



FAKE PLASTIC TREES

-An Erasmus+ KA1 Youth Exchange-

Dates: August 2019 | Venue: Messina - Italy

**Topics: Democracy/Active citizenship – Environment - Innovation -
Sustainable development**

Hosting organisation: E.T.S. Ermes

Ets Ermes, a no profit organization settled by young students and traders with the aim of promoting the EU culture and the opportunity of social, racial and cultural integration, thanks to activities of training and young mobility, has the pleasure to present you its project proposal titled “Fake Plastic Trees” for the **Erasmus+ KA 1- Young Exchange** program which deadline is 29/04/2019, and would like to have you as a Partner of the project proposal.

The event will involve **30 young students and workers** (18-30), interested in environmental matters and with the desire to contrast climatic changes. Participants will be selected among citizens, residents and people who live in the country of the four partners, with the respect of gender and ethnic equality. Each partner will choose 1 group leader and 5 participants, by a motivation letter in which candidates will explain their point of view on the environmental matter, their experiences and expectations for the project.

At the end of the project, they will have a set of intellectual and practical instruments to create a collective environmental consciousness.

The theme today is so actual because of the uncontrolled growing of pollution due to wastes and to the underestimation of the problem by economical entities.

The **JRC Report** on “Harm caused by marine litter” (2016), affirms that *“Marine litter is a threat not only to marine species and ecosystems but also carries a risk to human health and has significant implications to human welfare, impacting negatively vital economic sectors such as*

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tourism, fisheries, aquaculture or energy supply and bringing economic losses to individuals, enterprises and communities”.

Citizens must be part of the necessary change to save the planet!

For this reason, there is a strong movement against plastic and non-recyclable materials that will generate the next adoption of a directive by EU on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment. It's estimated that thanks to this type of policy, in 2030, for single-use plastic, would be saved 2.6 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent.

Fortunately, many local governments are promulgating laws to ban single use plastics and **Messina is one of those, so it will be the perfect venue to base our project and form young green lovers.**

We are searching for 4 partners (associations/non governmental groups/non lucrative entities/spontaneous groups of young volunteers) that would like to cooperate in the project, supporting the activities of preparation and selection of the participants and spreading all the informations about it.

The mobility will take place in Messina and will last 7 days, on August 2019, that will foresee workshops, events to clean green areas and beaches, recycling laboratories and non formal lessons by local trainers, ice-breakers, team building sessions, work groups, presentations, cultural nights, etc...

The principal aims of the project are:

- to promote consciousness of young people about environmental matters and the safeguard of the planet;
- to increase the participation of young people in the society;
- to create a safe and dynamic place for non formal education;
- to remove prejudices on different cultures;
- to enforce youngsters' sense of responsibility for their future.

The event aims to form young educators, volunteers and, in general, people who can apply recycling techniques in their personal and professional life.

All the expenses regarding board, lodging and activities are fully covered by Erasmus+ grant.

Travel costs will be covered up to a maximum amount pre-established according with distance.

During and after the project, there will be published informative documents, videos and statistics on the mobility.

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To join the project:

Please send us your PIF filled in and signed by April 23th

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(please write on the subject “FAKE PLASTIC TREES”)

Sincerely yours,

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