sustainability.

The day began with ice-breaking activities and an overview of sustainability objectives. Participants engaged in hands-on workshops to create sustainable communities based on renewable energy models, followed by a visit to a solar station where they interacted with a professional engineer. The day concluded with presentations on the benefits of renewable energy, group discussions, and a reflection session on the day's learnings.

DAY 3 - 23.03.2024

Hands-On experience with Energy conservation and Local Eco-Friendly initiatives. The day provided a hands-on approach to energy conservation, starting with understanding its environmental impact and developing personalized energy-saving plans. Participants learned from architectural expert M.Arch. Edgars P. about energy-efficient design. They explored local eco-friendly initiatives through presentations and a field visit to *OTRA ELPA*. The day concluded with group discussions and reflections on the practical experiences and insights gained.

DAY 4 - 24.03.2024

Exploring sustainable transportation and innovations.

The day was dedicated to exploring advancements in renewable energy and sustainable transportation. Participants visited the *MAJA 2024* Exhibition to see the latest technologies and innovations. They then experienced sustainable transportation practices through a field visit to *E-Skuteris* and engaged in a scavenger hunt across Riga and Jurmala to find and document elements related to sustainable transportation and initiatives. The day concluded with group discussions on their discoveries and practical applications.

DAY 5 - 25.03.2024

Real-world Applications

The fifth day centered on developing and evaluating community-based renewable energy projects. Participants reviewed case studies of successful community projects, identified potential challenges in their own communities, and brainstormed solutions in group sessions. They planned and presented their project ideas, received feedback, and engaged in collaborative discussions to refine their proposals. The day concluded with a progress check on the renewable energy campaign, a session on Youthpass certification, and a collaborative evaluation of the training course.

DAY 6 - 26.03.2024 Departure

Evaluation Report

The evaluation was carried out using pre- and post-activity surveys. Before the event, participants shared their initial knowledge, expectations, and any perceived challenges related to renewable energy. After the event, they completed a follow-up survey to assess how their understanding had changed, their satisfaction with the sessions, and the impact of hands-on activities and site visits.

Pre-Activity survey: https://forms.gle/S8RFSGpvR5KLoqEc6
Post-Activity survey: https://forms.gle/ce8ed2PmNKoaJZ7L7

The recent activity provided participants with a comprehensive exploration of renewable energy concepts, transitioning from pre-activity expectations to post-activity reflections.

Pre-Activity Insights:

Participants entered the program with a range of expectations and familiarity levels regarding renewable energy. Many were keen to learn about renewable technologies and gain practical skills, while others were eager to understand the environmental and economic impacts of sustainable practices. Commonly cited barriers included cost, lack of awareness, and policy constraints, which participants hoped to address through their involvement in the activity.

Post-Activity Reflections:

The post-activity feedback revealed significant growth in participants' understanding and appreciation of renewable energy. The sessions and hands-on experiences successfully met and often exceeded their initial expectations. Participants highlighted their newfound knowledge of environmental impact, technological advancements, and practical applications. Visits to sustainable sites, such as the solar panel station and e-bike company, were particularly effective in deepening their understanding and enthusiasm for renewable energy.

Impact and Areas for Improvement:

Participants reported a marked improvement in their ability to engage in discussions about renewable energy and felt more encouraged to apply these practices in their daily lives. The practical knowledge gained was deemed valuable, with many noting the importance of the interactive elements of the project. Some participants suggested incorporating more expert discussions to enhance the learning experience further.

Overall, the activity was highly successful in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, effectively addressing the pre-activity concerns and significantly enriching participants' understanding of renewable energy. The positive feedback and suggestions for future improvements highlight the program's effectiveness and areas for continued enhancement.

Outputs and Lessons Learnt

Participants gained a strong understanding of renewable energy through a variety of engaging activities, including hands-on workshops and field visits. They explored practical aspects of renewable technologies at the MAJA 2024 Exhibition and learned about electric transportation at E-Skuteris. By building models and tackling real-world challenges, participants improved their practical skills and developed project proposals addressing local renewable energy issues. Group discussions and presentations also enhanced their teamwork and communication abilities.

The activity highlighted the importance of hands-on learning and real-world experiences in grasping renewable energy concepts. Feedback indicated that practical activities and site visits were particularly effective in deepening participants' knowledge. The program demonstrated the need to adapt renewable energy solutions to local contexts and fostered collaborative problem-solving. Effective communication and adaptability were crucial for refining projects based on feedback. Additionally, formal recognition, like the Youthpass certification, played a significant role in motivating participants to advocate for renewable energy and sustainability. The evaluations confirmed the activity's success in boosting participants' understanding and commitment, while equipping them with valuable skills for their personal and professional growth.

Participant List

	Name and Surname	Organisation	Country
1	Mehmet Baha Kaplan	Youth development ve enterprise association	Türkiye
2	Mehmet Akif Ufacik	Youth development ve enterprise association	Türkiye
3	Yagiz Sen	Youth development ve enterprise association	Türkiye
4	Eren Gurkan Sari	Youth development ve enterprise association	Türkiye
5	Marija Engele	Bioville	Latvia
6	Anna Ivanova	Bioville	Latvia
7	Nika Stankevica	Bioville	Latvia
8	Edvins Zulibins	Bioville	Latvia
9	Olga Diaz-Montenegro Marcelo	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
10	Nestor Fuentes	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
11	Estibaliz Moure Abad	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
12	Jorge Teruel Escribano	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
13	Martin Gjoreski	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia
14	Vlatko Gurev	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia
15	Ivana Pechkova	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia
16	Olja Stojanovic	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia

Communication, Visibility and Dissemination

We created a visual presence through banners and informational flyers, which featured the logos of the participating institutions, the national agency, and the Erasmus+ program.

Instead of using email campaigns or press releases, we opted for direct communication with specific organizations and individuals to share the activity outcomes. This targeted approach allowed us to engage meaningfully with those who could benefit from or contribute to the project's goals.

Social media became the primary tool for visibility. Along with partners, we used such platforms like Facebook and Instagram to update the audience through posts, stories, reels, and engaging content.

YouTube also played a key role, where we published our dynamic summary video that showcased our activities and visits, aiming to inspire other youth to adopt renewable energy.



Our project in Media

Summary video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slycTelEZII

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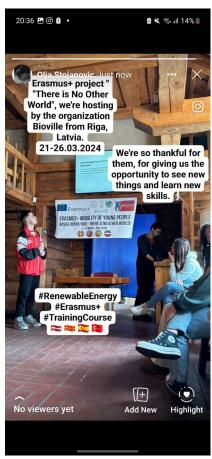
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Participants:

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Independent media

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