

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

EchoGreen PROJECT	
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Project name and acronym:	EchoGreen – Reshaping Our Environment EchoGreen

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	4
Project n°	101192646
Event name:	WP4 “Climate Mitigation”
Type:	Activities organized: Presentation, Project, Network Program CERV, Analyses, discussion on local impacts and experiences, Thematic Conferences, Interactive workshops, Seminars, Brainstorming, Press conferences, Dissemination and Networking for the Future.
In situ:	In situ
Location:	Vila Nova de Poaires and Coimbra (Portugal)
Dates	From 9 to 12 February 2026
Website:	https://siggiewilc.gov.mt/en/homepage/news-and-events/
Participants	
Female:	30
Male:	37
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 Italy - MOVING EUROPE - COMUNE DI BARI	4
From country 2 Slovakia - OBEC ZALABA	1
From country 3 Malta KUNSILL LOKALI IS-SIGGIEWI	7
From country 4 Spain - Asociación Sociocultural Muxema	1
From country 5 Slovenia - OBCINA POSTOJNA	1
From country 6 Lithuania - KAUNO KOLEGIJA	

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From country 7 Cyprus EREVNITIKO KENTRO KAINOTOMIAS KAI AEIFORIAS TEFKROS LIMITED	1		
From country 8 Portugal MUNICIPIO DE VILA NOVA DE POIARES	45		
From country 9 Greece EPILEKTI OMADA EIDIKON APOSTOLON DIMOU THESSALONIKIS	2		
From country 10 Estonia PARNU LINN/ CITY OF PARNU	1		
From country 11 Bulgaria OBSHTINA LYASKOVETS	1		
From country 12 Latvia VIDZEMES PLANOSANAS REGIONS	1		
From country 13 Hungary HOLLOKO KOZSEG ONKORMANYZATA	1		
Total number of participants: International Participants Local Participants	67 22 45	From total number of countries: From Total number of partners:	13 14

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The EchoGreen Project is an environmental initiative promoted by the Siggiewi Local Council, aimed at raising awareness and encouraging action on issues such as environmental protection, climate change, the European Green Deal, and the Circular Economy. It brought together citizens, youth, policymakers, and experts to explore, learn, and collaborate on sustainable practices that ensure a greener future for coming generations.

The main goal of the project is to foster environmentally sustainable behaviours, promote positive community actions, and raise awareness about sustainable development in peripheral and hydro geologically vulnerable areas.

The initiative operated through a strong European partnership comprising 14 organizations across 13 EU countries: Malta, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, Lithuania, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Latvia, and Bulgaria.

A key focus of the project was the 3Rs Philosophy — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle — encouraging participants to adopt this mindset as a daily habit. The project sought to instil a strong sense of environmental responsibility, transforming sustainability into a conscious lifestyle.

Target Groups - The primary target audiences included:

Political representatives

Civil society organizations and associations

Citizens and young people

Experts in climate, sustainability, and circular economy fields

4th Transnational Meeting: Vila Nova de Poiares and Coimbra, Portugal (9-12 February 2026)

The third 4th of the EchoGreen project took place in Vila Nova de Poiares and Coimbra (Portugal) and welcomed 67 participants in total — 45 local and 22 international.

The event aimed to:

Publicly present the EchoGreen Project and its goals

Build capacities among staff and managers

Facilitate knowledge-sharing among participants from different countries

Promote civic engagement and local awareness of European environmental strategies

Main Activities Included:

T 4.1 – ARRIVALS, Check-in, Administrative issues and Welcoming

T 4.2 – Capacity-building workshops for project staff and managers

T 4.3 – Interactive Workshop “Climate Mitigation”

T 4.4 – Thematic Conference “Renewable energy”

T 4.5 – Brainstorming REPowerEU Affordable, secure and sustainable energy for Europe

T 4.6 – My project, from spectator to protagonist Future Cooperation, New Project Ideas

T 4.7 – Simulation: The Factory of the Future – The Sustainable City

T 4.8 – Communication and Visibility: Dissemination and Enhancement of Results

T 4.9 – Lab-Idea Session: Brainstorming and gathering input for the “Decalogue EchoGreen”, a symbolic document outlining ten environmental principles

T 4.10 – Evaluation and Feedback Session: “Packing Your Impression”

The session dedicated to Climate Mitigation focused on one of the most pressing challenges of our time: reducing the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Climate mitigation requires decisive action to cut emissions from key sectors such as energy production, industry, transport, and agriculture, while ensuring sustainable economic development and social inclusion.

