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Welcome to our project

The Climate Champions project is an Erasmus+ Adult Education project working to empower and equip members of the local community and voluntary groups with the skills and knowledge to become empowered climate action and biodiversity changemakers in their own communities. provide communities with inclusive, driven means by which adults are educated as community champions and by so doing contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 6 of it 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Biodiversity is the greatest treasure we have...
Its diminishment is to be prevented at all cost

THOMAS EISNER



WHY CLIMATE CHAMPIONS + OUR PROJECT RESULTS

Climate change is the defining issue of our time. We have reached a pivotal moment in deciding our planet's future. The need to act, to limit the most damaging impacts of climate change, we need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions globally and adapt to the current and future changes in the climate.

The youth of today are growing up in a climate activist world, enacting and fighting for change. However, adults have not grown up with this knowledge of climate change and sometimes feel helpless as they lack the skills to enact any meaningful change to the climate crisis.

When researching the need for this project, we found that non formal training on climate change and SDGs is hard to find, and access is particularly lacking in local community settings. Similarly, biodiversity content is harder to find in formal and informal learning settings.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution. Changes must arise from a community-centred process of learning how to live sustainably and regeneratively in a particular locality with its ecological and cultural uniqueness.

The Climate Champions project partners are working on three key results

EMPOWERING BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS COURSE (project result 1)

This resource will upskill community champions to be positioned to create immediate social impact. A single Champion can create a ripple effect of biodiverse & climate change actions. Under the guidance of [ADCMoura - Associação para o Desenvolvimento do Concelho de Moura](#), partners are working hard on putting final touches to a series of modules that bring six SDGs into focus in adult education.

COMMUNITIES IN ACTION: COMPENDIUM OF BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE BEST PRACTICES (project result 2)

You may have seen our call for contribution to 30 case studies. We are developing compelling case studies, collected from biodiversity and climate action changemakers at the community level throughout Europe. Practical and transferrable learning, you will be inspired to learn and take action.

THEORY OF CHANGE TOOLKIT for COMMUNITIES (project result 3)

Will equip participants to lead their community group through series of climate change and biodiversity specific steps to define long term goals, identify measurable indicators of success, and then work back to formulate actions and the 'mini-steps' that must be taken to achieve those goals.

PARTNERS FIRST MEETING IN ROSCOMMON, 3rd February 2022



- ✓ The **Roscommon LEADER Partnership** team included Martina Earley, CEO, Sharon Johnson, Aife Kearns and Tomas Beades.
- ✓ **ADC Moura** from Portugal represented by Clara Lourenco and Filipe Souza
- ✓ **ANATOLIKI S.A. Organization For Local Development** from Greece represented by Charalampos Vasileidis
- ✓ **EUROPERSECTIVES FOUNDATION** from Bulgaria represented by Vihra Andonova
- ✓ **EUEI** from Denmark represented by Catherine Neill and Cathy Kelly
- ✓ **Momentum** from Ireland represented by Orla Casey (in-person) and Mark Bolger (online)

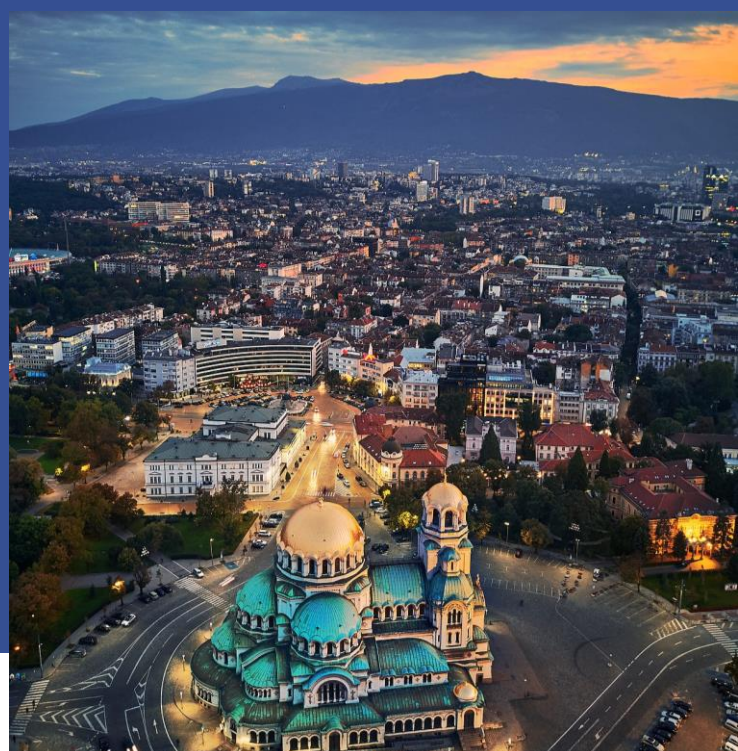
Behind those masks are great big smiles as partners got to meet for the first time, hosted by our lead partner Roscommon LEADER Partnership. For many of us, it was our first opportunity to travel as COVID-19 restrictions eased. While Zoom is wonderful, nothing beats being in the room!

