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# **NEWSLETTER 1**

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### **WELCOME TO THE GEA PROJECT!**

In the face of environmental challenges such as global warming, pollution, urban sprawl, deforestation and loss of biodiversity, the need to raise awareness of environment related challenges among people has now become urgent. In such a context, adult education plays a critical role in preparing people for their future living and in encouraging them to take individual responsibility for protecting their communities.

GEA aims to enhance "environmental literacy" of adults, by popularising citizen science and environmental actions, as well as by training adults' educators on how to support people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles, towards more informed decision-making and stronger adaptation capacities of their community.



#### THE FIRST STEPS: GEA INTERACTIVE REPORT

At the beginning of the project, we conducted several research activities through which we focused on exploring and identifying the most urgent environmental challenges and actions adopted to tackle them. During this phase, we collected a number of inspiring examples of local and national actions, as well as interesting cases of citizen science methods applied in each of the 7 countries (Italy, Belgium, Greece, Estonia, Germany, Macedonia, Lithuania). For this, we distributed online questionnaires to a number of adults and adults' educators, we conducted interviews with experts in the field of environment and beyond, and we organised a series of focus groups. After collecting some useful insights from research participants, we moved to the final activity of this first GEA phase, that is the **interactive report** (<u>report.geaeducation.eu</u>), which is now available on the project's website in English and in partners' languages with the main purpose to inspire you too, to take some similar eco-actions.



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## **NEXT STEPS: E-learning programme** for adult educators

Building on the initial research, we have started working on the design of an innovative **e-learning programme** for adults' educators, to enable them to support community engagement for the environment. The course will include different learning materials, e.g. text parts, webinars, interactive infographics, individual and group assignments, role plays, on the following key topics: non-formal and informal environmental education, individual responsibility and media literacy into environmental education, engagement in environmental and climate actions through citizen science, networking and multi-stakeholder approaches to environmental engagement, participative environmental and climate actions.

From February 2024, we will recruit 15 adults' educators to participate in the course training and guide them in the design of their own environmental or climate action, to be later presented to groups of adults.

Would you like to learn more about this learning opportunity? Do not hesitate to contact us!

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