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## Welcome to our project

The Climate Champions project, is taking huge strides towards our goal, 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.

We have recently launched our compendium of expert case studies, where you'll find people and organisations striving contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. You can download the Compendium by clicking the button below.

**DOWNLOAD**

### GET INVOLVED

Please follow our social media accounts to stay up to date as our project develops .....

#### FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/ClimateChampionsEU>

#### TWITTER

<https://twitter.com/EuChampions>





## CLIMATE CHAMPIONS + OUR PROJECT RESULT UPDATES

The Climate Champions project provides members of the local community the knowledge and confidence to become empowered as community champions, contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and impacting 6 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This project offers a new field of learning that focuses on social inclusion, our unique approach empowers individuals to become effective advocates for sustainability and uncover innovative solutions to tackle environmental challenges.

### 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. All partners are working hard on putting final touches to a series of modules that bring six SDGs into focus in adult education. With our course you'll be lead through the essentials of biodiversity and climate change, giving you the tools and knowledge to be a Climate Champion in your own community and start taking action.

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

The COMMUNITIES IN ACTION COMPENDIUM is now live and can be downloaded from our website. You will find 32 expert case studies from all over the globe. Talking everything from Biodiversity and bogs to Sustainability and water systems. The compendium is available in English, Bulgarian, Portuguese and Greek.

[Download the Compendium here!](#)

### THEORY OF CHANGE TOOLKIT for COMMUNITIES (project result 3)

Defining the end goal is always the easier step, but what is tricky is knowing what you need to do to reach that goal. With the Theory of Change Toolkit, this will become a much easier task. It will equip participants to lead their community group through a series of climate change and biodiversity specific steps to define long term goals, help identify the measurable indicators of success and then set you up to formulate actions and the steps that must be taken to achieve your goals.

## SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITIES IN ACTION COMPENDIUM- NOW ONLINE



### Learning from others

For each good practice that we have collected, related to the detailed information of the initial sharing and learning, the transferability of the associations involved behind the initiatives, as persons responsible. By doing this, we want to replicate those activities in their territories or in initiatives that they are implementing.

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One of the best ways to learn is from others, that have been there, done that and bought the t-shirt. For each good practice that we have collected, we present some of the basic facts related to the detailed information of the initiatives, the evidence of success, the sharing and learning.

The 32 case studies are divided into 5 categories of good practices:

1. Biodiversity Conservation in the Community
2. Green Community Energy
3. Community Waste Management Recycling Programmes
4. Community Water Conservation
5. Community Learning and Sustainability Initiatives

## PARTNERS WILL MEET AGAIN IN GREECE, 14 - 16 June 2023

The team will be meeting in Greece this June, to have an exciting day of learning. It is a valuable opportunity to put our resources to the test, in real communities striving to be climate champions.

On day one, we will cover workshops that explore the course on empowering biodiversity and climate change community champions. These workshops will focus on understanding the curriculum and putting open educational resources (OERs) into practice.

On day two, we'll visit communities and educators with successful biodiversity and climate action practices, and hold sustainability workshops on "Communities in Action." The workshops will feature a compendium of 30 inspiring and transferable projects.

The final day provides comprehensive training on the practical Theory of Change Toolkit for Communities, including role-plays, case studies, and evaluation exercises to apply to real-life scenarios for climate action and biodiversity projects.







## IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY....

### YOU'LL FIND MOMENTUM

Celebrating 20 years of educating and innovating across Ireland and Europe. We celebrated by having our own Biodiversity Walk n Talk with the amazing, Paul Rooney from [Muddy Souls](#). Joined by our friends in Roscommon Leader Partnership, over 50 adult educators from all over Europe took part.

A biodiversity walk and talk is a great way to explore the natural world, connect with nature, and gain a deeper understanding of the importance of biodiversity. By learning about the different species and habitats in the area and the impact of human activity on the environment, participants can take steps to protect and conserve biodiversity in their everyday lives.





