

## Green Environment Education European Network

Newsletter

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### GREEN is ...

a 3-year project funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme COMENIUS that seeks to promote the effective integration of climate change education into educational programmes and school curricula, on the one hand, and to promote creativity in science education, making science education more tangible, innovative and attractive to the youngest generation through a centrally important issue.

### What does the GREEN Network offer?



The GREEN Network intends to grow and invites interested teachers, students, representatives of authorities, associations, networks and NGOs, individuals and all other interested people to join the network. The GREEN Network offers membership in the GREENHOUSE – our platform for exchange of ideas and good practices on climate change education, for networking, for collaboration or simply for inspiration. If you want to network,

contribute, contact or inspire yourself, you can join the GREENHOUSE. Here you can create your very own e-portfolio and get in contact with the members of the GREEN network.

Registration is possible on <http://mahara.vita-eu.org/register.php>

Just fill the registration form, make sure to choose “GREENHOUSE” from the drop-down list of institutions and name your registration reason, so we can tell you apart from spam-bots.

New members that will further engage themselves can contribute to our collection of good practices and have their profiles also on the GREEN website in the “friends” section. Very much like in the “partners” section” on our website where every individual partner is presented, you’ll be given the opportunity to introduce yourself to a broader public under the “friends section”. And maybe you’ll even attract possibilities in cooperation and exchange for your future!

### Upcoming events – Save the date!

In 2015, the GREEN Network members will organise a number of events on climate change related topics. The aim is to exchange good practices in terms of implementing the topic into school activities among GREEN network members and external stakeholders and to engage in dialogue with experts and interested stakeholders from the field. The events address both GREEN partners and other stakeholders interested in Climate Change Education (CCE).

We invite you to take part in:

#### Webinars

- 10.02.15, 15 CET: GREEN Network – How to engage with us? What do we offer and what do you bring in?  
Please register here: <http://survey.bupnet.de/index.php/828664/lang-de>
- 10.03.15, 15 CET: Circular economy in schools – what is circular economy and what can you do with it at schools? Exchange with the experts from the EU-funded project Three C – Creating Competences for a Circular Economy in Schools.
- 12.05.15 at 10.30 CET: How to collaborate with other schools at European level? Concrete examples and exchange from experienced GREEN Networkers.

#### Expert-led 1-day forum that take up a topic of our other events

- 11.03.15: Circular economy
- 22.04.15: Global thinking, local acting

- 13.05.15: Examples of successful networking among schools
- 🍃 **Training day (face-to-face) in Ankara, Turkey hosted by METU School**
- 21.04.15 Global thinking, local acting – Actions that can be undertaken by students/schools to mitigate CC.

We will provide more details for each of the events in due course.

**External guests are explicitly welcome!**

## First GREEN Network Training Day



The GREEN Network members organised a first training day for all GREEN members and interested external guests in September 2014 in Madrid, Spain. The event was hosted by our GREEN partner CECE.

The programme was set up on the basis of the wishes and proposals of the GREEN network members and consisted of theoretical inputs, presentations of exemplary case studies and discussions.

The main topics were:

- 🍃 The impact and effects of climate change on our today's societies (input, WWF, Spain);
- 🍃 Ways to approach topics related to climate change and sustainable development in schools by means of interdisciplinary projects (case examples, Värmdö Gymnasium, Sweden);
- 🍃 Cooperation and networking among European schools: exchange, discussion, concrete examples (examples: METU School, Ankara)

The GREEN network members made the following conclusions from this first training day:

- 🍃 To successfully implement climate change and sustainable development in schools you need
  - to tackle real and current issues;
  - to bring the topic close to home.
- 🍃 The concrete example that were presented by the Swedish partner school VGY and presented by the teachers Paul Strehlenert and Maria Dahlberg dealt with 1. Biodiversity, 2. Global project, 3. Food. All three project show come elements. These are:
  - all three tackle social sciences, natural sciences, economy,
  - involve language teachers,
  - include learning on ways of argumentation, text writing, debates.

Both teachers underlined that both the involved teacher and students need to be prepared for such projects.

