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## the project

**Green Hive** is a Cooperation Partnership in Vocational Education and Training (VET), co-funded by the **Erasmus+ Programme of the EU**. The project, implemented by the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (Ireland), Lascò (Italy), KEAN (Greece), Femxa (Spain) and Team 4 Excellence (Romania), aims to develop a **European platform-based Ecosystem for Sustainability Education**.



# ABOUT GREEN HIVE

## »»» THE PROJECT

Green Hive is a Cooperation partnership in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) field co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Implemented by a consortium of five entities, such as the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest (Ireland), the companies Lascò (Italy) and Femxa (Spain), and the non-profit and non-governmental organisations KEAN (Greece) and Team 4 Excellence (Romania), the project aims to **increase the capacity of VET providers to prepare learners for the green transition** by developing a European platform-based ecosystem for sustainability education called the "Green Hive".

## »»» THE HIVE

The Green Hive will consist of **localised hubs for sustainability education**, namely the "Green Combs", established within VET providers. While the Hive will be an open and cross-sectoral long-term cooperation network dedicated to innovation, continuous improvement and co-creation in sustainability education, the Combs will **make VET providers the managing centre of networks of local stakeholders** (i.e., companies, representatives of universities, civil society organisations and professional associations) **for learning, networking and cooperating on sustainability challenges**.

Towards permanent **co-creation structures in VET institutions** to enable students to think in systems, understand the interconnectedness of the economy, society and environment, and ultimately develop their systemic and critical thinking competencies by collaborating with other students and external stakeholders

# PROJECT RESULTS

Four main results will be co-developed with over 500 VET experts in the scope of the project.

## ➤➤➤ METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

A **Methodological Framework** for developing a VET sustainability education ecosystem and localised hubs to facilitate the transfer of local experience, knowledge and innovation in the field of the implementation of the **European Sustainability Competence Framework "GreenComp"**, and encourage collective actions of VET providers, learners and external stakeholders to co-create solutions for sustainability

## ➤➤➤ TOOLKIT FOR GREEN COMBS

A "**Toolkit for the setup and management of Green Combs**", including a how-to guide and canvases to support VET providers in setting up, managing and growing internal hubs for sustainability education;

## ➤➤➤ EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

**Educational resources for Green Combs**, including guidelines to implement open spaces for discussion around learner-generated topics among members of localised hubs, micro-learning videos, workshop scenarios and project-based learning experiences in the four competence areas of the GreenComp;

## ➤➤➤ THE GREEN HIVE PLATFORM

The "Green Hive" platform will **connect the hubs through the Internet and provide capacity-building opportunities and digital tools** for VET institutions, knowledge-transfer spaces, and co-creation activities for its members. By the end of 2025, the Green Hive is expected to host and connect at least 15 localised hubs and 200 VET learners in 5 countries.

# KICK-OFF MEETING

»»» THURLES, IRELAND, APRIL 2023

The project consortium has officially kicked off with great enthusiasm and promise. The project kick-off meeting, which took place at the TUS Thurles Campus at the end of April 2023, was an exceptional start to what we believe will be a remarkable journey.

The meeting represented an opportunity for the project team to finally meet face-to-face, after plenty of virtual interactions, to present the project roadmap and delve into a comprehensive discussion about the activities that will shape our project in the coming months. Particularly, the consortium reviewed the activities that are included in **the project strategic plan for the next semester:**

**GreenComp in VET: State-Of-The-Art Research & Best Practices Analysis** - Each organisation will research state-of-the-art and best practices in the field of sustainability education in VET in their country, with a particular focus on the implementation of the European Sustainability Competence Framework, collecting and analysing primary and secondary data. The publications will offer insights into:

- the sustainability education landscape within the context of VET in each partner country;
- recent policy development in each partner country's education system in the field of sustainability competencies and provides insights from interviews with VET experts;
- best practices implemented by institutions and organisations across each country, successfully integrating the competencies set out in GreenComp into their curricula or educational initiatives.

**Development of the Methodological Framework** - Building on the results of the transnational research, the consortium will develop and validate the Framework with min. 20 VET experts in each country.

With the successful project kick-off meeting behind us, we are now equipped with a clear roadmap and a united team ready to tackle any challenges that come our way. As we move forward, we encourage open communication, collaboration, and a shared commitment to our project's success.

**Would you like to learn more?** Reach out to us anytime via the project website [greenhiveproject.eu](https://greenhiveproject.eu) if you have any questions or would like more information.