



"Green Skills & Practices for Postal Services to implement the European Green Deal"

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Climate change is an increasing threat to the survival of man and the world. The European Green Deal proposes a number of measures to strengthen the EU's resilience and make it a modern, efficient and competitive economy.

The GreenPosts project, driven by the EU's goal of zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, without jeopardizing economic growth and equal representation of all regions, will improve the basic skills and competencies of employees in the postal sector in order to have a positive impact on the environment and the community. Support for green and social action for the environment by raising awareness of the impact of climate change at the local and global level and on the economy.

By promoting the goals and measures of the European Green Deal, GreenPosts will raise awareness of the role of postal operators, but also of each individual in creating a better environment that we all strive for, and offer solutions that would help post offices contribute to climate change resistance.

MEETING IN ATHENS

The regular, third transnational meeting of partners on the Erasmus+ project GreenPosts was held on January 12th and 13th, 2023 in the capital of Greece, Athens. The host of the meeting was ELTA, the Greek post office, whose representative greeted the partners and opened the meeting. The topics of the meeting of the partners from the Croatian, Greek, Cypriot and Bulgarian post offices and the company Future Needs were the review of the first year of project implementation and the implementation plan of activities to achieve project results 3 and 4. It was concluded that the project is being implemented according to plan and that project result 1., creation of synthesis report, and project result 2., creation of modules and lessons, i.e. course, completed. Preparatory activities for project result 3 have been made, followed by recording of interviews and videos with relevant experts from partner organizations. This was discussed in more detail after the representative of the Greek Post informed the participants of the meeting with the aim of project result 3

"GREEN" AMBASSADORS

The goal is to educate and familiarize with the goals of the GreenPosts project, i.e. with the measures of the European Green Deal, several experts from each partner organization who, after the education, will become "green" ambassadors who will pass on what they have learned to employees and colleagues and encourage them to act towards the achievement of a common European goal - reducing the negative impact on the environment and climate. In the sorting center of the Greek Post, it was possible to see how some measures of the European Green Deal are already being applied in practice.



"LEARNING/TEACHIN<mark>G/TRAINING"</mark>

As part of the Erasmus+ project GreenPosts, a learning/teaching/training event was held from January 30 to February 1, 2023 in Zagreb, organized and moderated by Croatian Post.

Twenty-one employees from the Croatian, Greek, Bulgarian and Cypriot post offices and the company Future Needs, a partner in the project, were introduced to the topic of the GreenPosts project, which is coordinated by the Croatian Post, i.e. the course on the implementation of the measures of the European Green Deal in the postal sector, which the main goal is developed within the project.

After the training, the participants became "green" ambassadors who will pass on what they have learned to employees and colleagues and encourage them to take action aimed at achieving the common European goal of reducing the negative impact on the environment and climate. On the first day of the training, the participants were introduced to the content of the European Green Deal and examples of its implementation in Croatian Post. Then the members of the GreenPosts project team from Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia and Cyprus presented to the participants a module with 9 lessons, i.e. a course that they developed in the first year of the project.

Nine lessons were developed in accordance with the 9 pillars of the European Green Deal. A free discussion followed, during which the participants of the education asked the authors of the lessons questions either about the content itself or about the way of creating educational materials.



VIRTUAL ROOM FOR "GREEN" CONVERSATIONS

The representative of Future Needs, a Cypriot company partner in the project, presented a Virtual Think Tank, i.e. a virtual room where all interested parties will be able to talk, discuss, ask questions or exchange their ideas related to the implementation of the European Green Deal. It is also part of the e-learning platform where the course consisting of one module with 9 lessons will be uploaded. As a check of the successfully completed course, a knowledge test was designed after each lesson. The Virtual Think Tank is part of the official website of the project <u>www.greenposts.eu</u> and access is provided to all interested parties after registration.

After the presentation, the participants were divided into working groups with specific tasks for the analysis of UPU's best "green" practices. A short test of knowledge from 9 presented lessons was also held. The representative of Croatian Post also presented a "draft" guide for teachers as a tool for project participants who will encourage the implementation of European Green Deal measures through employees in their organizations.

The participants of the training toured the sorting center and a worker from the Department of Occupational Safety, Fire Protection and Ecology showed them how waste management works at the Croatian Post. They also saw electric filling stations as well as how the sorting plant functions in terms of green and sustainable. At the end, this threeday education was evaluated.



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