



ECOLOGICAL FUTURE EDUCATION

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION
FROM LATVIA, GULBENE



PROFILE

We aim to educate and provide opportunities for all, by providing sustainable training content

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EU PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Erasmus+
Cooperation partnership projects
(KA220-YOU-ADU-VET)
Youth Exchanges
Youth worker Exchanges

Nordplus
Development projects

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Training courses:
For educators
For adults
For youth participants

Workshops
Awareness raising campaigns
Project disseminations



SKILLS

Sustainable education
Developing training content/tools
Educators/trainers training
Adult and youth training
Social inclusions

INTERESTS

Environmental training
Access to education for all
Development of new learning tools
Content creation/dissemination
Awareness raising

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Background and Experiences

Brief presentation of organisation (e.g. its type, scope of work, areas of activity, approximate number of paid/unpaid staff, learners and members of the group).

Ecological Future Education (hereinafter – EFE) is a Non-Profit private organisation for providing youth and adult non-formal learning. EFE has been created with the aim to promote a sustainable development mindset in the everyday life. Sustainable education including active citizenship is one of EFE's main activities. Raising awareness through education by providing open lectures and informational materials to easier understand environmental and sustainable development issues.

The aim is to help introduce new learning and thinking methods which would promote environmental awareness as an interesting adventure where everyone participates, thus making the world a better place.

The objective is to inform youth about environmental issues, and daily habit awareness, to improve young people's skills and competencies in relation to green thinking and to raise social responsibility.

The mission of all the things we do is to create a community with a daring and caring attitude with a strong responsibility to lead to change. It is important to teach to love and safeguard the world, to think green and to protect the environment.

The main focus is to provide simplified access to education, providing up-to-date learning materials, tools and methods. EFE specializes in teaching sustainability, global issues, and green habit awareness to young people and adults.

Target groups - social risk groups, young people with destructive problems, adults and young people. EFE provide training for educators, trainers and youth workers. Focus on participants from rural areas. Youth profile: 15-29 y.o., local school pupils, students, volunteers and young entrepreneurs.

Adults profile: educators, trainers, adult learners, local community and other stakeholders.

No. of learners per year: online courses - 300 participants, in-person activities and workshops - 200 participants.

The EFE team consist of 6 permanent staff: Chairperson, Project manager, IT specialist, Youth workers, Educators and administrative staff, additionally we involve 38 youth volunteers and cooperate with a total of more than 80 educators in different fields.

EFE's team work together to share our knowledge and skills, create sustainable solutions and foster a sense of social responsibility. We believe in education that inspires people to think green, lead and act in the direction of sustainable development.

The centre of EFE is located in a small city in a rural area of North-Eastern Latvia in Gulbene.

EFE focuses on environmental education and green habit awareness. EFE works to educate the public about environmental topics, as well as advocate for policies and practices that are environmentally sustainable. EFE's work is directly linked with the Sustainable Development Goals. Sustainable education including active citizenship is one of EFE's main activities. Raising awareness through education by providing open lectures and informational materials to easier understand environmental and sustainable development issues. EFE involves youth and adults being active and responsible citizens.

Activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this project. Skills and expertise of key persons involved in this project.

EFE offers various interesting seminars in Latvian and English languages, both for young people and adults on how to make our everyday life greener and environmentally friendly. As regards undertakings, EFE offers consultations regarding sustainable solutions and healthy working climates.

To raise social awareness about environmental issues EFE organises a wide range of workshops - zero waste lifestyle, habit awareness, upcycling, sewing reusable produce bags, making beeswax wrap, green home, green office and also about the circular economy as a business model, and others. For young people and school pupils, EFE organises nature activities, like painting with nature, orientation, nature bingo, hiking, forest exploring, etc. These groups encourage pupils' tolerance and understanding regarding nature around us. EFE approach is to talk, explain and introduce difficult topics in a positive way.

Also, EFE is working with responsible citizens, raising awareness of environmental concerns and how they affect us. The objective is to inform youth about environmental issues, plastic waste and recycling, to improve young people's skills and competencies in relation to green thinking and to raise social responsibility.

Experienced in creating training curricula, development of informative handbooks, teaching and learning toolkits, training materials, e-learning modules, game based-learning, and adapting easy-to-read methods. EFE promotes online outputs, electronic documents, booklets and paperless approaches. Creates social media campaigns, infographics, posters and educational videos.

EFE offers non-formal in-person, online and blended learning activities, and organises practical workshops and masterclasses. Activities are being led based on hands-on and learning by doing principles, and actively involving participants in the training process.

