

ABOUT THE PROJECT

V2V-AL is an Albania country-specific project that aims to increase VET attractiveness and performance through internationalization and mobility, increased responsiveness to labour market needs and skills development, both in IVET and CVET.

The core of the project, capacity building, will be achieved through a critical number of activities – courses catalogues, job shadowing, staff training, coaching, communities of practices, toolkits – focused on key areas such as internationalization, project design and management, dual system/work-based-learning (WBL), guidance.

Building a Sustainable future for VET schools in Albania

Subtitle: Integrating Circular Economy and Sustainability in VET Schools in Albania

VET is a key mechanism to ensure a skilled workforce can thrive in and scale up the circular economy, providing key recommendations for governments, educators, industry and civil society. V2V-AL is focused on transforming VET in Albania by harnessing the power of internationalization, increasing responsiveness to labour market needs, and ensuring the continuous development of VET practitioners. Within this project, Build Green Group has partnered to work towards crafting a comprehensive sustainability roadmap tailored specifically for Albanian schools. This roadmap serves as a practical guide, offering valuable insights into implementing eco-friendly practices and fostering sustainability by addressing the unique needs of schools in Albania. Moreover, V2V-AL, a project based on mobility of students, promises to be a pioneer in terms of measuring its sustainable travel activity through all project length.

HOW?

The Circular Economy roadmap is crucial for VET institutions as it provides a comprehensive guide to infuse environmentally conscious practices in their curriculum. By integrating circular economy principles into vocational training, schools can equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to contribute actively to a more sustainable future. Understanding the circular economy not only prepares students for the evolving job market but also nurtures a mindset of responsible

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consumption and resource management. VET schools, through implementation of Circular Economy practices, play a pivotal role in shaping a generation of professionals who are not only adept in their fields but also committed to fostering ecological resilience and addressing global environmental challenges. Build Green Group is committed to training teachers to ensure they have the necessary knowledge and skills to impart circular economy concepts in schools, if needed. To assess the project's environmental impact, Build Green Group commits to a comprehensive analysis, addressing factors such as transportation, emissions, and energy



consumption. This assessment will guide the implementation of sustainable solutions and the reduction of the project's carbon footprint. In parallel, Build Green Group will develop a sustainable travel guide for Albania, promoting eco-friendly tourism practices and further aligning with the broader goal of environmental sustainability.

Green sustainability development in Albania

Albanian green sustainable development is a multifaceted initiative that includes tourist practices, environmental effect assessments, education, and vocational training. The combined efforts of various organizations and stakeholders signal a positive shift towards a more sustainable and eco-conscious future for the country. Albania is positioned to make meaningful contributions to global sustainability goals, as these initiatives continue to evolve and gain support.

Green education across the EU

Meanwhile, across the European Union, youth play a crucial role in shaping the future of green education. Their recommendations emphasize the need for a curriculum that integrates sustainability, environmental awareness, and practical solutions to address climate change. Despite their passion and commitment, youth face common challenges in promoting green education across the EU. One significant obstacle is the need for greater inclusion of green topics in traditional educational frameworks, requiring curriculum revisions and policy changes. There is also a plea for increased resources and support for schools and educators to effectively implement green education, as well as the challenge of overcoming resistance to change within educational institutions. Environmental education is vital to winning the fight against climate change.

Conclusion

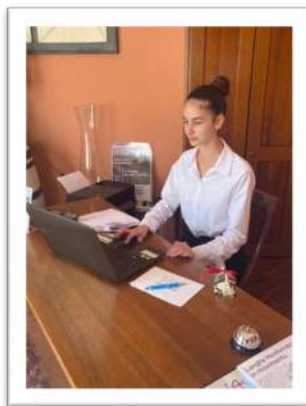
Build Green Group's development of a Green Sustainability Road marks a significant stride towards a sustainable future in Albania. Integrating circular economy principles, assessing environmental impact, creating sustainability roadmaps, and fostering awareness collectively contribute to laying the foundations for a greener and more sustainable Albania in line with EU requirements.

Meet our partner “Impression Hoteleria professional school”

The experience as a teacher companion for the first group of students in hospitality and tourism at a school in Tirana was phenomenal. I had the opportunity to be a part of the “VET to VET capacity building project in Albania”, supported by the Erasmus approach and the international framework in Alba, Italy. During this time, we were able to engage in professional practices and exchange experiences with students from our school. The project was a very successful experience, mainly because it facilitated the exchange of knowledge and traditions between schools, as well as the sharing of experiences with local businesses in the city. This allowed for the demonstration of professional skills and responsibility by the students. The positive behavior and cooperation displayed by these businesses contributed to the overall success of the experience. As a teacher accompanying the students, I observed the effectiveness and monitoring provided by the responsible individuals in these businesses, which resulted in a fruitful and successful outcome. The students have come to realize the importance of this professional practice. It has been a very useful experience for them to learn about the culture, language, and traditions of the country. The personnel responsible for the international program showed readiness in solving any issues and ensuring that the students' accommodation was in normal conditions throughout their stay.

