



Moving towards a Green tRansitiOn through sustainable Waste management education in the VET Sector

Train-the-trainers events took place in partner countries

The elaboration of Green Action Plans provoked great interest

The 3-day learning programme for VET providers and trainers, took place in May and June in GROWS countries (Poland, Portugal, Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus, Italy). We are happy to share with you some highlights:



Training event – Poland

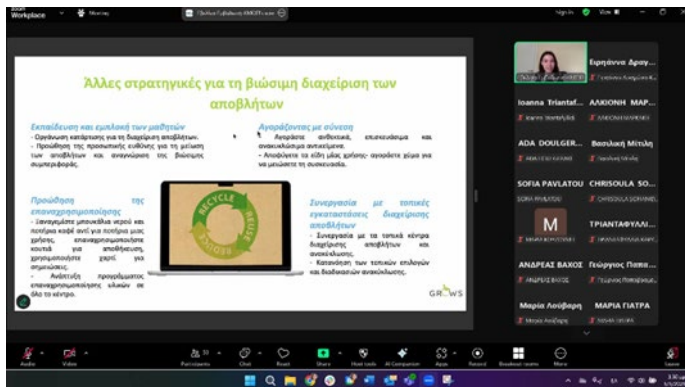
May and June were a fruitful time for teachers in Poland. Testing of GROWS training materials took place in two rounds – the first group of teachers met on 26–28 May, and the second on 24–26 June. During the meetings, participants had the opportunity to test the project's tools and resources in practice and create their own Green Education Plans. There was a lot of work, but also many inspiring conversations and ideas for introducing our resources into education.



Training event – Bulgaria

22 educators from Bulgaria took part in the 3-days national blended training of GROWS and learned about various practices for sustainable waste management. They were provided with theoretical knowledge and practical implementation of the educational material in order to develop a green education action plan that integrate sustainable practices into their institutions. Participants in the trainings had the opportunity to explore the training

materials and resources, developed within project – e-learning platform, Toolkit, Digital Intelligent Tutor, as well as other digital resources.



Training event – Greece

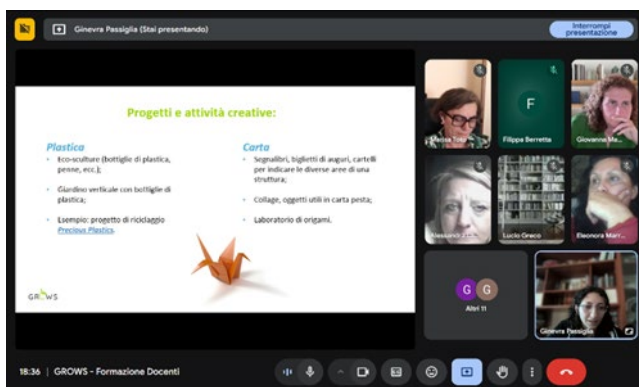
As part of the GROWS project, KMOP EIH from Greece brought together over 50 VET educators and trainers for a 3-day online training packed with inspiration, collaboration, and practical tools for sustainability in education. Participants walked away with their own Green Action Plans, ready to make a real difference in their schools and communities.



Training event - Portugal

The GROWS training in Portugal was very well received! Participants appreciated the clarity of the content, as well as the practical resources shared, which made them feel more confident to promote sustainable practices in their professional practices. Most participants left the training extremely inspired and already planning to involve students, colleagues and their own institutions in green action plans. It became clear that the education sector has a critical role in driving change towards a greener future.

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Training event – Italy

The GROWS training was conducted in Italy twice: once at the end of May and again in June 2025. During these sessions, participants had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of environmental awareness, waste management in the workplace, and how to develop localised action plans to make their educational centres more sustainable.

Participants actively engaged in activities focused on managing plastic and paper waste, two of the most common types of waste found in their institutions. As a result, some participants presented the ideas developed in their action plans to their institutes, aiming to integrate GROWS's objectives into their workplace policies.



Training event - Cyprus

The training implementations in Cyprus took place in Limassol, where the training sessions were completed with 20 trainers and educators. During the training, there were a lot of discussions about the issues that people face in their daily lives, struggles from an institutional and policy level, all the way to the cultural and behavioural level. Overall, the participants were satisfied and positive about the training they received and the outcomes of it. Trainees feel that they gained some more holistic knowledge on the topic of waste management, and

they will use the project resources such as the lesson plans.

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