



GREEN LEADERSHIP

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TIME FOR THE PROJECT UPDATE!

Baltic Green Leadership has considerably progressed and the project has now entered a very exciting stage!

Activities related to the development and piloting of training for VET managers and teachers have now been fully implemented, two strategic partner meetings in Estonia and Finland were organised, and 3 national hackathons for VET students took place. Keep reading to learn more!

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF WORK PACKAGE 3

One of the main achievements which was carried out during this period, was the implementation of WP3.

This WP focused on teacher trainings on a local level in each participating country, by following the training programme which was developed and piloted previously during the international training. These included webinars by Sykli, as well as seminars and study visits in different countries to enhance sustainability education.

As a result, at least 12 teachers from each of the 3 VET schools from Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania successfully completed the training, gaining knowledge and skills to integrate sustainability into their teaching practices.

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PROJECT MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS IN ESTONIA AND FINLAND

During this period, also two project meetings were held, bringing partners together to discuss progress, share experiences, and plan future activities. These meetings fostered collaboration and supported the project's goals to promote sustainability and innovation.

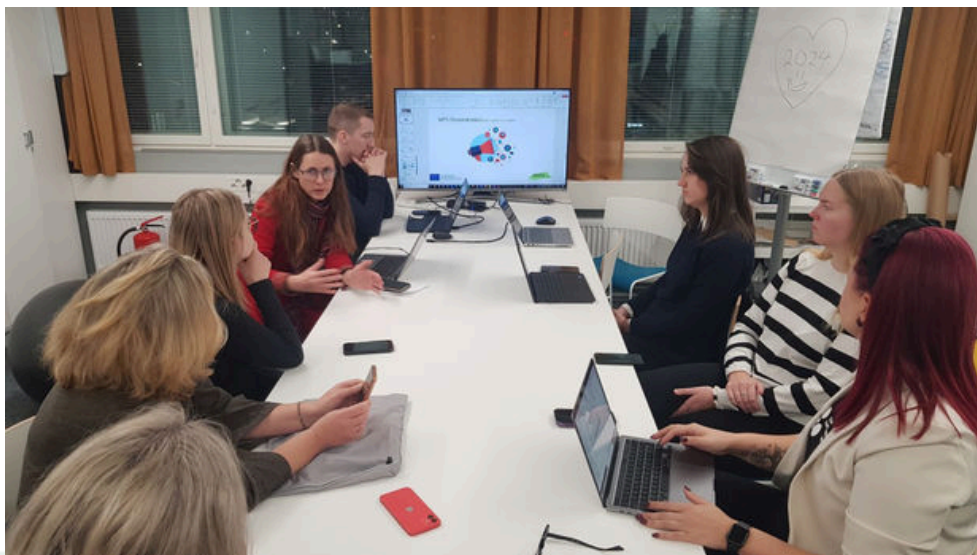
The Green Leadership 3rd partner meeting was held on 26–27 March 2024 at the Estonian Agricultural Museum in Ülenurme, Estonia. Partners discussed teacher training plans, hackathon organisation, and dissemination activities, and were briefed on interim report contributions. A tour of the museum was organised as well.



