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Foster European Active Citizenship and Sustainability Through Ecological Thinking by NGOs

The NGEnvironment 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



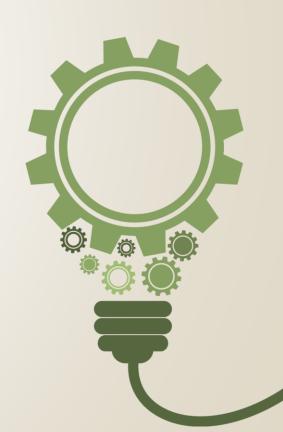
Multiplier Events



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
 - I 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 (I from UPB, I from EPEK, I from ACYMPC, I from SINERGIE and I 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.





