

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	YOUNGDEAL: Youth responses to COVID19 by Green Deal
<b>Participant:</b>	PODJETNISKI INKUBATOR KOCEVJE, JAVNI ZAVOD ZA PODJETNISTVO, IZOBRAZEVANJE IN DRUGE DEJAVNOSTI (Inkub. Kocevje),
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	4
<b>Event name:</b>	WP4: THE GREEN FUTURE OF EUROPE
<b>Type:</b>	Workshop.
<b>In situ/online:</b>	<i>In-situ</i>
<b>Location:</b>	Slovenia, Kocevje
<b>Date(s):</b>	18 of April – 21 of April
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://youngdeal.eu/news/">https://youngdeal.eu/news/</a>
Participants	
Female:	32
Male:	20
Non-binary:	0
DIPUTACION PROVINCIAL DE ALICANTE (Dipu Alicante), Spain.	2 male, 1 female
BALKANSKA AGENCIYA ZA USTOYCHIVO RAZVITIE (Balkan Agency), Bulgaria.	2 male, 1 female
KARCAG VAROSI ONKORMANYZAT (KARCAG), Hungary.	1 male, 2 female
COMUNE DI CERVIA (CERVIA), Italy.	1 male, 2 female
PANEVEZIO Miesto SAVIVALDYBES	3 female

ADMINISTRACIJA (PMSA), Lithuania.			
FUNDACJA AUTOKREACJA (AUTOKREACJA), Poland.	2 female		
MUNICIPIO DE AMARANTE (Amarante), Portugal.	3 female		
PODJETNISKI INKUBATOR KOCEVJE, JAVNI ZAVOD ZA PODJETNISTVO, IZOBRAZEVANJE IN DRUGE DEJAVNOSTI (Inkub. Kocevje), Slovenia	14 male, 18 female		
Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	8

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

**Project: 101053452 YOUNGDEAL  
WP4: THE GREEN FUTURE OF EUROPE**

**Kočevje, 18 April - 21 April 2023**

**AGENDA****18/4/2023 - ARRIVAL DAY (Tuesday)**

<b>9:00 - 18:00</b>	<b>Arrival of the participants, check in</b>
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Welcome dinner at Tri zvezde, Pri Unionu 32, 1330 Kočevje</b>

**19/4/2023 (Wednesday)**

<b>7:00 - 8:45</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>8:45</b>	<b>Leaving the hotel by foot</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Meeting at Kočevje Secondary School, TZO 22, 1330 Kočevje</b>
<b>9:15 - 10:30</b>	<b>Welcoming session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- welcome speech (Marko Stijepić, Melita Oražem, Andrej Mladenovič)</li> <li>- short introduction of participants - 3 min</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>Workshop (creative workshop with high school students)</b>
<b>12:30 - 13:15</b>	<b>Guided walk to Lake Kočevje past the farmers market and tourist centre</b>
<b>13:15 - 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch at Ribič bar, Trdnjava 8, Kočevje</b>

14:30 - 17:15	Free time		
17:15	Leaving the hotel by foot		
17.30	Meeting point at Sports hall Kočevje, Cesta na stadion 7, 1330 Kočevje and leaving to Hill Fridrihštajn by bus		
18:00 - 22:00	Dinner by the bonfire in a forest cabin on the Hill Fridrihštajn		
<b>April 20/4/2023 TRIP AROUND KOČEVSKO (Thursday)</b>			
7:00 - 8:45	Breakfast		
9:00 - 9:15	Leaving the hotel by bus		
9:45 - 10:30	Visit to organic farm Kocjančič (Gotenica) and tasting of dairy products		
10:45 - 12:30	Guided walk through the forest along "The Eagle's path" in Kočevska Reka		
12:45	Leaving by bus to Entrepreneurship Incubator Kočevje, Novomeška cesta 16, 1330 Kočevje		
13:15	Lunch at Business incubator Kočevje		
14:15 - 15:30	Meeting of the project partners regarding project activities and evaluation of the meeting		
16:00	Leaving to Kočevje by bus		
16:10	Free time		
18:30 - 20.30	Farewell Dinner at Cirus bar, Ljubljanska cesta 1, Kočevje		
20:30 - 22:00	Private concert at the alternative creative centre Vezenina (Vezenina Creative Centre, Ljubljanska cesta 7a, 1330 Kočevje)		
<b>21/4/2023 - DEPARTURE DAY (Friday)</b>			
7:00 - 9:00	Breakfast and check-out		
9:00	Departure of the participants		
<b>PROJECT PARTICIPANTS</b>			
Country	total number of participants from total number of countries of residence of the participants	the sex disaggregated data on the participation i.e. total number of women, men and non-binary people	number of participants per number of country residence of the participant