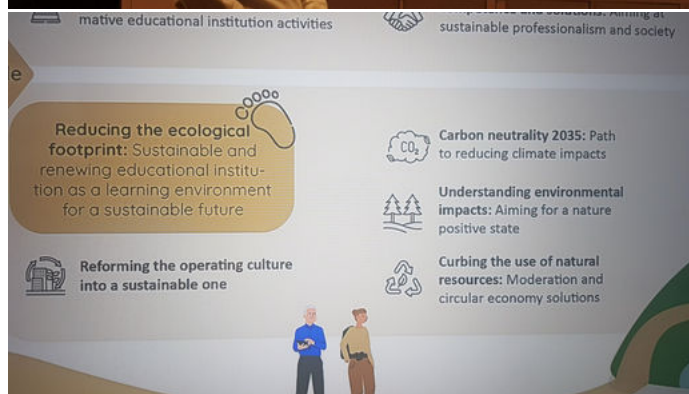
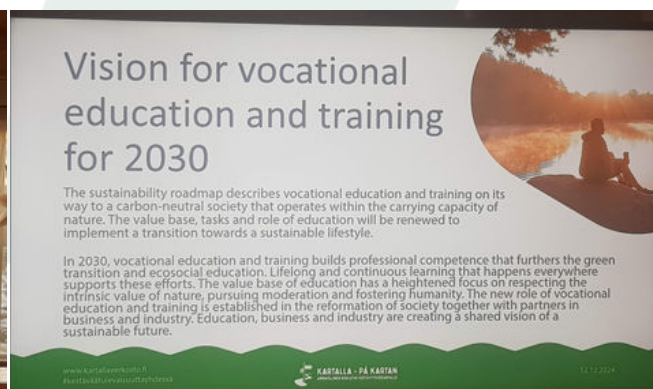
On 27 March, partners visited Tartu Food Bank, A.Le Coq brewery (awarded Most Sustainable Company of 2023 in Estonia), and met with a representative of Tartu 2024 to learn about sustainability practices in food waste reduction, eco-friendly manufacturing, and organising sustainable events.



The 4th partner meeting was held on 11-12 December 2024 in Helsinki, Finland, hosted by Sykli Environmental College. A new project coordinator was introduced, and partners discussed the progress of Green Hackathons, including recent events in Tartu and Priekulė and upcoming plans for Vilnius. Planning for the Baltic International Hackathon was also a key topic.



On 12 December, Sykli experts presented the “system change” approach and the VASKI project, which developed a Sustainability Roadmap for Finnish VET schools. Participants explored sustainability visions and tried out a self-assessment tool.



NATIONAL HACKATHONS

During this period, project partner VET schools carried out national-level hackathons. These events aimed to engage vocational students in developing sustainable solutions for real-life challenges while promoting circular economy practices. The hackathons encouraged teamwork, creativity, and practical problem-solving, preparing students to become future green leaders.

The Tartu VOCO Green Hackathon, held on 4 November 2024, gathered over 100 vocational students to create sustainable solutions for real-life challenges. The event focused on eco-friendly innovations, such as reusing small appliances, recycling zipper waste, and using seasonal crops effectively. Students worked in teams, guided by experts, to develop practical solutions. Winners included ideas like a sharing economy app, vegetable chips, and eco-packaging.



More detailed information about the Tartu VOCO hackathon, including challenges, jury members, and winning teams ideas descriptions, can be found here – [**Tartu VOCO hackathon**](#)

The "Clean.Good.Circular" hackathon took place on 4 December at the Vidzeme Technology and Design Vocational School in Latvia. Around 100 students formed 20 teams to develop sustainable solutions focused on reusing items and reducing food waste. Winning ideas included sustainable book covers, furniture recycling, and an app for sharing unwanted items. Special challenges included repurposing pizza boxes.



More detailed information about the Vidzeme Technology and Design Vocational School in Latvia hackathon, including, challenges, jury members, and winning teams ideas descriptions, can be found here - **[VTDT hackathon](#)**

The Green Leadership Hackathon took place on 16 January 2025 at the Business and Hospitality Training Centre (VESK). Students collaborated in teams to develop creative solutions for circular economy challenges, focusing on sustainable practices and innovative resource management. Winning ideas included eco-friendly briquettes from coffee grounds, skin-nourishing scrubs and scent bags made from used coffee grounds, and high-quality animal feed and compost from vegetable peels.



More detailed information about the VESK hackathon, including, challenges, jury members, and winning teams ideas descriptions, can be found here – **[VESK hackathon](#)**

NEXT STEPS

The three winning teams from each national hackathon will attend an international hackathon, held in Riga, Latvia on 3-4 of April, which will be focused on climate change and environment.

The participants of the international hackathon will form new teams mixing students from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. This experience will be a true exercise of international team building and cooperation to solve new sustainability challenges.



NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be published in October–November 2024.

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