

Estonia - Green Talks

Title of inspiring practice	Green Talks (“Rohejutud”)
Geographical area	Estonia The initiative is implemented at national level.
Period of implementation	The initiative started in May 2022.
Rationale	Following the widely shared positive feedback, the “Green Talk” project is considered a successful example of a bottom-up initiative from VET experts that mostly represent VET institutions. Furthermore, the practice is distinguished for its simplicity and its limited cost.
Scope of the practice	VET institutions, Initial Vocational Education and Training, Continued Vocational Education and Training.
Educational level	In the national system EQF and EstQF levels 2-5, ISCED 251, 351, 354, 454, also further training courses for adults offered by VET institutions
Introduction and context	<p>The Estonian Erasmus+ agency and the national VET team, the representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research and the VET institutions, Estonian Education and Youth Board are the key stakeholders of the initiative.</p> <p>The driver for the initiative was the need to render VET policy making more interlinked with the green transition. Indeed, the practice responds to the need of raising awareness on green transition in VET systems and wants to map its enablers at the system level, developing schools’ learning, teaching and organisational practices and providing ideas for policymaking.</p> <p>The objectives of the initiative were to raise awareness and draft proposals and guidelines for policy developments on the green transition in VET.</p> <p>The practice aims at increasing the knowledge of the Erasmus+ funded national VET team and VET education institutions promoting green skills and the green economy.</p> <p>The initiative mainly targets: National VET team, leading employees in VET institutions, and policy makers.</p> <p>In this context, the VET experts will be trained on the topic of green transition in the VET to better promote environmental sustainability through the Erasmus+ projects and proposals for policy making.</p> <p>The initiative received a grant of EUR 900 by Erasmus+ funding.</p>
Key activities and outcomes	<p>The initiative mainly consists in providing a ‘design-thinking training’, which aims at adopting creative and innovative approaches to the development of green skills and the promotion of the green transition in the Estonian VET. This ‘design-thinking training’ targets the national VET team, education policy makers, and selected VET institutions and providers.</p> <p>As part of the initiative, regular short vision webinars “Green Talks” (<i>Rohejutud</i>) were created for a wider audience, mainly on the topics of green transition in VET.</p> <p>Specifically, the first Green Talk webinar, led by Dr. Madis Vasser, took place on 13 May 2022 on Teams and involved about 40 participants. The second Green Talk webinar was</p>

	<p>held on 9 September by Maryi Tiido at the presence of 53 participants and focused on circular economy skills. The third Green Talk webinar took place on 23 September 2022 and hosted Killu Maidla, the CEO of the Estonian Hotel and Restaurant Association, with about 31 users participating to the team meeting.</p> <p>Furthermore, three more meetings will be organised in the next months.</p> <p>The initiative also included inspiring short meetings, discussions with visionaries of sustainable development, circular economy, climate actions, energy, research and innovation, etc. Finally, the initiative also entailed the thematic development of seminars on green transition in VET named “Green awakening” and targeted to national VET team and leading employees in VET institutions.</p> <p>The “Green Talk” meeting just started, so the outputs of such activities will be summarised later on.</p>
Contacts and sources	<p>rasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Agency Education and Youth Board Estonia</p> <p>Ministry of Education and Research Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training Policy and Lifelong Learning Department Area of Vocational Education and Training</p> <p>Additional information: www.harno.ee https://eeagentuur.ee/uritused/rohejutud-kulas-on-mayri-tiido/</p>
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