

Centre of Vocational Excellence in Urban Greening Landscape Factory Romania

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ROMANIA

This Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) is neither a project, nor a partnership. It is a new VET entity created together by a VET school, a company and an NGO. The new entity has its own structure and governance, and its own objectives.

The CoVE tackles vocational education and training related to sustainable development issues with the aim to increase the knowledge and skills required to address climate adaptation, biodiversity and well-being in the urban, green living environment, and to broaden the expertise among professionals

Geographical area

National level in Romania

Period of implementation

Starting date: 1 November 2020

Ongoing

Scope of the practice

Initial Vocational Education
Continuing Vocational Education and Training
VET teacher training

Educational level

European Qualifications Framework (EQF) levels 3 to 5
VET teachers training (non EQF)

Introduction and context

Founders of CoVE Romania Landscape Factory:

- Cezar Nicolau Technological High School, Brănești
- RPR birou de studii contemporane (company)
- WorldSkills Romania Foundation (NGO)

with the support of the National Center for TVET Development.

Landscape Factory was established through a Memorandum of Understanding.

To achieve its goals, the founders attracted **funding from more than 10 sources** (more than EUR 433.000 since 2020) and cooperate with **various other partner organisations** (more than 60) at national and European level.

At the European level, CoVE Romania Landscape Factory is part of the European Urban Greening Platform - a network that brings together similar centres from 5 other EU Member States.

Objectives of Landscape Factory Romania:

- To develop **curriculum** for initial and continuous training in the field of urban greening in Romania.
- To develop **guidance / support materials** for urban greening activity in Romania, dedicated to professionals in the field, public authorities and VET schools.
- To increase **awareness** regarding the field of urban greening in Romania.
- To create **learning opportunities and contexts** for students, teachers and professionals in the field, including through the internationalisation in the field of urban greening

Key activities and outcomes

Main achievements:

- The Training Standard and curricula for **the new qualification** - Urban Gardner - is under development in cooperation with 5 VET schools of agriculture, 3 companies and one professional association.

Next step: adopting the new qualification in the educational offer of at least 3 schools.

- **3 weeks training for students on Urban Biodiversity**, at Green Academy, Denmark. 25 students, EQF level 4.

- **1 week training course for VET teachers**, on Teaching Urban Greening, at Green Academy, Denmark. 15 VET teachers from 6 schools.

Impact: 2 new teaching subjects on urban greening (EQF 3) dedicated to students of horticulture were developed and they have been implemented since Sept 2023.

- In the courtyard of Cezar Nicolau Technological High School, **the first outdoor training area for urban greening** is created. Students and adults training courses will be delivered there.

4 new partners were attracted in the creation of this space:

- Ilfov County Council
- Branesti Municipality (city hall)
- World Vision Romania
- Asociația Centrul de Excelență pentru Resurse Educaționale Agro-Alimentare și Dezvoltare Durabilă

- **The Atlas of Professions and Competences in Urban Greening in Romania** – Sept – Dec 2021

Research report of over 80 pages mapping the existing professions in the Urban Greening sector in Romania and the competences required by them.

Partner: Department for Sustainable Development from the Romanian Government

- **Education for Biodiversity in Urban Areas** – Jan – Jun 2023

40 hours training and awareness programme for lower and upper secondary education students and teachers (including non-VET) – strengthening the educational column of green education.

Participants:

- Over 50 schools all around Romania
- 17.000 students
- Over 200 teachers

Partners:

- ASOP – Asociația Peisagistilor din Romania
- Raiffeisen Bank



SOURCES

[The Atlas of Professions and Competences in Urban Greening in Romania](#)

[Education for Biodiversity in Urban Areas, 40h training programme](#)

[European Platform for Urban Greening](#)