

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[8] - [COMUNE DI SARMEDE] ([short name])
PIC number:	[925815628]
Project name and acronym:	[GREEN_YOUTH: Climate Change awareness through Youth to promote a sustainable Europe in beside of Covid19] — [GREEN_YOUTH]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[Event 8 # WP8]
Event name:	[Institutional presentation and final event: The Europe we want in Sarmede (Italy)]
Type:	[Workshops and Conference]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Italy], [Sarmede]
Date(s):	[23-26 September 2024]
Website(s) (if any):	https://greenyouth.es/esp/noticias
Participants	
Female:	73
Male:	69
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [ITALY]:	122
From country 2 [SPAIN]:	2
From country 3 [NETHERLANDS]:	3
From country 4 [GREECE]:	3
From country 5 [PORTUGAL]:	3
From country 6 [GERMANY]:	3
From country 7 [ROMANIA]:	3

From country 8 [HUNGARY]:	3		
Total number of participants:	142	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING:

- COORDINATOR Ayuntamiento de Utiel
- Partner Újszilvás Község Önkormányzata (Hungary)
- Partner STIFTUNG ZUKUNFT BERLIN (Germany)
- Partner ASOCIATIA SE POATE (Romania)
- Partner Gemeente Rhenen (Netherlands)
- Partner DIMOS AGION ANARGIRON-KAMATEROU (Greece)
- Partner COMUNE DI SARMEDE (Italy)
- Partner ASSOCIACAO EDUCPRO (Portugal)

OBJECTIVES:

- To report project results
- To generate conclusions to foster youth involvement in green activities.
- To consolidate a sustainable network for a future cooperation
- To gather opinion on the satisfaction with the activities carried out during the project
- To implement communicative action to disseminate the project outcomes and encourage similar initiatives across local communities

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES

After nearly two years of cooperation on different aspects of sustainability, the GREEN YOUTH project partners gathered in Sarmede to celebrate the results of their work and share it with the citizens.

During the 4-day meeting, more than 140 people, including 73 secondary school children from 4 municipalities (Cappella Maggiore, Fregona, Sarmede and Colle Umberto) were able to benefit from the results produced by the GREEN YOUTH project both locally and internationally.

Day 1 - 23 September 2024

On the first day of the meeting, delegations from the 7 partner countries (Spain, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Germany, Holland, Portugal) arrived in Italy. The Municipality of Sarmede provided a bus that picked up the partners at Venice airport, which is about an hour's journey from Sarmede, and then transferred them all to the Hotel 'Al Giardinetto' where the Municipality had booked rooms for their stay.

Once the participants had taken possession of their rooms, the group, which was also joined by the young people who made up Sarmede's GREEN YOUTH team and some representatives of the municipal administration, shared a welcome dinner at the hotel. The evening was an opportunity to see those who had already met in the previous meetings and to establish relations with the new participants.

Day 2 - 24 September 2024

The second day began with a welcome from the Mayor of Sarmede, Larry Pizzol, to all participants in the evocative setting of the Štěpán Zavřel Museum. The Mayor emphasised how important this project was for the community, thanking the partners for all that had been shared in the various meetings held previously, and addressing special thanks to the group of 13 young people who, selected in April 2023, formed the local GREEN YOUTH group in Sarmede and have consistently followed the project activities and brought their own contribution to the promotion of a sustainable approach in the various spheres of community life.

After the greetings, the participants held a workshop in which the work carried out throughout the project was analysed and the good practices gathered in the various areas addressed were highlighted. Each partner presented its proposals also supported by multimedia contributions (ppts, videos, etc.). Then, having to select the most significant proposals to be considered for sharing with the European Climate Pact, a specific theme was defined for each country and the 8 project teams each shot a short video with their proposal for concrete action (TO TAKE ACTION) for improvement.

In line with the objectives of the project, the Municipality of Sarmede presented the participants with an aluminum water bottle with the project logos to always have water with them.





THE GREEN YOUTH PROPOSALS FOR THE CLIMATE PACT

Let's take action

- Education - PORTUGAL
- Health - GREECE
- Public management - SPAIN
- Energy efficiency - GERMANY
- Water management - ITALY
- Citizens engagement - NETHERLANDS
- Youth engagement - ROMANIA
- Fighting scepticism - HUNGARY



Sarmede, 24th September 2024



After the workshop, the participants had the opportunity to participate in a **guided tour of the museum and the works of Štěpán Zavřel**, as well as take a guided tour of part of the frescoes that Zavřel himself and other artists created in the houses of the municipality of Sarmede.



