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# NGEnvironment

Foster European Active Citizenship and Sustainability  
Through Ecological Thinking by NGOs

**The NGEEnvironment Project**

# NGO - What is it?

“A non-governmental organization (NGO) is a **non-for-profit, voluntary** citizens’ group, which is organized on a local, national or international level to address issues in **support of the public good.**” (United Nations)



# WHAT PUBLIC GOOD?

- Environment
- Human rights and Peace
- Healthcare
- Employment
- Sustainable development
- Information and Education
- Etc.



# IMPORTANCE

- “NGOs have become essential actors in the social field, particularly in the **fight against poverty and social exclusion**” (European Commission)
- “The Governmental and quasi-governmental mechanisms at all levels should ensure the effective participation of NGOs without discrimination in dialogue and consultation on **public policy** objectives and decisions” (Council of Europe)
- “NGOs, because they are where no other organizations are, they meet needs that are so many times urgent, and **they do good** so well, are indispensable. So **often invisible** to most, but indispensable.” (Raquel Campos Franco, Univ. Católica Portuguesa)

# MOTIVATIONS

- “A large variety of NGOs are needed to impact community sustainability.
- **Large organizations cannot meet every need** even though they make a big impact in a broad range of areas. It is more difficult for large organizations to specialize their service to individual needs.
- Small nonprofits can have **specialized and personalized impact** both locally and internationally.
- Collectively, a large variety of locally-based nonprofits can do a much more specialized and thorough job of meeting human service needs than large government based social organizations.”



# CIVIC PARTICIPATION (THROUGH NGOs) IN EUROPE

- A majority of respondents in five Member States (Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Portugal and Cyprus) say that European citizens do not need NGOs;
- While NGO membership is common in a few specific EU countries [e.g. Denmark (61% of citizens), Finland and Sweden (both 54%)], most Europeans in general are not members of any NGOs or associations;
- 61% of women are not members of any NGO, vs only 52% of men;
- People who left education aged 15 or under are much more likely (74%) to have no kind of NGO membership than people who finished their education aged 20 and above (46%).

(European Economic and Social Committee, Flash Eurobarometer 373, 2013)

# QUALITY CIVIC PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

**NGEnvironment** aims at:

- **Training** a new generation of leaders of civic/associative movements.
- Providing **support** to new leaders and existing NGOs.
- Collecting a set of **good practice** and role models.
- Sharing best stories of success and **expertise** from across Europe.
- Promoting **green and social economy** based on **civic participation/mobilization**.
- Contributing to **social cohesion**.

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# WHAT WILL WE DO?



Intellectual Outputs



Training Course



Multiplier Events



# INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

- 1 ➡ Summary research report
- 2 ➡ Induction to Pedagogy for NGO staff
- 3 ➡ Training package for social and green NGO leadership
- 4 ➡ Online platform and Observatory
- 5 ➡ Engagement toolkit
- 6 ➡ Audiovisual instructive package
- 7 ➡ Survival guide for NGO Founding and Funding
- 8 ➡ Policy paper
- 9 ➡ Layman report



# MULTIPLIER EVENTS

## ➤ NGO Leadership Seminars

- 1 per country
- Selection of participants for the training course
- Selection of the best local case studies and *role-models*
- Selection of NGOs for the immersion programme and observatory
- Dissemination of available resources

# TRAINING COURSES

## ► Training course for green and social NGO leadership

- In Italy, after the seminars and immersion programmes
- 5 trainers (1 from UPB, 1 from EPEK, 1 from ACYMPC, 1 from SINERGIE and 1 from RC),
- 26 trainees (12 locals and 2 from each foreign partner country), including people with fewer social opportunities
- Subjects: entrepreneurship, sustainability, natural and social capital, management, finances, leadership, etc.
- Development of basic and transversal skills.