## NEWS



The Recommendations and Report of Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss was launched in Dublin this April, marking a historic moment as the first-ever national citizens' assembly dedicated to biodiversity loss worldwide.

The report, produced after seven meetings of the Assembly between May 2022 and January 2023, includes over 150 recommendations that could significantly transform Ireland's relationship with the natural environment.

The launch of the report is a significant milestone in Ireland's efforts to address the biodiversity crisis.

The report's recommendations, agreed upon by all 99 members of the Assembly, include 73 high-level recommendations and 86 sector-specific actions and priorities. It covers a wide range of topics related to biodiversity loss and could serve as a blueprint for other countries seeking to address this crucial issue.

## EARTH DAY 2023

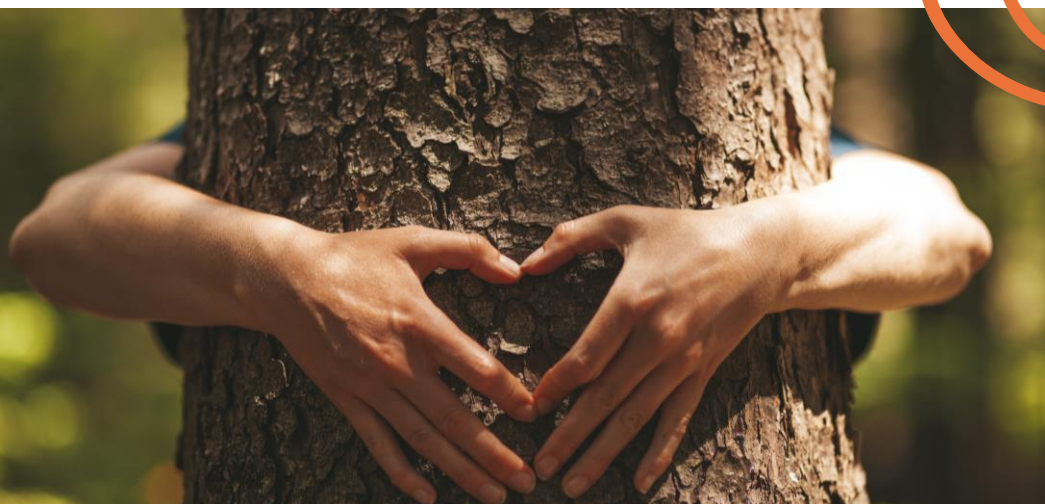
Officially Earth Day was just last month, but really every day is Earth Day.

This year will mark the 53rd anniversary of the annual event. Earth Day is a global event that brings together people from around the world to celebrate the planet and to raise awareness about the importance of protecting it.

The theme for Earth Day 2023 is **INVEST IN OUR PLANET**, and is sure to be a day filled with educational events, community activities, and calls to action. Earth Day 2023 will provide a great opportunity for individuals and organisations to come together to make a difference in the fight against climate change and to promote sustainability.

Whether you choose to attend a local event or simply take action on your own, Earth Day 2023 is a great time to reflect on our impact on the planet and to take steps to protect it for future generations. Find out more and any local events near you by checking out the website - <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2023/>





## BIODIVERSITY FOR THE FAMILY

Biodiversity is not just an important concept for scientists and environmentalists, it's something that can be enjoyed by all the family.

When we talk about biodiversity, we mean all the different living things that inhabit the planet - from plants and animals to insects and fungi.

By getting out into nature and exploring the world around us, we can experience the incredible diversity of life on Earth. Take a walk in a park, forest, or nature reserve and look for different types of birds, butterflies, and wildflowers.

As mentioned in *The Bee Sanctuary of Ireland* case study in our Compendium. 'Habitat loss, non-native species, and the use of herbicides and pesticides in agriculture has led to a 76% decline in flying insect populations by mass in Europe between 1991 and 2018.' Here are a few things we can do to help the critters thrive again.

### Backyard Biodiversity:

Here you can find some activities and tips on what you can do to help promote biodiversity in your own backyard or even just on your balcony or windowsill. Click on the icons below to have a look at some of the amazing resources from [Tree Tools for Schools](#) by the [Woodland Trust](#), they have a range of activities for all the family from minibeast hunts to how to make a simple bird feeder.

