

Newsletter #4

Empowering Green VET

Shaping a Sustainable Future through the everGREEN Alliance



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Greetings from the everGREEN project team!

We are pleased to share the latest news from our recent European Multiplier Event and the official launch of the everGREEN In VET Alliance.

Recap of the European Multiplier Event – 25 September 2024

The everGREEN Showcase at the European Parliament's ZWEIG Visitor Centre in Brussels on 25 September brought together a diverse group of professionals, educators and sustainability advocates to discuss the critical importance of integrating green skills into vocational education and training curricula. Experts from across Europe highlighted the need for sustainable education practices to meet the demands of the green economy. Key speakers such as Hugo Moniz from Inovinter, one of the participants in the training course held in Nice from 30 January to 1 February 202, and Taube Van Melkebeke from the Green European Foundation, discussed how VET institutions can play a key role in tackling climate change by equipping learners with the necessary skills for a sustainable future.

The panel also discussed the **practical challenges and opportunities** of greening VET. Sabine Wiemann from Bupnet shared insights on implementing green strategies in VET schools, encouraging a shift towards sustainable mindsets and practices within educational communities.

We were particularly pleased to present the results of the everGREEN project, including the innovative tools and methodologies developed to support VET institutions in their greening journey. The showcase included the everGREEN Framework, Greening Plans and the Online Support Tool - all designed to facilitate the adoption of sustainable practices in education.

The event concluded with discussions on the European Alliance for Green VET, a new initiative that will drive the expansion of green education across Europe. Oonagh McGirr from the World Alliance for Microcredentials (WAM) introduced the concept of certifying green skills through microcredentials, a promising development that will ensure that VET learners and educators alike can continuously update their sustainability skills.

Participants left the event inspired and with a shared commitment to making VET institutions greener and more resilient. The networking session that followed allowed for a meaningful exchange of ideas and fostered new collaborations for the future.

Launch of the European Alliance for Green VET 🔏

The European Alliance for Green VET is officially launched! Building on the successes of the everGREEN project, the Alliance aims to scale up sustainability practices across the European VET sector. The Alliance is designed to help institutions implement the everGREEN_In framework and support tools, enabling them to promote green skills and transform their educational environments.

Several VET organisations have already adopted these tools and are beginning their journey towards a greener, more sustainable future. The Alliance is committed to providing ongoing support, guidance and resources to all members as they work towards the common goal of greening education.

Our Mission

The mission of the everGREEN_In VET Alliance is to extend the impact of the everGREEN project by providing VET institutions with the tools and knowledge they need to embrace sustainability. Through our collaboration with the World Alliance for Microcredentials (WAM), we aim to make green skills a core part of VET across Europe.







Toin Us in Making a Difference!

As a member of the European Alliance for Green VET, you will have access to a wide range of resources, training and events to help you lead the green transition in your institution. You'll also be part of a vibrant community dedicated to promoting sustainable practices in education.

Joining the European Alliance for Green VET involves signing a Memorandum of Cooperation, formalising your commitment to the goals and principles of the Alliance. This document signifies your commitment to promoting green skills and sustainable practices in VET.

We invite you to take the next step and sign the Memorandum of Cooperation to become an active member of the Alliance. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, share expertise and contribute to the future of green VET.

Looking Ahead

Although the everGREEN project will officially end at the end of October 2024, this is only the beginning of a sustainable future for green education. The European Alliance for Green VET, our strong partnerships and innovative Online Support Tool will ensure that the project's impact continues to grow in the months and years to come.

In addition, each of the project partners will host local Multiplier Events in their respective countries to share and disseminate the project's results, further spreading the knowledge and tools developed through everGREEN.



Join the everGREEN Movement

Visit <u>everGREEN's website</u> to learn more about fostering sustainability in Vocational Education and Training. You can access training materials and join the everGREEN Alliance Network. Follow us on LinkedIn and Facebook for updates.

We invite you to stay tuned for further updates on the everGREEN_In project through our website

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