ACTIVITYREPORT



Kick Off Meeting & Ecoliteracy Training Course Youth Development and Enterprise Association Sakarya-Türkiye 6-11 May 2023

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About Host Organisation





Our 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.



About Partner Organisation



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







"Eko-Zhivot" was founded in 2010 as an NGO with the aim to work on conservation and improvement of the environment. We are in close collaboration with the local governments of cities Kavadarci, Negotino, Rosoman, Demir Kapija and Gradsko. We act as a regional eco center. In March 2014 we 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 neutralize Macedonia's so called "ecological hot spots", locations in Macedonia that are mainly affected by the pollution.







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: Kick off meeting and ecoliteracy training course

Goals of the Activity:

- To create common understanding of thematic areas of the project
- To divide the tasks regarding to IOs
- To create a road map for the development of the IOs
- To organize the training activity with young people and prepare the call for participants for the TC with young people
- To set up a monitoring and evaluation plan for the each activity in the project
- To inform and discuss about the contractual duties in the project to Turkish NA
- To share about the contractual documents which are necessary for interim and final report
- To decide on the communication and dissemination strategy
- To share about the challenges and monitoring and evaluation of the project steps

Daily Programme

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
10:30-11:30	Introduction of the project	Ecoliteracy Training	Ecoliteracy Training	Evaluation and Certificates
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
12:00-13:30	Get to Know each other	Ecoliteracy Training	Ecoliteracy Training	Evaluation and Certificates
13:30-15:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:30-16:30	Get to Know each other		Zero Waste "Entrepreneurship" Example	Discovering The City
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break	Sapanca Lake Tour		
17.00-18:30	Organizational Fair			
18:30-19:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner

Day 1:

The explain the activity by activity the implementation procedures (methods used, the reactions of the participants and put pictures about the activities)

The project activities were started by welcoming the participants. The project content, objectives, expected outputs and 4-day activity plan were shared with the participants. In the following period, acquaintance activities were started. With the games obtained from the Salto-youth tools page, it was ensured that the participants met and mingled.

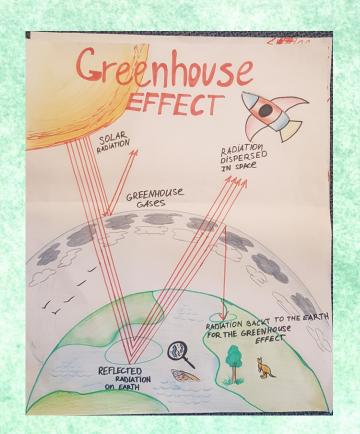


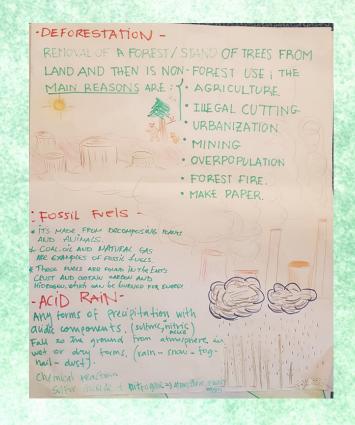
Day 2:

A presentation was made on basic ecology concepts and dynamics. Participants were divided into groups and explained the basic concepts to the other participants by visually drawing and giving examples.

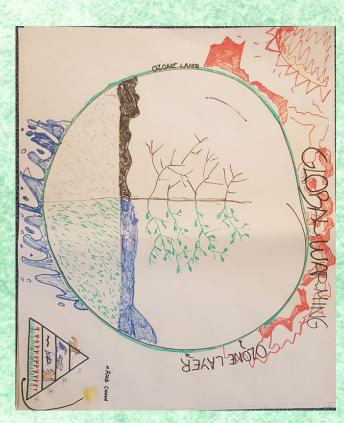
After the presentation, a conversation environment was provided through the questions such as "When do you feel most connected to nature?" and "When do you feel that you are contributing to nature?".

In the afternoon part of the day, a visit was made to Sapanca lake. Participants were informed about the effects of global warming on lakes and city life in Turkey, and a small talk-discussion was held on the effects of global warming on human life.