1. Italy	3/8	1 MALE, 2 FEMALE	3/1
2. Hungary	3/8	1 MALE, 2 FEMALE	3/1
3. Spain	3/8	2 MALE, 1 FEMALE	3/1
4. Lithuania	3/8	3 FEMALE	3/1
5. Bulgaria	3/8	2 MALE, 1 FEMALE	3/1
6. Poland	2/8	2 FEMALE	2/1
7. Portugal	3/8	3 FEMALE	3/1
8. Slovenia	32/8	14 MALE, 18 FEMALE	32/1
TOTAL	52/8	20 MALE, 32 FEMALE	52/8

#### 18/4/2023 - ARRIVAL DAY (Tuesday)

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*First dinner of project partners*

**19/4/2023 (Wednesday)**

The guests gathered at the Kočevje Gymnasium and Secondary School, where they were welcomed by the Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Kočevje, Andrej Mladenovič, the Director of the Kočevje Business Incubator, Marko Stijepič, and the Head of the Kočevje People's University, Melita Oražem. The purpose of the two-day meeting was introduced and the course of the two-day visit was presented.

A presentation film of the Municipality of Kočevje and Destination Kočevsko was screened, followed by a short presentation of the participants.

The Director presented to the participants all the basic elements of the Green Gateway. Climate change and environmental change pose a vital threat to the European Union and the world. To overcome these challenges, the European Green Deal is a new European growth strategy that will transform the EU into a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy. The European Green Deal aims to make Europe climate neutral by 2050, boost the economy with green technology, create sustainable industry and transport, and reduce pollution. Turning climate and environmental challenges into opportunities will make the transition fair and inclusive for all.

The Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Kočevje, Andrej Mladenovič, went on to introduce the Kočevje cooperative company Treasures of Kočevje and the Kočevje Market and stressed the importance of involving local food producers in the local and wider environment.

After the presentations, the participants took part in a guided group game and debate with the didactic game "Kostrukta". Konstrukta is a simple and authentic wooden didactic toy for all generations made in Kočevje. The wooden game Konstrukta is a recipient of the "Made in Slovenia" mark of excellence and is an example of a green product. It develops logical thinking, strengthens attention and perseverance and soothes with the pleasant feeling of wood. The coordinated movement of the hands and eyes influences fine motor skills and increases spatial imagination. Through play, participants devised solutions to the challenges of the green passage, explored, solved problems and learned technical laws.



*Director Marko Stijepič and Head of the People's University Melita Oražem*





*Deputy Mayor Andrej Mladenović*



*Participants learn about the local wooden didactic toy "Konstrukta"*

After the group dynamics, the guests actively participated with the students of the Kočevje Secondary and High School. A group of 2nd year students from Kočevje High School presented their active work within the interdisciplinary GRETA theme. The name of the group comes from Greta Tintin Eleonora Ernman Thunberg. She is an environmental activist who, as a minor in 2018, communicated to the whole world her fight to improve the environment and the state of the planet. The students presented the main activities in this field that they are facing and looking for solutions: the importance of pollinators, the usefulness of high perches, virtual water consumption, reducing plastic waste. A discussion was developed alongside young people to address the challenges in the context of the EU's NextGeneration programme and the Green Transition for a Green Economy. Young people advocate the preservation of our natural environment. They are advocating for improving the water quality of our rivers and seas, reducing waste and plastic waste, preserving natural meadows, creating green spaces in our cities, preserving wild pollinators, increasing the use of renewable energy and greening agriculture to make our food healthier.

The second part of the workshops with young people introduced finger knitting methods from waste clothing. The young people presented the importance of collecting and re-using clothes and knitted useful tepees and textile mats. The workshop involved all the participants of the meeting. During the workshop, the young people presented the benefits of separate collection, re-use and recycling of clothes and textiles: Saving raw materials, less pollution of the environment due to less need for the production of primary fibres (plant, animal and man-made), which require huge amounts of water, pesticides, mineral fertilisers and various chemicals, less textiles and clothes being dumped in landfills (saving landfill space, reducing greenhouse gas emissions - anaerobic decomposition of natural fibres produces methane, which is 21 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> in causing global warming), new jobs.





### High school students present the interdisciplinary GRETA theme



### Students demonstrate finger knitting methods from waste clothing to the meeting participants

Kočevje is a land largely covered by forest, so there are plenty of opportunities for green tourism. One of these tourist possibilities is to rent a forest hut, which offers the opportunity to relax, unwind and experience outdoor life in unspoilt nature.

We wanted to show this experience to our participants, so in the afternoon we transported them to a wooden hut on the local hill Fridrihštajn. We walked to the ruins of the castle at the top of the hill, which is also a lookout point, and then had an al fresco dinner by the fire.





*At the top of Fridrihštajn Hill*



*Ruins of Fridrihštajn Castle*



*Dinner and fireside gathering*

**April 20/4/2023 TRIP AROUND KOČEVSKO (Thursday)**

The day was devoted to a tour of good practices on the ground and a presentation of "green jobs".

