

Project proposal for an Erasmus+ KA152 focusing on school Greenovation & creating green impact:

Project Title: Greenovation

Key Action: KA152-Youth Exchange

Duration: 10 days from 03/08/2025 to 12/08/2025

Participants: 24



Background and Context:

Our proposed Erasmus+ Youth Exchange, titled 'Greenovation for Schools,' aims to foster cross-cultural exchange and solidarity between youth from Spain, Egypt, Hungary, and Morocco. By bringing together young people from these diverse countries, we hope to promote mutual understanding and collaboration on issues related to environmental sustainability, education, and community engagement. This project will provide participants with valuable learning opportunities and skills development, while also creating lasting friendships and memories that will contribute to a more peaceful and connected world.

This project aims to contribute to the improvement of a school in a disadvantaged area of Casablanca. Whilst Casablanca is known to be a cosmopolitan and vibrant city, poor areas like Casablanca still don't even have children's parks. International volunteers will do gardening and improvement tasks in public spaces to provide facilities for the kids and prevent them from playing in the streets. We extended this program to the maintenance of public schools (gardening and renovation) to provide these children with a good learning environment.

The need for green spaces and public facilities for children in Casablanca was identified through the ongoing efforts of local organizations, including MamAfrika Organization, to address social and environmental issues in disadvantaged areas. In particular, the lack of safe and welcoming public spaces for children to play and engage with nature was recognized as a significant problem in these communities. By establishing these spaces, the project aims to address the needs of the community, while also engaging young people in the process of improving their environment.

Objectives:

- Provide safer and better-equipped facilities for children in disadvantaged areas of Casablanca. Improve local infrastructure and encourage social cohesion by engaging with community members during the improvement works.
- Increase awareness and community ownership of public spaces by involving diverse youth in the gardening and improvement tasks.

- Cultivate cross-cultural understanding and empathy by bringing international volunteers into the community and exposing them to Moroccan culture and customs.
- Renovate school facilities to ensure a safe, inclusive, and modern learning environment.
- Create green spaces, such as gardens, outdoor classrooms, and recreational areas, to enhance environmental sustainability and biodiversity.
- Promote cross-cultural collaboration and learning among youth through hands-on projects.

Activities:

- The activities of the volunteers include painting the school, both as a basic maintenance and also in a creative way to bring life into it; cleaning the residence; creating green impacts, and planting trees or shrubbery.
- Green Impact Action: Organize volunteers to renovate a school and establish green spaces in the community, providing a safer, more inviting environment for orphaned children to play and socialize.
- Community Engagement: Hold regular meetings and events with community members to discuss needs, obtain feedback, and foster ownership of the project.
- Cultural Exchange Action: Arrange cultural visits, workshops, and activities for participants to learn about Moroccan traditions, history, and customs.

MamAfrika Organization, the Moroccan partner organization, will facilitate the participants' cultural immersion and provide access to local communities and resources, enabling them to engage in a unique and impactful experience. By participating in Greenovation a school and creating green impact in Casablanca, the participants will contribute to sustainable development and positively impact the local environment and community. This also allows them to develop skills in project management, teamwork, and cross-cultural communication.

The project contributes to the objectives of the Mobility for Youth strand by providing young people with an opportunity to engage in intercultural exchanges and experience different cultures. By working together on sustainable development projects, the participants will develop a greater understanding of different perspectives, practices, and values. This shared experience also fosters mutual understanding and respect among young people from different countries, leading to the development of a more tolerant and cohesive society. Overall, the project helps young people gain valuable life skills and experiences, which ultimately supports a more socially responsible, inclusive, and environmentally conscious world.

Target participants:

This project is designed for participants aged 18-25 who share a strong passion for sustainability, environmental protection, and cultural exchange. Participants will be selected from a diverse pool of students, educators, and volunteers who have demonstrated an interest in these topics and are open to learning about and engaging with different cultures. Ideal candidates will have a strong work ethic, an enthusiasm for hands-on work, and a desire to make a positive impact in the local community. We are seeking individuals who can bring unique perspectives, skills, and experiences to the project and who are excited to contribute to the growth and development of the area.

This project is also an opportunity for participants to delve into Moroccan culture, savor the local cuisine, and make a tangible difference in the community. Participants will have the chance to engage with the

traditions, history, and values of Morocco while immersing themselves in the vibrant city of Casablanca. From exploring the country's rich culinary landscape to experiencing its unique architecture and music, this experience promises to be both enriching and unforgettable.

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved Physical Environment: Greenovation of the school and creating green Impact can significantly improve the physical environment for children, providing a safe and engaging learning space that enhances their educational experience.
- Increased Environmental Awareness: Through community engagement and environmental workshops, the project can increase awareness of sustainability and eco-friendly practices, reducing environmental degradation in the area.
- Positive Impact on Orphaned Children: By providing a safer, more stimulating learning environment and fostering a sense of community through play and exercise, the project can significantly improve the well-being and prospects of orphaned children in disadvantaged areas of Casablanca.
- Our project will actively engage the youth from the school neighborhood and orphaned children to gather their insights and perspectives. By conducting initial needs assessments and focus groups, we will identify their specific needs and concerns, ensuring that our efforts align with their priorities. This will ensure that the project not only improves the physical environment but also empowers the youth to be active agents of change in their communities.
- To ensure Greenovation genuinely responds to the needs of young people in the area, we will conduct a needs assessment and focus groups with orphaned children and other youth from the school neighborhood. These activities will give the youth a platform to share their perspectives and insights, helping us tailor our project to their unique needs and priorities. By incorporating their voices, we hope to promote community ownership and sustainable development while empowering young people to be agents of change in their communities.

Impact:

- Improved Facilities: The Greenovation work will enhance the overall appearance and functionality of the school, creating a more welcoming and inspiring learning environment for children.
 - Sustainable Practices: The introduction of green impact will promote environmental awareness, teaching youths the importance of caring for their surroundings.
 - Develop practical skills in project management, cross-cultural communication, and sustainable practices.
 - Gain a deeper understanding of Moroccan culture and society, fostering empathy and cultural sensitivity.
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- Create lifelong friendships with local people and other participants from around the world.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this Erasmus+ Youth Exchange will provide participants with a transformative experience that promotes intercultural understanding, personal growth, and environmental awareness. Through the Greenovation project, which will take place in Morocco, participants will learn about sustainable practices while engaging in community-led gardening and improvement activities. This exchange will help foster a greater sense of civic responsibility among youth, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to become agents of positive change in their communities.

The "Greenovation a School and Creating Green Impact in Casablanca" project presents an exciting opportunity for participants to make a lasting impact on the community while developing valuable skills and insights. Through this initiative, we hope to provide sustainable solutions that will improve the lives of orphaned children, support environmental protection, and strengthen local-international connections. We believe that this project embodies the core values of Erasmus+ and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to bring it to life.