

CEATY NEWSLETTER 1

CLEAN ENERGY EMBASSADORS Protecting the environment and combating climate change through empowering young learners

Even before the Covid-19 crises it was clear that the traditional methods of learning are not the only possible way of sharing knowledge in the modern world. Using digital technologies for teaching has gained its momentum assisting educators in their classroom work everywhere. Online training resources can offer endless possibilities and they can be indispensable tools when it comes to complementing and enhancing the schools' curricula, or when there is a need for speedy inclusion of new subject into the established programme.

The new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development reflects the urgency to embed the principles of Education for Sustainable Development into all levels of education. This calls for immediate steps towards the creation of teaching content covering broad range of topics such as protection of the environment and tackling climate change.

Aware of the need for quality learning experience designed to help achieving the EU target to net zero emissions by 2050 by education, public awareness and cooperation, participants from four countries started a new project: "CEATY: Cooperation Partnership in School Education Clean Energy Ambassador Training for Youngsters" under the Erasmus + Program of the European Union.



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CEATY Kick-off meeting

The project kick-off meeting took place on March 8 and 9 in Sofia at the invitation of SOFENA who is the project coordinator. All partners from Turkey, Slovenia, Spain, and The Netherlands joined forces to fight against global warming by providing school children, 12 to 16 years old, with knowledge about energy consumption, energy savings, renewable energy sources, through developing their ecological consciousness, and making them become Clean Energy Ambassadors.

The main objective of CEATY will be achieved through the development of online teaching tools, facilitating change in education by empowering learners to contribute to the protection of the environment and to combat climate change. For this purpose, a new digital teaching platform will be developed. The E-learning platform, the Toolkit for Clean Energy Ambassadors and online training will be open and free for everyone to use. The attractive and entertaining nature of the activities in the training programme will motivate students to share them with their siblings and peers.

The promotional quiz-like sections will encourage them to present their new competences to their parents and other adult relatives, thus empowering the children to act as Clean Energy Ambassadors within their families and circles of friends, and guaranteeing the impact of the project to a wider, non-school related audience. Upon completion of the training students will have acquired understanding about EU common climate and energy goals, and will have learned about their own role as European citizens.



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Where do we start from?

In order to gain insights into the perceptions and requirements related to clean energy education in the EU countries, in May and June 2023, a Needs Analysis was conducted in Turkiye, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Spain. The analysis consisted of three surveys targeted at students, teachers, and parents, respectively, aimed to assess their level of interest, knowledge, and support for clean energy education, as well as to identify potential barriers and preferred approaches for learning. The collected data provided a comprehensive overview of the current landscape and set the foundation for evidence-based decision-making in developing the CEATY program.

The survey results indicated a strong interest and recognition of the importance of clean energy education among parents in Turkiye, Slovenia, and Bulgaria and highlighted the desired topics for clean energy education and the perceived benefits, emphasizing the importance of fostering environmental awareness and equipping children with skills for a sustainable future.

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