Štěpán Zavřel's art is closely connected to the theme of environmental sustainability, in fact many of his paintings and also his fables refer to the problem of water management and climate change (the fate of Venice submerged by water). In this regard, Sarmede is in the process of defining 4 fairy tale itineraries that will develop among the woods of the area, linked to 4 themes related to the objectives of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. The guide explained to the participants not only the techniques used by Zavřel, but also the various levels of interpretation of both

his paintings and his fables, in which one can find many messages geared towards supporting the dissemination of a civic conscience, of environmentally friendly behaviour on both a naturalistic and social level. This experience highlighted how art can be a very effective tool for sharing and disseminating good practices.



After the tour of the frescoes, all participants had lunch together.

In the afternoon, the partners took part in a ***study visit to the 'FEEDUCIA' farm***, which practices a particular type of agriculture defined as 'regenerative', i.e. which aims to rationalise resources: doing better, with less. Feeding plants properly, without impoverishing the soil but rather regenerating it, reducing emissions and the impact on biodiversity.



This approach is based on five principles:

- Regenerate the soil, by adopting practices capable of increasing its fertility and limiting soil erosion, especially in the hills and mountains, choosing innovative scientific practices while enhancing local specificities and cultures.
- Regenerating ecosystems and biodiversity, reducing environmental contamination due to the use of synthetic chemicals, valorising farm waste in the area, efficiently managing water and agro-sylvo-pastoral resources.
- Regeneration of relations between living beings, on the dignity of people and animals, favouring labour and exchange relations based on the protection of rights and transparency.
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- Integration of livestock farming and crop rotation, to improve soil fertility through animal manure and interrupt cycles of pests and diseases.



This experiential moment, closely linked to the project themes, allowed participants to assimilate this philosophy and experience first-hand what it means to 'do better with less'.

In fact, after listening to a presentation by Antonio Segat, owner of the farm, and visiting the premises, the participants were involved in an activity of digging up the soil to manage rainwater in favour of crops in drier areas and at the same time to drain those where it stagnates more.

Moreover, partners planted a tree in the farm area.





After the activity there was a downpour and Antonio sent to partners some videos to demonstrate how the activity had actually worked well.

In the evening partners shared the dinner in the “Al Tabialà” restaurant.

Day 3 - 25 September 2024

On the morning of the 3rd day, the **GREEN YOUTH project dissemination conference “THE EUROPE WE WANT”** was held to disseminate the project outcomes and encourage similar initiatives across local communities.



In the Auditorium Theatre of Sarmede more than more than 140 people, including 73 secondary school children from 4 municipalities (Cappella Maggiore, Fregona, Sarmede and Colle Umberto) attended the presentation of the activities carried out with the project and were able to appreciate a series of speeches that, from different points of view, transferred experiences and scientific information related to environmental sustainability and beyond.

The conference was opened by the young people from the local GREEN YOUTH group from Sarmede, who presented the project, all the activities carried out and the good practices learned.

This was followed by a talk by Ketty Gallon, the Italian representative of the GEMS Global Ambassadors programme promoted by the GEMS Legacy School in Dubai, and by Silvia Gasparetto,

