GREEN Press Release

Unlocking Green Skills: Creating a Sustainable and Prosperous Workforce for a Better Future

Brussels, 19.10.2023 – The GREEN Project will make a significant impact towards advancing the development of a sustainable future in Europe, announcing the establishment of a European Network of GREEN VET Providers. The network aims to integrate core green skills into vocational education and training (VET) curricula, as well as provide training to teachers, trainers, and professionals across strategic industrial sectors.

The European Union's ambitious goal to achieve a climate-neutral society by 2050 is already having a significant impact on raising environmental awareness and promoting green capacitation among Europe's workforce. The strategy is driving a shift towards sustainability and circularity, which are now becoming fundamental concepts for job creation and labour-market development. As a result, all industrial ecosystems are being affected, and new opportunities for growth and innovation are emerging. This shift is opening up new opportunities for green jobs and creating a demand for workers with the necessary skills and knowledge to operate within a circular economy.

Although many European countries have already embraced strategies for environmental and sustainable education, learning for sustainability is not yet a systematic feature of policy and practice on the continent. Therefore, the project intends to identify and define the labour market skills for the digital and green transitions in six critical industrial sectors for the EU, including Automotive, Energy, Batteries, Defence, Maritime, and Additive Manufacturing (AM). This set of green curriculum and innovative training practices will serve as a basis for Education organisations to establish a network of Green Education Providers. By creating this network, the GREEN Project is taking proactive measures to equip the European workforce with the necessary skills and knowledge to address the challenges that impact the world of work and move towards a sustainable future. The network will bring together a diverse group of experts, VET providers, and industry leaders to collaborate on developing and integrating green skills into VET curricula. This initiative will foster the advanced knowledge on green technologies, develop innovative training programmes, and define recommendations support the European efforts towards green transition in industrial ecosystems.

About the project:

GREEN is a two-years project which started in December 2022, and it is funded by the ERASMUS + programme. Its primary goal is to improve the quality, efficiency, equity and effectiveness of policies in the field of education and training systems at national and European levels. To archive this, the project aims to test innovative training solutions among trainees and workforce and integrate the green skills, curriculum and the training

modules into Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Higher Education (HE) systems across six industrial sectors. Following the successful development of the expected results, the project is foreseen to transfer the uptake of green skills set and training methodologies across European countries in different manufacturing technologies.

Partnership Expertise

The implementation of the GREEN project will be carried out by a diverse partnership of education and industry organizations, both in the public and private sectors, with the capacity to reach policymakers from five European countries, namely Belgium, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Spain, and Denmark.

All nine partners bring significant and complementary expertise to the table, and they will share knowledge and expertise in technological fields, innovative solutions, and new education approaches.

The education providers, including both Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Higher Education (HE) institutions, are the key actors involved in all project activities. They will identify the green skills curriculum and tools, implement innovative learning methodologies, and host training activities.

On the other hand, research and industrial organisations will play an active role in the skills intelligence research cooperation, and knowledge transfer activities. They will validate skill needs in alignment with labour-market needs, co-organise industrial interventions, and disseminate the accomplishments of the GREEN project. Their direct contact with the Large Scale Partnerships launching the Pact for Skills in the sectors addressed will increase the impact of their results.

By bringing together a diverse group of experts from education, research, and industry, the GREEN project will foster the development and transfer of green skills and knowledge, ultimately contributing to a more sustainable and prosperous future for Europe.

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