**Bug Hotels** – Are a great way to promote and create an ecosystem of Biodiversity. All you need is some old bits of wood and some foliage and the wildlife will come flocking in. Everyday you'll be able to see different species and critters create a life for themselves in something you did.

**No cut areas** – If you have a backyard with some grass and flowers growing then you could dedicate an area that won't be cut down in the monthly lawn mowing session. Create a buzz and a hive of activity for all the wildlife to enjoy, from bugs, bees, birds, mammals.





On March 28<sup>th</sup> our Bulgarian partner Europerspectives Foundation (EPF) presented the Climate Champions project to entrepreneurs and SMEs, owners and managers, interested in upskilling on the topic of climate change, sustainability and culture of change to apply the knowledge into practice.

The main topic of the event was turning climate changes into business opportunities, sustainable innovation, and culture of change, and empowering eco behaviour of business to fight climate change. Vihra Andonova from EPF shared with the audience good practices from the Compendium developed under the project and provided information about the other two project results – Theory of Change and Climate Change Community Champions course.

The main goal of this dissemination action was to raise discussion about the growing role of the circular business model to combat climate change. Trainers and trainees shared knowledge and experience and the outcome was better understanding of climate change, SDGs and how to reach their targets, and culture of change.

## GET SOCIAL WITH IT/ JOIN THE CLIMATE CRUSADE

Join the Climate Action Movement and Stay Up-to-Date with Climate Champions' Social Media Pages! Discover the latest news, PRs, and updates from our partners, as well as insightful information about climate change.

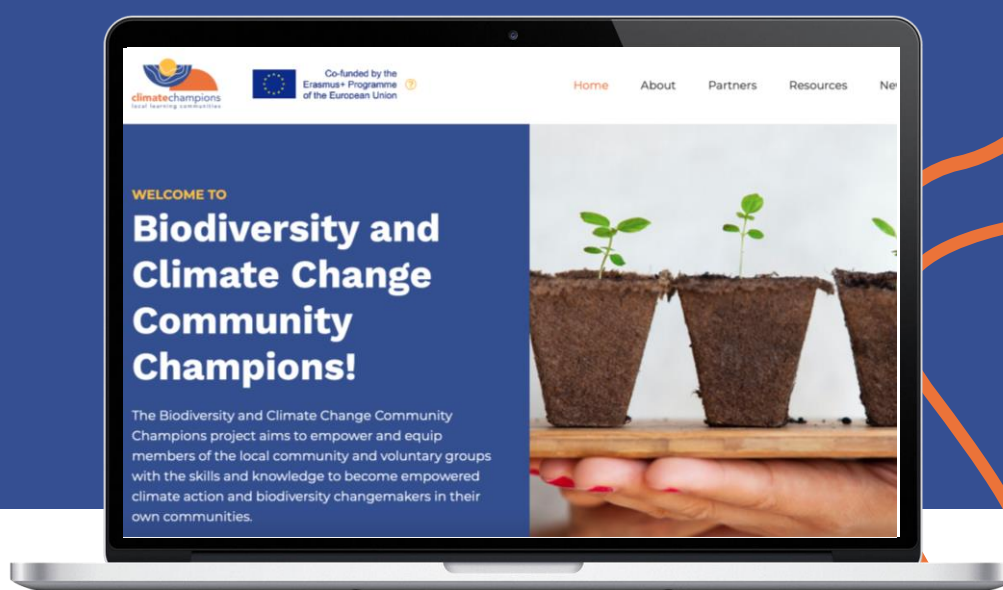
Explore fascinating topics such as the potential of transparent solar panels replacing windows in the future and delve into Biodiversity Ireland's Record of Biodiversity. Immerse yourself in the experience of being a Climate Champion.

Follow us on our social medias to get access to all of this and more!





## FOLLOW OUR JOURNEY



Our project started in November 2021 and will be finalised 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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