Megija Kaleja - Chairperson of the Board, a degree in higher pedagogical education. Works with socially excluded risk groups, people with a low level of education, young people with destructive problems, adults and youth education. Work as a trainer, researcher and project manager providing support services for educational institutions. Develops and implement EU projects to improve and provide easier access to education and support for adults and youth. Experienced in KA1 and KA2 projects. She has experience in project management, adapted education, adult and youth education, evaluations, networking and event management. Organises youth exchanges and mobilities for youth workers. Involved in numerous national and international projects in the field of social inclusion and environmental education.

Expertise - creative teaching and training approaches, education tools and content development, research, and social media activities. Languages - Latvia, English and Russian.

Hobbies - hiking, photography and videography. Dog person. Likes to read, travel and learn new things. Seeks for new ways how to inspire others to be more sustainable and responsible. Interested in awareness-raising activities.

Linda Sirma - EU project manager, master of Humanities in Philology. Works with youth and adult empowerment. She works as a professional translator (LV, ENG) and project manager. Experienced in project management, youth education, evaluations, networking and event management. She has been involved in numerous international projects in the field of social inclusion and environmental education. Interested in promoting sustainable habits and green actions among young people and adults so that they can include these ideas in their everyday lives.

Expertise - translation, proofreading, content editing, research, education tool development. Languages - Latvia, English, Italian and Russian.

Hobbies - trekking around Latvia, nature, cooking and puzzles. Dog person. Likes to be conscious of her lifestyle and choices made, and implements a zero-waste approach in her daily activities. Inspire others to reduce waste, to avoid single-use plastic and fast fashion.

EUROPEAN UNION GRANTED PROJECTS IN LAST 3 YEAES

PROJECT	YEAR	REFERENCE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME
Erasmus+ Adapt New Climate: Youth Empowerment	2022	2022-1-TR01-KA220-YOU-000089853	Birleşmiş Siviller Derneği
Erasmus+ EDU2030: Youth in Transition	2021	2021-1-IT03-KA220-YOU-000029128	"Io, Noi" Associazione
Erasmus+ Improving Adult Educators Skills for Online Facilitation	2021	KA210-1-ES01-KA210-ADU-	AIFED
Erasmus+ Promoting and Tracking Environmental Sustainability in VET	2021	2021-1-PL01-KA220-VET-000028039	Centrum Wspierania Edukacji I Przedsiębiorczosci
Erasmus+ E4All. More attractive and inclusive education for all generations	2020	2020-1-PL01-KA204-081696	Fundacja Alternatywnych Inicjatyw Edukacyjnych
Erasmus+ You Can Make Greener Life	2020	2020-1-SE02-KA105-002819	Goodness of People
Erasmus+ Education 4.0 For Youth	2020	2020-1-TR01-KA205-084906	Kahramanmaras Teknokent Yonetici A.S.
Erasmus+ InterCAT	2020	2020-1-IT01-KA202-008596	New Horizons
Erasmus+ Environment and you	2020	2020-1-BG01-KA105-078290	SDRUZHENIE RUSENSKA STOPANSKA KAMARA
Erasmus+ INSIDEE	2020	2019-3-FR02-KA205-016591	ESAT du RANGEN
Erasmus+ CHANGING 4 THE CLIMATE	2019	2019-3-ES02-KA105-014111	Taller d'Art, Cultura i Creació
Erasmus+ Social Economy, Social Values, Social Inclusion	2019	2019-3-PL01-KA105-077606	Fundacja Ekonomisja
Erasmus+ Future Improvement of Vocational Education	2019	2019-1-LV01-KA202-060419	SIA mācību centrs AUSTRUMVIDZEME
Erasmus+ CSR and Ethic in Training Centres for benefit of all	2019	2019-1-FR01-KA204-062402	FORMETHIC
Erasmus+ Make Your Mark	2019	2019-1-SE02-KA105-002476	Goodness of People
Erasmus+ E+ for Environment	2019	2019-1-EL02-KA105-004750	ENVIRONMENT ONLINE
Erasmus+ Easy ways to transfer knowledge	2018	2018-1-LV01-KA204-046986	Ecological Future Education
Nordplus From Past to Future	2018	NPAD-2018/10027	Marijampole VET centre
Erasmus+ Ready Women for New Employments	2018	2018-1-ES01-KA204-050765	FAMS-COCEM Sevilla
Erasmus+ Eco Circle	2018	2018-2-ES02-KA105-011616	Ecological Future Education