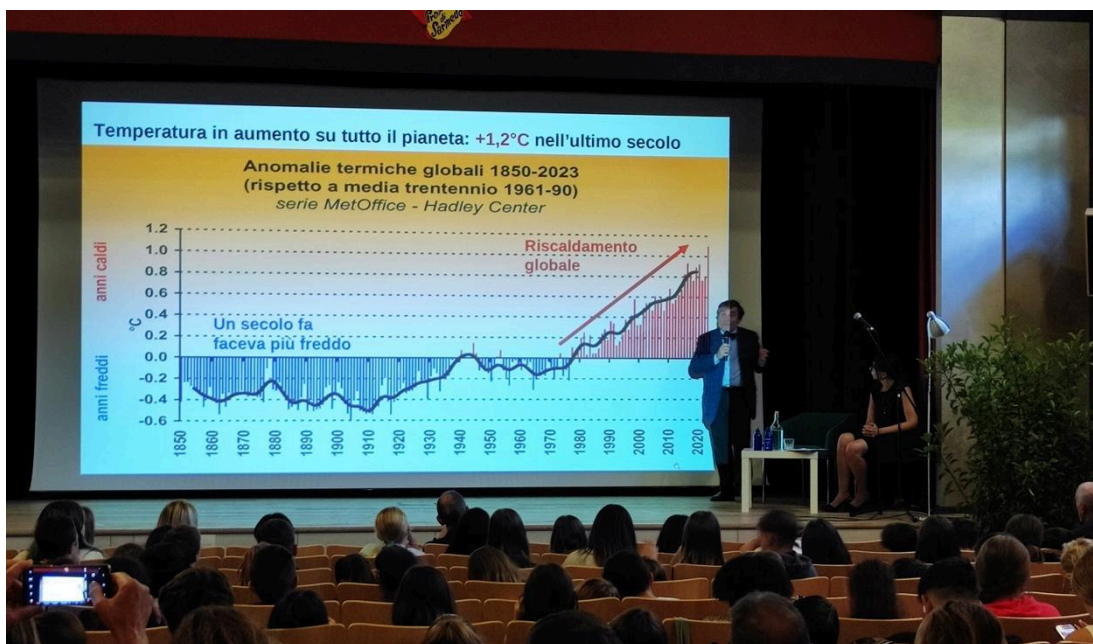
art and image teacher at the Comprehensive Institute of Cappella Maggiore, which includes four municipalities (Cappella Maggiore, Sarmede, Fregona and Colle Umberto). They presented a project done with middle school children (11-14 years old) entitled "Young ambassadors of sustainability" linked to the theme of sustainability which was selected and participated in the fourth edition of the School Conference of Parties Exposition, an important forum school, underway in Dubai, in conjunction with Cop28.

Participants, besides, could also appreciate the speech of Mrs. Asha Alexander, Principal and CEO, GEMS Legacy School and Executive Leader - Climate Change, GEMS Education where she congratulates the Municipality of Sarmede and the youngsters for the great job they are doing in favour of the environment.



Finally, there was the intervention of the prof. Luca Mercalli Climatologist, president of the Italian Meteorological Society, editor of Nimbus magazine, science journalist for RAI (Italian Radio and Television Broadcasting Spa) and Il Fatto Quotidiano, Climate Pact Ambassador of the European Union, who has given more than 3100 lectures and authored dozens of books on climate and the environment. The prof. Mercalli gave an overview of the evolution of the climate from ancient times to today and highlighted all the elements and phenomena that led to the changes we are experiencing today, scientifically explaining to the participants the risks and also the strategies both at a personal level and of the local communities that can be implemented at a global level to be able to mitigate overheating in time.





The Conference was greatly appreciated by all the participants who animated the session dedicated to dialogue with the public at length with questions and observations.

In the end, the Mayor of Sarmede gave all participants the certificate of participation to the event.





After the conference, partners had a lunch together at the “Amici al bar”.

In the afternoon, participants participated to the **“Networking groups for sustainable cooperation” session**. This moment was conceived in the model of Lighting Decision Jam session in order to define the key aspects for a sustainable cooperation.

The Lightning Decision Jam methodology, is a structured approach to efficiently identify challenges, generate ideas, and prioritize solutions. Participants, including project partners from *Green Youth*, worked collaboratively to address the challenge: *“How can we foster sustainable collaboration among young people and communities for environmental initiatives, ensuring engagement, resource sharing, longevity, and measurable impact?”* The session involved analyzing key pain points, brainstorming actionable solutions, and creating an action plan. At the end of the session, each group summarized their reflections and outcomes by creating a 1.5-minute video capsule. This methodology facilitated active participation, effective decision-making, and strategic planning to strengthen sustainable cooperation.





At the end of this session, **partners expressed their full satisfaction about the two years of project developed together and with the activities carried out during the project. All the partners wish to continue the collaboration in developing further initiatives together**, both about the GREEN YOUTH fields of action and in other ones.

To conclude the day and the project meeting activities with a tactile experience connecting participants to the Earth, a kind of ***guided meditation and practical work with the earth and seeds*** of native plants was carried out.

Participants, guided by the artist Elisabetta Trevisan, started modelling and decorating the earth with seeds collected from local fields and guided by the music, a kind of spiritual connection was created among all participants that shared a sense of belonging to a common planet and felt the vibrations of earth while they were modelling it.

It has been like an emotional summary of the two years of cooperation and sharing.



In the evening, partners shared the dinner at the “Da Nazareno” restaurant.

Day 4 - 26 September 2024

Partners departure.

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