- 🍃 As to the cooperation and networking among European schools – one possible way to cooperate and network was highlighted by means of a good practice example of cooperation between the METU School and VGY. Fetane Demir from METU School showed a project on eco system services for 10 graders that was initiated in the previous CLIMES project ([www.climes.eu](http://www.climes.eu)) and that is in its fourth year of cooperation. The principal idea is that students in both schools do field trips and collect, analyse, share and compare biological data of a specific region. The gathered data are compared between the two schools in terms of alterations due to climate change and human activity. The exchange of data among the students is done via Skype. Fetane reported that the networking between the schools has a positive impact on the involved students – it gives them a sense of achievement, motivates them to be well prepared, and improves their languages skills.

**O-Tones from the feedback round:**



*"It was revealing to see how much competence and expertise we have in the network."*

The programme went *"from global to practical"*.

*"I have a clearer picture on what we are doing in the network."*

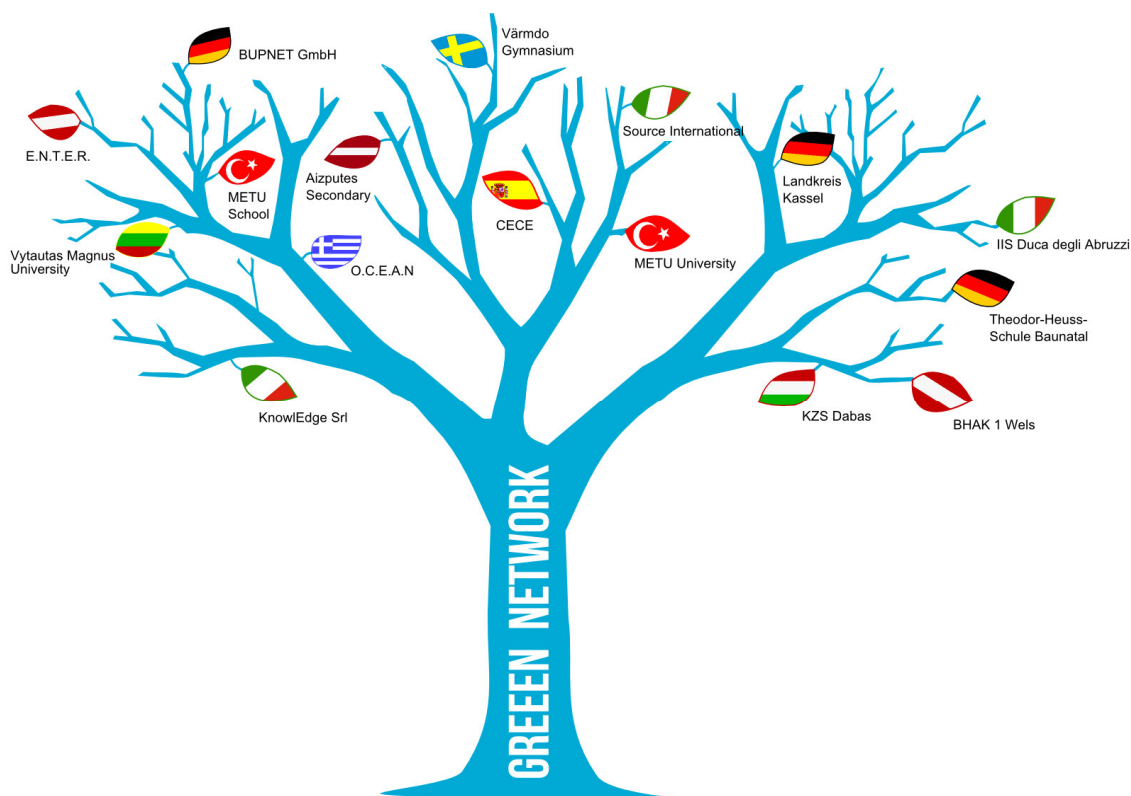
*"The presentations gave a round picture and were very inspiring."*

The next training day will take place in April 2015 in Ankara, Turkey and will be hosted by our partners from METU School.

Please stay tuned!

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