

#### KICK OFF MEETING

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## IO1 – Summary Research Report



## NGENVIRONMENT

Foster European Active Citizenship and Sustainability Through Ecological Thinking by NGOs





#### Main objectives



Diagnose NGO sector in each partner country



Identify exact needs and opportunities in the NGO leadership context



Identify legal and bureaucratic constraints in the NGO founding and management





### Where to get the information



#### Desk Research

- Statistical data, reports, books, websites...
- Official governmental data
- Other NGO's data
- Reliable sources

#### Field Research

- Resort to the local working groups (at least 6 people representing stakeholders and civil society in your community).
- Ask them to answer these questions (or your own adapted questions), compile the answers and use them to write your national report.





### Diagnosis Questions



- How would you characterize the civic participation in your country?
  - Objective: understand if the society in each country is active in their communities and how active; if they recognise problems and participate in finding a solution; if they see NGOs as a means of solving those problems both at national or local levels.
- How important is the NGO sector in your national and local area?
  - Objective: Understand the impact of the NGO sector in each country either at national or local levels; what kind of responsibilities are undertaken by the sector; importance in employment rates, etc.
- Is the NGO sector active in your national and local area?
  - Objective: Understand if there are many NGOs in each country; if they are regularly developing projects and activities; if they engage the community and if people participate and help with their work; if they work towards engaging and involving the community in their work.





#### Diagnosis Questions



- Is the community active in the NGO sector in your country?
  - Objective: understand if the communities in each country are active in the community life; if they care for their community issues and work towards solving them; if they like volunteering or supporting NGOs.
- How do key stakeholders perceive the role of the NGO sector in the community?
  - Objective: understand if NGO's are perceived as an agent of change in the society or as an obstacle to development; if other stakeholders (governments, private sector, educators, etc) look at NGO's as possible partners to develop joint projects and jointly solve issues.
- What are the main challenges when starting an NGO in your country?
  - Objective: if someone wants to start an NGO, what challenges and struggles will they encounter?





#### Diagnosis Questions



- What are the most common funding mechanisms used by NGOs in your country?
  - Objective: understand how the NGO sector is funded in each country.
- What are the main challenges when managing an NGO in your country?
  - Objective: What are the main struggles and challenges faced by current NGO leaders?
- In general, how is the NGO communication in your country?
  - Objective: understand how NGO reach their audiences; what methods are they using and if they are effective or not; understand if the audiences are "receiving the message".
- How would you characterize the NGO leadership in your country?
  - Objective: understand if the NGO leaders are aware of new approaches to leadership; if they use best practices from other successful examples; if they are innovative when leading an NGO; if they have any kind of training or follow any mentoring programmes.







# Any Questions?