Day 3:

A presentation was made on how much raw material is used in the background while producing a product. Water footprint, carbon footprint and basic principles of ecology were discussed. Afterwards, the participants were divided into groups, and they explained the production, use and post-use life of a product they chose through drama, using music and daily objects. A short talk was given on empathizing with a post-drama product.

In the afternoon of today, Geyve local products production center was visited with the participants. It was explained to the participants how all production stages in this production center, which is an example of a social enterprise, are carried out with environmentally friendly application principles. Subsequently, information was given about the production stages and environmentally friendly practices at the facility.







Day 4:

Today's activities started by giving information about youthpass certificate and youth opportunities in Erasmus+ programme. Afterwards, a presentation was made on the Waste Management Hierarchy. The concepts of Disposal, Recycling, Reuse, Waste Prevention, Up and Down Recycling were explained. Later, the participants made notebooks from expired cardboard and small storage boxes from plastic bottles.

In the afternoon, the online questionnaires prepared on the contributions of ecological literacy education and the general evaluation of the meeting activities were filled in by the participants. Participants were given feedback on what they could do to contribute to the overall activity and project process. Participants were informed about what they could do to share the outputs of the activities held during the activity and to deliver the project outputs to more people. As the last event of the activity, youthpass certificates prepared for the participants were presented and thanked.



Evaluation Report

Construct a simple evaluation form concerning to activity with likert scale chart (strongly agree – strongly disagree) and compare before the activity and after the activity with at least 10 questions specific to activity:

	QUESTIONS	BEFORE	AFTER
1	I am familiar with definition of ecology		
2	I have basic information related to ecological literacy		
3	I am aware of water cycle & carbon cycle		
4	I am aware of the importance of up/re/downcycling		
5	I am aware of the importance of reuse/minimisation		
6	I have enough experience about upcycling projects		
7	I have enough information to disseminate ecological activities		

Outputs and Lessons Learnt

Participants were enabled to discover the Erasmus+ program and the opportunities it offers. By understanding the importance of the concept of ecological literacy, the participants were provided with new knowledge and skills in protecting the environment. While the participants' proficiency in understanding the information and news they read about the environment increased, their interest and curiosity about environmental issues also increased.

The knowledge, skills and sensitivities of the participants in the activity increased on environmentally friendly energy production, reusing products and goods with different characteristics, reducing use, recycling and upcycling. The motivation of the participants to take part in new projects and activities on these issues was also increased.

It was ensured that the representatives of the institutions involved in the project got to know each other better and mingled. The project schedule was further clarified by enabling institutions to better understand the activities to be carried out in their countries. Detailed information was given to the representatives of the institutions about the dissemination activities to be carried out during the project process and the visual tools of the project.

Participant List

	Name and Surname	Organisation	Country
1	Mahmut Kılıç	Youth Development and Enterprise Association	Türkiye
2	Fatma Biçer	Youth Development and Enterprise Association	Türkiye
3	Berfin Dolak	Youth Development and Enterprise Association	Türkiye
4	Abdullah Biçer	Youth Development and Enterprise Association	Türkiye
5	Marianna Lipnicka	Bioville	Latvia
6	Vlada Antonova	Bioville	Latvia
7	Anna Ivanova	Bioville	Latvia
8	Klavs Kaugers	Bioville	Latvia
9	Estibaliz Moure Abad	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
10	Noelia González Arena	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
11	Ainhoa Cardoso	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
12	Maria Bolivar Nieto	Verdesur Alcala	Spain
13	Goran Sakaliev	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia
14	van Josifovski	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia
15	Aleksandar Blazev	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia
16	Nikola Ristov	Eko Zhivot	North Macedonia

Communication, Visibility and Dissemination

During the project preparation process, a logo was created for the project. In addition, visuals drawing attention to global warming and the protection of the environment were prepared and shared with our partner institutions and social media tools of our association.

Visuals such as roll-up, banner, table flag, swallow flag were prepared for the related activity. The logos of the institutions, the national agency logo and the Erasmus+ program logo were included in these images.

The creative drama performances of the project participants in order to provide ecological sensitivity were video recorded. These videos were shared on our association's youtube channel, instagram and facebook accounts.

After the visit to the Geyve women's cooperative, news in the local press was ensured. In addition, with the prepared text, news about the project process was published.

Our Project in Media

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