Students experience in Alba Italy

This was an experience that we will never forget. The moment we were informed about it I can't wait to be a participant in this Erasmus project. It was a very attractive mystery for us, we were very excited and we were waiting for it. Time passed and the day of the flight came very quickly. It was the first time we would travel in one unknown country for us without our parents. When we got there, we still couldn't believe that we had arrived. We were accommodated and rooms where we would stay together was familiar and comfortable for us. The first days were a little disorienting for us, but we got used to it very quickly. We started on the second day we learned the places of practice, how to travel, and in general how to live there. Being for the first time in a place where you don't know anyone, you are not familiar with any place and style life is very different from what you are used to, it is a very different experience and it is worth it is proven. We learned many new things about ourselves, we learned to live alone and coexist. We get new knowledge about the direction we are following and also about the culture of country. I met new people and became part of their life there for a very short time and we acclimatized a lot with them. We spent our free time as a group, organizing meetings or going out together. Together we created one very close relationship with each other and also with the rest of the students who were with us. We experienced different emotions and it was a very pleasant adventure. After this experience, we look at everything with a different perspective now. It's like we left a part of ours there but we also took a good



part of the country in our heart. We u l am very emotionally connected to the places we, the places where we were staying when he came visited, the moment we had to leave, we wanted to stay longer. We are very happy that we were part of such a project and we made the most of the time that we had there to learn and have fun. Vanesa Furriku and Maristela Hysen

Students experience in Lyon, France

My name is Alkida Lleshi. I study at professional school in Kamez for social health service in the paediatric profile. I want to say a few things about the internship that took place in Lyon from 17.09.2023 to 15.10.2023.

As for the work experience, everything was perfect. It was a very beneficial experience for me and it has helped me immensely for the profession I have chosen. In practice we learned a lot of new things about the children and we also figured out what things we need to improve. Even though I didn't know French I found the communication key how to get along with the kids even though we don't speak the same language. I wanted to thank Noemie, Sarah and Julie that were to kind with me and very willing to explain any ambiguity I had.



I also wanted to thank Beata and Julie because they were always there for us if we needed anything. It was one of the most beautiful and beneficial experiences for me and if I get the chance, I want to try it again.

I am Leutrim Puci, a student of the Kamez vocational school in IT profile.

I am writing about the impressions I had with the internship that was made by the European Commission in the period 17/09/2023-15/10/2023. For me it was the first time that I was given the opportunity to participate in such an internship as this has helped me a lot in the steps I will follow for my future. During the period in Practical, I worked in the technical department of Cossilys in the construction of CCTV camera systems.

I really spent a very nice time with the staff where I did the internship. They were very kind to me and ready to help me with any ambiguity. I don't want to go on too long.

I'm just grateful for this thing that you made it possible for me. It would be something very nice if another internship was realized.

My name is Pramvera Mziu and I am a teacher at Vocational High School of KAMZA.

I participated as a team leader of students in Lyon, France, for the period from 17.09.2023 to 15.10.2023 in the framework of the project Vet to Vet –capacity Building in Albania number: GAP –101092147, co- founded by European Union. For me it was a very beautiful, challenging and valuable experience, very well organized and we thank all the the work groups who made it possible.

I also wanted to thank Ms.Beata because she was always there for us if we needed anything

The second Transnational Project Meeting in Albania

The second Transnational Project Meeting was hosted by Shkolla Profesionale Kamez from 4th to 7th of September 2023. The gathering had the aim of sharing the results of Study visits and Observation missions implemented by EU partner schools in Albanian VET centres, leading to the completion of two detailed Action Plans for future capacity building activities.

Over the two very intensive days, discussions, learning and planning sessions actively involved all project partners: Apro Formazione, AlbanianSkills, Shkolla e Mesme Profesionale Kamëz, Shkolla Hoteleriturizem, SEPR, Build Green Group and EFVET.

Another exciting period of the project follows with the mobilities of 10 students from each Albanian school to Lyon (FR) and Alba (IT) accompanied by their respective teachers. Then two Professional visits of six Albanian staff will be organised in Lyon (FR) and Alba (IT) in November 2023, followed in 2024 by the Job Shadowing for 10 teachers/professionals from the two Albanian school. Special attention was given during the meeting to green sustainability, with the joint decision by partners to task Build Green Group with calculating the project impact on environment (transport, emissions, etc.) and delivering two sustainability roadmaps for Albanian schools by the end of the project.

Finally, it was decided that the project skills competition to award 6 three-months internships to Alba (3) and Lyon (3) will be held on **December 13th-15th, during the Expo 2023 Skills Careers & Jobs Festival in Tirana**, so to give the maximum visibility at nation level to this great opportunity.



Join us as we celebrate the spirit of Erasmus Days at SEPR Campus Lyon!

At the heart of the #ErasmusDays celebration, SEPR's International Department, hosted a week filled with engaging events from October 9th to 13th.

For 36 remarkable years, the Erasmus program has been a beacon of student mobility, offering countless individuals the chance to explore Europe.

This year, we were thrilled to welcome ten enthusiastic students and two dedicated teachers from the V2V Albania project to join in our festivities on Friday morning, the 13th of October 2023, just after celebrating with them the end of their internships.



Ten bright students coming from the Albanian VET center, KAMZA, have embarked on a transformative journey in Lyon. With diverse backgrounds in fields like hospitality, IT, car mechanics, and healthcare, they were engaged in month-long internships within Lyon's enterprises (from 17/09 to 15/10/23). Their dedication knew no bounds as they diligently worked, showcasing success in their roles. Despite the language differences, these students have triumphed, bridging communication gaps by utilizing English to collaborate effectively with their company tutors. Their perseverance and adaptability not only benefited the enterprises but also exemplified the power of determination in overcoming barriers.

Their presence added a vibrant global flair to our celebration, highlighting the beautiful diversity that Erasmus fosters. Together, let's embrace cultural exchange, learning, and the boundless opportunities that Erasmus continues to offer. Here's to the unity in diversity that defines this incredible journey!



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