During the session, participants reflected on the European Union’s ambitious climate objectives. Central to the discussion was the commitment to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% below 1990 levels by 2030 and to establish a clear, cost-effective pathway toward achieving climate neutrality by 2050. Increasing the share of renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, and accelerating the transition to cleaner transport systems were highlighted as fundamental pillars of this strategy. Particular attention was given to expanding infrastructure for alternative fuels, including electric vehicle charging stations and alternative power supplies for ships and aircraft.

The session also emphasized the importance of maintaining the EU’s track record of reducing emissions while fostering economic growth and stimulating the creation of green jobs. Participants discussed the global dimension of climate action, underlining the need to encourage international partners to raise their ambition to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C and prevent the most severe consequences of climate change. Sustainable waste management was another key topic, with the introduction of a waste hierarchy prioritizing prevention, reuse, recycling, recovery, and responsible disposal.

In addition to policy discussions, the session addressed the Communication, Visibility, Dissemination, and Enhancement of Results of the Work Package. Ensuring that project outcomes are effectively shared and replicated was considered essential for maximizing impact. Participants also engaged in discussion and information gathering for the Decalogue EchoGreen, contributing to the development of practical actions and strategies for environmental protection at local and regional levels.

A significant part of the session was dedicated to showcasing good practices in the municipality of Vila Nova de Poiares. Participants discovered the Capril da Serra project, located in São Miguel de Poiares and managed by the local Parish Council. This public initiative combines environmental management, cultural heritage preservation, and sustainable tourism to support local development. Based on traditional goat herding, the project demonstrates how grazing can play a crucial role in controlling vegetation, reducing fuel loads, and preventing wildfires. By reviving ancestral pastoral practices and safeguarding the native Serrana–Ribatejana goat breed, Capril da Serra preserves rural identity while contributing to ecosystem restoration. Through the educational experience “A Day with the Shepherd,” visitors can immerse themselves in rural life, learn about biodiversity and fire prevention, and reconnect with nature in a sustainable way.

The delegation also met with the Agrupamento de Escolas de Vila Nova de Poiares, where Director Mr. Eduardo Carlos Torres Sequeira presented the Eco-Schools project, an international initiative developed by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). The program transforms schools into laboratories of sustainability by promoting ecological awareness, responsible daily behaviours, and active student participation. Following a structured seven-step methodology, including the creation of an eco-committee, environmental assessment, and action planning, participating schools work on themes such as waste, energy, water, biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable food systems. Schools that successfully complete the program are awarded the prestigious Green Flag. Today, Eco-Schools operates in more than 70 countries, involving over 56,000 schools and approximately 20 million students worldwide.

Climate Mitigation session successfully connected European climate objectives with concrete local actions. By combining policy ambition, community engagement, environmental education, and sustainable territorial development, the session demonstrated how local initiatives can actively contribute to Europe’s broader goal of achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

Decalogue EchoGreen

One of the key outcomes of this event was the collaborative development of the “Decalogue EchoGreen” — a set of ten guiding principles agreed upon by all partner countries. This document aims to capture the shared vision and strategies of the project for environmental protection and sustainable living. The Decalogue will be presented during the final project meeting in Slovenia.

Impact and Outcomes

Through interactive learning, transnational exchange, and concrete actions, participants connected European policies to their local realities, gaining deeper insight into sustainability and civic responsibility. We create a Facebook page EchoGreen Project
<https://www.facebook.com/people/EchoGreen/61575320860111/>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).