

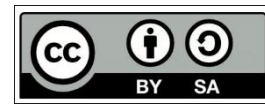
# Statement of the partner

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Foster European Active Citizenship and Sustainability  
Through Ecological Thinking by NGO's

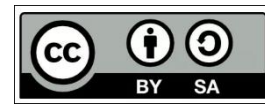


## **What is the purpose of the NGenvironment project and what are its benefits from the perspective of Germany?**

Our society faces a variety of different challenges. Climate change, ocean pollution and poverty in developing countries are just a few examples. Numerous non-governmental organizations (NGOs for short) are working around the world to create a better future and help develop solutions to the many problems of our time. They are mostly privately run, operate independently of government institutions and are not for profit. Each NGO is dedicated to a social or socio-political purpose, such as protecting the environment, upholding human rights, or alleviating poverty. But who helps NGOs achieve their goals? The NGenvironment project aims to support NGOs by training leaders on how to unleash the full potential of their NGO. This includes, for example, teaching skills to find creative solutions to regional and national problems, or to discover and develop leadership qualities in staff. The project addresses not only NGO leaders who are already active, but also people who would like to work in an NGO as a leader in the future, as well as NGO employees who would like to pass on their experience in this area. The focus is especially on increasing the spirit of active citizenship and the energy of NGOs. This should lead to further progress in the social field, for example the inclusion of socially disadvantaged people, but also in other areas such as environmental protection. In this way, society would ultimately benefit not only regionally, but also nationally. Furthermore, it is assumed that pedagogical approaches are hardly widespread in NGOs, and represent a great potential for development. Therefore, the trainings also aim to provide the managers with pedagogical concepts and methods, which they can apply in their daily work in the NGO. The content will be delivered mainly in an e-learning format based on electronic resources.

The project is initiated by different institutions from eight different, European countries, including the Faculty of Business Education at the University of Paderborn. Other partners are: Right Challenge (Portugal), EPEK (Greece), Across Limits (Malta), Future in Perspective (Ireland), Cantabria Permacultura (Spain), SINERGIE (Italy) and GIE (Romania). All partners bring their own competences and experiences from different fields and sectors to the project. The project is financially supported by the European Commission through the ERASMUS Plus program. The Commission hopes that the project will increase the attractiveness of "Green Entrepreneurship" as an efficient solution for the distribution of social and natural capital and a means for job creation.

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