PARTNERS MEET AGAIN IN SOFIA, BULGARIA, 23 & 24 June 2022

With a lot of work to review on Project Result 1 Empowering Biodiversity And Climate Change Community Champions Course and Project Result 2 Communities In Action: Compendium Of Biodiversity And Climate Change Best Practices, partners gathered in Sofia, Bulgaria in late June 2022.

Hosted by Euro Perspectives Foundation (EPF), this was a highly productive meeting.

EPF is leading Project Result 3 which will be a key focus for the project in year 2. It is an NGO hugely experienced in supporting sustainable development in Europe and strengthening the European integration of the Western Balkans. It acts as a training and education centre, driving exchange of information and experience and the development of sustainable development policies.





WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM CLIMATE CHAMPIONS?

01

ADULT LEARNERS

particularly those not currently involved in the community, to be motivated to increase their civic, personal, and interpersonal, and digital capacity in respect of biodiversity and climate change. They typically live in areas with no access to specialist education provision and form part of a minority community. Climate Champions will address and solve environmental and biodiversity challenges through empowering people at local, micro, community level across Europe through easy to use, education empowerment.



02

NOT FOR PROFIT VOLUNTEERS FROM CAUSE AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

will have a channel through which they can become BCC Champions, uniquely positioned in their local communities to promote positive change, galvanize others and create social impact. They will learn from transferrable examples. Social scientists tell us that people are more likely to feel motivated to act when they are not starting from scratch, and when they feel like there is already movement toward a goal.





SPOTLIGHT ON LEAD PARTNER ROSCOMMON LEADER PARTNERSHIP

Roscommon Integrated Development company (also known as Roscommon LEADER Partnership, RLP, and RIDC) is non-governmental organisation that works for the betterment of the people of County Roscommon, Ireland. This is a very broad remit, having a role in such diverse subjects as tourism, enterprise, environment, recreation, social inclusion and assistance to the unemployed to name but a few.

RLP and its predecessor organisations have actually been around since 1991, supporting communities and individuals in County Roscommon. We provide practical and needed supports including grants, training, work placements and advice. We work with community and voluntary groups, marginalised groups, small businesses, farm families and businesses and potential entrepreneurs. We also collaborate with a wide range of local organisations in the delivery of our services.

RLP delivers many programmes and initiatives, including:

- LEADER – a Rural Development Programme;
- SICAP - the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme;
- The Rural Social Scheme;
- Erasmus+;
- TÚS;
- The Traveller Health Programme.

RLP is proud to support the work of many biodiversity conservation, climate change adaption,

and climate change mitigation initiatives. Through LEADER we fund communities to create environmental studies and action plans.

In 2019 we created a pilot training project as the first step in the delivery of biodiversity content in our adult community training. The aim of the pilot was to help communities to focus on natural and created habitats in their local area and give them sufficient capacity and knowledge to be engaged stewards of these habitats.

This programme supported 15 community groups in Roscommon to learn about biodiversity, habitat conservation, protection and development and habitat mapping. This programme was successful but limited. It showed us that the interest is there, and that more communities than ever need access to high quality training about biodiversity and climate change.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THEIR WORK, FOLLOW
<http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/>

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LET'S TAKE A PEEK AT ONE OF OUR PR2 CASE STUDIES

(soon to be published – watch this space!)