*Tour of the Kocjančič organic farm*

We took a bus to Gotenica to visit the Kocjančič Organic Farm, the second largest organic farm in Slovenia. It is run by three brothers, aged 25 and 28. The family farm was handed over to them by their father a few years ago, so they are continuing the tradition of certified production and processing of milk and dairy products. They supply all the local educational institutions and the largest grocery chain in Slovenia.

The Kocjančičs' farm covers around 150 hectares of land, two-thirds of which is used for mowing and one-third for grazing. They have 240 cows that can roam freely all year round, as they have built an open barn that allows them to keep the animals in a friendly way. The young farmers are also continuously modernising their farming, for example, milking the cows is already done robotically.

We were able to see how the cows are milked and taste delicious homemade yoghurts and cheeses.

*A walk along the Eagle Trail with guide Petra Draškovič Pelc*

In Slovenia, 60% of the land is covered by forest, and Kočevje is an area where the forest cover is around 85%. There are many opportunities for green - forest tourism in our area. A guided walk along the Eagle's Forest Learning Trail introduced all participants to a piece of our story.

The Eagle Trail is a forest nature trail located in the forest reserve at Lake Reška in Kočevska Reka. It was created in 2017 as part of the LIFE Kočevsko project and raises awareness about the complexity of ecological processes and the importance of protecting the White-tailed Eagle, an endangered species on our soil.

We were guided along the trail by a local woman, Petra Draškovič Pelc, who has been working as a self-employed entrepreneur since 2015, dealing with sustainable tourism in the Kočevje region, especially with the promotion of nature - the forest (guided tours, trainings, photographic excursions, writing and publishing articles and photographs in world-famous magazines). She is a professional photographer, a responsible nature guide, a certified tourist guide and an interpretive guide. She presented the importance of the Eagle Trail, the forest reserve and the conservation of nature and the habitat of the White-tailed Eagle.

We finished the working day at the Kočevje Business Incubator, where the director of the institute presented a successful project - the Career Centre for Young People, which ran for two years and involved 10 primary schools and over 1000 young people, as well as successful Kočevje companies.

We concluded the day with a summary of impressions and ideas for future meetings with the project partners. We used a special method with post-it notes, where partners told us what was good and worth keeping for the future, what they didn't like and what they missed from the meeting.





*Young farmer Vito Kocjančič talks about working on an organic farm*





*Organic cheese and yoghurt tasting*



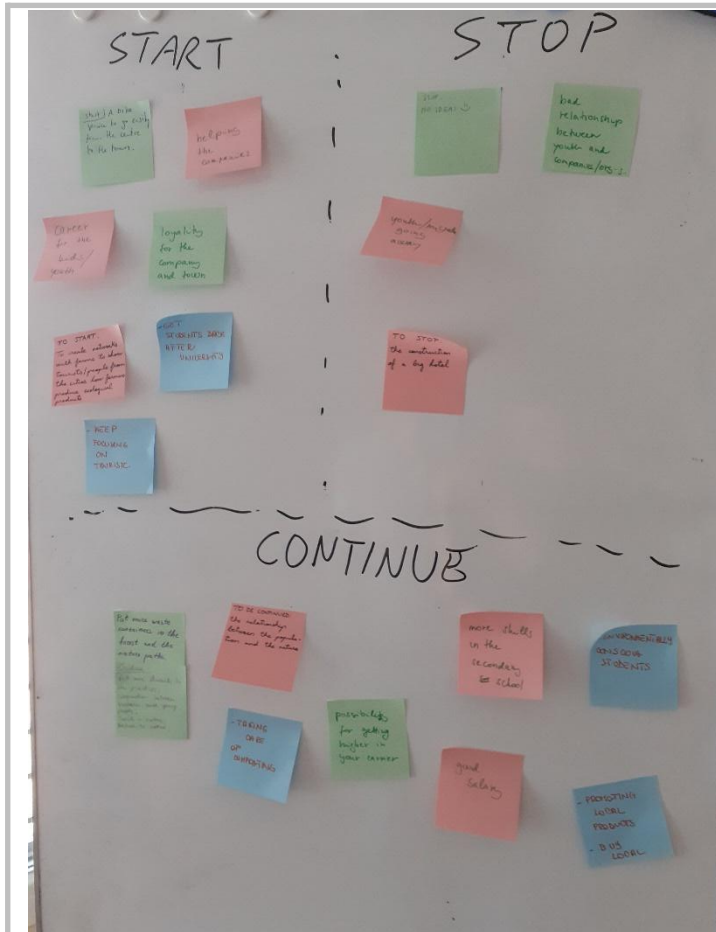
*A walk along the Eagle Trail with local guide Petra Draškovič Pelc*



*Director Marko Stjepić presents a successful youth project and Kočevje companies*



*Summarising impressions at the end of the meeting*



The "Start, Stop, Continue" method for

getting feedback





*Closing dinner and last exchanges of impressions*

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).