



THE ROLE OF FORESTS IN FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS INTEGRATION INTO THE EUROPEAN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

Erasmus+, Key Action 2 (Youth) - Cooperation for the exchange of good practices

Project details

Estimated budget: 51,500 € (approximately 9,000 € for each partner organization)

Number of partners: 5

Project date (total duration): 01/09/2016 - 28/02/2018 (18 months)

Working language: English

Applicant organization: Asociación IROKO Desarrollo Forestal Sostenible (IROKO DFS)

Call: Round 2 - 2016 (April 26th, 2016)

Deadline for partner application: April 12th, 2016

Why?

Climate change is a global problem caused by several factors. Among them, deforestation and forest degradation generate 20% of total greenhouse gases emissions, responsible for climate change. For this reason, the Forestry sector plays an important role in the fight against this phenomenon. This is especially significant in the case of the European Union, which consumption of wood and wood products is one of the highest in the world.

Currently, activities centring on Environmental Education address climate change and forest benefits in a separate way. As a result, society is hindered to understand the important role of forest in climate change. This project idea was born to meet this need.

Main project aims

Broaden the approach of non-formal education provided by European environmental NGOs and youth organizations, to address climate change from the relevance that forests have in its mitigation.

To do this, we will create a group of professionals who will jointly work with young people in order to enhance the availability of training material aimed to professionals in the field of environmental non-formal education.

Main project results

- A tested **HANDBOOK** for environmental trainers that collect the best practices and activities of non-formal education on forests and climate change together.
- An **ANNEXED DOCUMENT** with recommendations and tips on how apply the practices and activities developed in the mentioned handbook.



Working plan

- 5 Transnational Meetings (one for each partner): to work on the training material that will be created throughout the project and to share results and experiences from testing methodologies of the developed training material (3-4 days, 1-2 participants per partner).
- 10 Local Workshops (two for each partner organization): to test the created training material in groups of young people (18-30 years old). [This part has to be co-funded].
- Local management and implementation work: having an active role in this project is a mandatory requirement.
- Support and evaluation of project Intellectual Outputs.
- Join the project Dissemination Strategy - Each partner organization has to be able to organize at least 1 local dissemination event [This part has to be co-funded].

Partner requirements

- NGO or youth organizations that are active in environmental non-formal education, particularly in topics related to forests and climate change (**MANDATORY**).
- NGO or youth organizations that are able to gather groups of 10-20 young people (18-30 years old) and teach them the Local Workshops planned throughout the project (**MANDATORY**).
- At least one partner organization has to be based in areas with geographical barriers (remote or rural areas, small islands, peripheral regions, etc.).
- Eligible partners have to be able to host one transnational meeting in their cities.
- At least one person from each partner organization has to be dedicated to the project.
- We expect partner organizations to be ready and willing to invest time and effort into the project.
- It is desirable previous knowledge about forest policies: REDD+, FLEGT, EUTR, etc.
- It is desirable previous knowledge about climatic refugees.
- It is desirable previous knowledge about forest certification.



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About IROKO DFS

IROKO DFS is a non-profit and Non-Governmental Organization created in 2007 by a group of students and professionals from the field of Forestry.

We aim to the sustainable development of communities from tropical countries by the implementation of good practices in their forest resources. In addition, we carry out development projects, collaborating closely with young people and women.

Moreover, we are part of the FSC's social chamber, the main organization that promotes the responsible forest management through forest certification.

In the past, we have joined into a European Grundtvig project on climate change and its mitigation mechanism, REDD+.

Nowadays, we are coordinating the Spanish Working Group in REDD+, by which we will gather a group of Spanish experts in the field of Forestry to debate, work and improve the understanding of REDD+ by Spanish Society.

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If you would like to join the project as a partner, please fill in the attached form and return it to CONTACT PERSON before the deadline. If you have any questions concerning the project please write to CONTACT PERSON by e-mail.