



Empowering Young People for a Green Future

Applicant: Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development – Agenda 21

Implementation period: October 2015 – August 2016.

Context

The initiative was developed in the context of the European Year for Development (2015) which had, among its priorities, the sustainable development, the sustainable policies for young people and food security. Romania has a huge agricultural potential due to its land. Nevertheless, the agricultural sector has become increasingly unattractive for young people in Romania where the most common type of agriculture is the subsistence agriculture, mainly in rural families. The factors that determine the reluctance of young people to engage in intensive/extensive agriculture are various: the lack of financial resources, the lack of support from the state institutions in stimulating agricultural economic activities and urban attraction in terms of career and development opportunities.

Objectives

- To raise awareness of young people on sustainable development in the context of the European Year for Development
- To involve young people in local communities in activities that are based on sustainable development priorities.
- To disseminate the initiative as a model of good practice in the online environment and other counties in Romania.

The project activities consist in organizing **three training sessions** for 45 students from three counties in Romania on sustainable development, on European Year of Development, sustainable production and sustainable consumption. Also, every training session aims to create an area within the school community designed for activities such as planting, gardening in order to promote practical learning of sustainable agriculture.

Also, **two round tables** which will cover the dissemination of this initiative will take place in two other counties in Romania in order to stimulate similar activities in other school communities on the aforementioned topics

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