CASTLECOOTE BOG BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGICAL STUDY

CATEGORY

Biodiversity conservation in the community

LOCATION OF THE PRACTICE

Castlecoote Co. Roscommon, Ireland

PROBLEM THAT TACKLES

- 01 Provide a comprehensive analysis of the flora and fauna of Castlecoote Bog (selected sections);
- 02 Provide information for signage and information boards;
- 03 Provide information for printed and digital media for schools and other organisations for education and training purposes;
- 04 Provide information to inform a potential project to construct a boardwalk across the bog

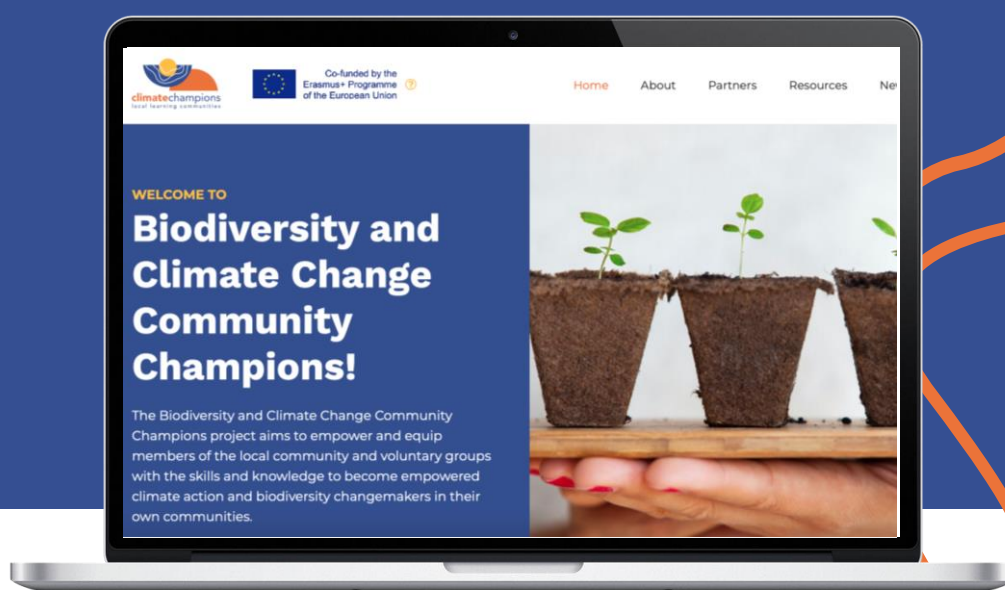
VOLUNTEERING ASSOCIATION OR PERSONS INVOLVED



Castlecoote Tidy Towns was re-activated in the 1980's. From that time, the group have gone from strength to strength, winning two environmental awards, two bronze, three silver and six gold medals. For three years in a row, 2016/7/8, came 1st in Roscommon. In 2019, they again received a gold medal and increased their overall score by 4 marks. In 2013 the village received the major award of winning the Tidiest Village and Small Town in Ireland.

Castlecoote Tidy Towns is a vibrant and hardworking community group representative of a variety of interest from throughout the community. This group has been instrumental in voluntary community activities for the past number of years and is supported in its endeavors by Roscommon County Council, CE Scheme and Sesame Construction. The group has also successfully completed work on the Old Mill Wheels and the development of the Island on the River Suck. This group has good experience in dealing with funding applications.

FOLLOW OUR JOURNEY



Our project started in November 2021 and will be finalized in November 2023. The partnership of the project consists of the following organizations:

- Roscommon Integrated Development Co. Ltd t/a, Ireland (<http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie>)
- ANATOLIKI S.A.-Organization for Local Development, Greece (<http://anatoliki.gr/el/>)
- Euro Perspectives Foundation, Bulgaria (<https://www.europerspectives.org/wp/>)
- Momentum Marketing Services Limited, Ireland (<https://momentumconsulting.ie/>)
- ADC MOURA, Associação para o Desenvolvimento do Concelho de Moura, Portugal (<https://www.adcmoura.pt/>)
- European E-learning Institute, Denmark (<https://www.euei.dk/>)



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