

Green Practices for Increasing Environmental Sustainability

20/03/2024 - 22/03/2024

AGENDA

20/03/2024

- 16:00 – 17:00** *Arrival and registration*
- 17:00 – 19:00** **Welcome and Role-game on Climate Changes**
- 20:00** *Dinner at the hotel*

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- 9:00 – 11:10** 9.00 - 9.10 Welcome by the Erasmus+ National Agency of Latvia
- 9.10 – 9.25 Overview of the Erasmus+ programme
Jana Meržvinska, Head of Erasmus+ Learning Mobility Unit
- 9.25 – 9.40 Opening by the SALTO Resource Centre on Green Transition and Environmental Sustainability for Erasmus+
Delphine Sauvaget, Head of Unit, SALTO Resource Centre on Green Transition and Environmental Sustainability for Erasmus+
- 9.40 – 10.25 **How Much is Enough?**
This presentation will take the audience on a spaceship Earth to find an answer, why only madmen and economists believe in infinite growth in a finite world, according to Kenneth Boulding.
Andra Blumberga, Riga Technical University, The Institute of Energy Systems and Environment
- 10.25 – 11.10 **Decoding Carbon Footprints: Strategies for Emission Reduction in Organizational Practices**
This presentation will enable the exploration of the concept of a carbon footprint, which serves as a metric to quantify the overall greenhouse gas emissions associated with an organization's activities, whether directly or indirectly.
Jānis Brizga, University of Latvia, NGO Green Liberty
- 11:10 – 11.30** *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 13:00** 11.30– 12.10 **The Programme of Eco-Schools in Latvia**
*This presentation will provide an overview of the Programme of Eco-Schools in Latvia as a tool for strengthening **environmental** education with a positive impact by hands-on experience with various activity examples on such topics as climate changes, biodiversity and circular economy.*
Līva Stāde, The Foundation for Environmental Education Latvia

12.10– 12.50 Empowering Sustainable Futures: Organizational Influence on Sustainability Goals

This presentation will explore how organizations, for instance, higher education institutions, can contribute to sustainable development by emphasizing the integration of economic, social, and environmental sustainability in their policies, projects and initiatives.

Renārs Kairis, University of Latvia, The Eco-Council

12.50 – 13.00 Q&A

13:00- 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:30 **4 Parallel sessions:**

1. Greener Communities

Ruta Vanaga, Leading Researcher, Riga Technical University, The Institute of Energy Systems and Environment

In this workshop, the discussion on how to live in a more eco-friendly way by individual activities and as a community to become greener will be initiated. Some ways to save energy and reduce carbon footprint will be brainstormed to gain greater environmental impact.

2. Bioeconomic Explorations

Ilze Vamža, Leading Researcher, Riga Technical University, The Institute of Energy Systems and Environment

This workshop aims to introduce the participants to the Bioeconomy concept, showing examples and encouraging participants to innovate. The participants will be challenged to increase the added value of other well-known raw materials by exploring the use cases to reach the highest value possible.

3. Green Daily Practices

Andra Blumberga, Professor, Riga Technical University, The Institute of Energy Systems and Environment

In this workshop, the most critical aspects of green living and implementing them in daily activities will be discussed. It will allow to assess daily activities by roleplaying different types of characters with varying degrees of environmental conciseness and compare their impact on the environment.

4. From Waste to Values

Jūlija Gušča, Professor, Riga Technical University, The Institute of Energy Systems and Environment

This workshop aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of waste valorization within the broader context of transitioning to zero waste practices. It will emphasize the importance of aligning waste management practices with the principles of circularity and eco-design.

15:30 – 15:50 *Coffee break*

15:50 – 17:00 *Parallel sessions (continued)*

18:00 – 19:00 *A guided tour in Riga old town*

19:00 - *Dinner at a restaurant*

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9:00 – 12:00 **A Study Visit at Babite Secondary School as the Ambassador of Eco-Schools**

- **A Green Action in Erasmus+**

Anke Wekerle, The National Agency for the EU Education Programme Erasmus+ in the fields of Vocational Education and Training, and Adult Education in Germany

- **Good Practices of Erasmus+ Green Projects**

Katarína Císařová, Czech National Agency for International Education and Research

12:00 – 13:00 *Optional lunch at the hotel*

13:00 - *Departure*

** Please note that during the event photographs will be taken for publicity purposes*

***After the event we will share the presentations and the contact information of the participants*