

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

EchoGreen PROJECT	
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Project name and acronym:	EchoGreen – Reshaping Our Environment EchoGreen

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Event number:	5
Project n°	101192646
Event name:	WP5 “EcoCycle 3R REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE”
Type:	Activities organized: Presentation, Project, Network Program CERV, Analyses, discussion on local impacts and experiences, Thematic Conferences, Interactive workshops, Seminars, Brainstorming, Press conferences, Dissemination and Networking for the Future.
In situ:	In situ
Location:	Cesis - Riga (Latvia)
Dates	From 14 to 17 April 2026
Website:	https://siggiewilc.gov.mt/en/homepage/news-and-events/
Participants	
Female:	47
Male:	23
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 Italy - MOVING EUROPE - COMUNE DI BARI	4
From country 2 Slovakia - OBEC ZALABA	1
From country 3 Malta KUNSILL LOKALI IS-SIGGIEWI	6
From country 4 Spain - Asociación Sociocultural Muxema	1
From country 5 Slovenia - OBCINA POSTOJNA	2
From country 6 Lithuania - KAUNO KOLEGIJA	2

From country 7 Cyprus EREVNITIKO KENTRO KAINOTOMIAS KAI AEIFORIAS TEFKROS LIMITED	1		
From country 8 Portugal MUNICIPIO DE VILA NOVA DE POIARES	2		
From country 9 Greece EPILEKTI OMADA EIDIKON APOSTOLON DIMOU THESSALONIKIS	1		
From country 10 Estonia PARNU LINN/ CITY OF PARNU	2		
From country 11 Bulgaria OBSHTINA LYASKOVETS	1		
From country 12 Latvia VIDZEMES PLANOSANAS REGIONS	45		
From country 13 Hungary HOLLOKO KOZSEG ONKORMANYZATA	2		
Total number of participants: International Participants Local Participants	70 25 45	From total number of countries: From Total number of partners:	13 14

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The EchoGreen Project is an environmental initiative promoted by the Siggiewi Local Council, aimed at raising awareness and encouraging action on issues such as environmental protection, climate change, the European Green Deal, and the Circular Economy. It brought together citizens, youth, policymakers, and experts to explore, learn, and collaborate on sustainable practices that ensure a greener future for coming generations.

The main goal of the project is to foster environmentally sustainable behaviours, promote positive community actions, and raise awareness about sustainable development in peripheral and hydro geologically vulnerable areas.

The initiative operated through a strong European partnership comprising 14 organizations across 13 EU countries: Malta, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, Lithuania, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Latvia, and Bulgaria.

A key focus of the project was the 3Rs Philosophy, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle encouraging participants to adopt this mindset as a daily habit. The project sought to instil a strong sense of environmental responsibility, transforming sustainability into a conscious lifestyle.

Target Groups - The primary target audiences included:

Political representatives

Civil society organizations and associations

Citizens and young people

Experts in climate, sustainability, and circular economy fields

The 5th event of the EchoGreen project took place in Cesis – Riga (Latvia) and welcomed 70 participants in total, 45 local and 25 international.

The event aimed to:

Publicly present the EchoGreen Project and its goals

Build capacities among staff and managers

Facilitate knowledge-sharing among participants from different countries

Promote civic engagement and local awareness of European environmental strategies

Main Activities Included:

T5.1 – Arrival of participants, check-in, administrative briefings, and welcome reception

T5.2 – Capacity-building workshops for project staff and managers

T5.3 – Round Table “EcoCycle 3R REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE”

T5.4 – Interactive Workshop: “Sustainable Development & Circular Economy”

T5.5 – Brainstorming “3R Strategy for Waste Management”

T5.6 – My project, from spectator to protagonist Future Cooperation, New Project Ideas

T5.7 – School Simulation: The Factory of the Future – The Sustainable City

T5.8 – Communication and Visibility: Dissemination and Enhancement of Results

T5.9 – Lab-Idea Session: Brainstorming and gathering input for the “Decalogue EchoGreen” a symbolic document outlining ten environmental principles

T5.10 – Evaluation and Feedback Session: “Packing Your Impression”

The event “EcoCycle 3R Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” focused on promoting the philosophy of the 3Rs as a fundamental principle in everyday life. The concepts of reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling resources were presented not only as environmental practices, but as essential habits to be adopted consistently. Environmental sustainability was emphasized as a core value that should be deeply integrated into daily routines and decision-making processes.

Through active participation, the young people involved gained a better understanding of the mechanisms and dynamics of social life, as well as their own role and responsibility within a community. The activities encouraged reflection on how individual actions impact others and the environment.

Particular attention was given to the importance of raising awareness about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. It was highlighted that promoting a culture of sustainability requires continuous educational initiatives that guide young people toward developing a strong sense of responsibility and respect for the environment.

The event also included discussions and information-gathering sessions aimed at the development of the EcoGreen Decalogue, leading to the creation of practical actions and strategies for environmental protection.

During the session, participants engaged in a reflective discussion with students from Riga Stradiņš University, focusing on environmental sustainability, responsible citizenship, and the role of young people in promoting the principles of the 3Rs Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. They presented their perspectives, shared experiences from their respective countries, and highlighted best practices related to sustainable living and environmental awareness.

The participants also had the opportunity to visit the Latvian Parliament. The Saeima is the parliament of the Republic of Latvia. It's a unicameral body consisting of 100 members elected through proportional representation, with seats allocated to political parties that obtain at least 5% of the popular vote. The Saeima is an entirely elected body. All Latvian citizens, including naturalized citizens over the age of 18, are eligible to vote. Candidates must be eligible voters, be over 21 years of age, and meet specific legal criteria regarding background and eligibility.

The term of the Saeima is four years. There are five constituencies: Kurzeme (12 deputies), Latgale (14), Riga (35), Vidzeme (25), and Zemgale (14), with overseas votes counted within the Riga constituency.

The delegation also met Harijs Rokpelnis, Member of the Latvian Parliament. The discussion was dedicated to the role of policymaking in promoting environmental sustainability, the importance of youth engagement in democratic processes and how national strategies can support greener practices and responsible resource management.

In addition to policy discussions, the session addressed the Communication, Visibility, Dissemination, and Enhancement of Results of the Work Package. Ensuring that project outcomes are effectively shared and replicated was considered essential for maximizing impact. Participants also engaged in discussion and information gathering for the Decalogue EchoGreen, contributing to the development of practical actions and strategies for environmental protection at local and regional levels.

The 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) form the core hierarchy of the circular economy for sustainable waste management, aiming to reduce environmental impact and prevent the unnecessary use of resources by transforming the traditional linear “production–consumption–disposal” model into a more sustainable system. Reduce, the most important principle, focuses on minimizing waste at its source through conscious consumption, such as choosing products with less packaging, opting for durable goods, and limiting resource use; Reuse promotes extending the life cycle of items by using them multiple times or repurposing them before they become waste; while Recycle involves processing waste materials into new raw materials through physical or chemical methods, thereby reducing reliance on virgin resources and supporting a more efficient and environmentally responsible use of materials. The presentations placed particular emphasis on the principle of “Reduce”, highlighting the importance of minimizing waste in everyday life, especially in areas such as food, clothing, and general consumption. Participants explored practical ways to reduce waste at its source, including avoiding food overproduction and waste, choosing sustainable and long-lasting clothing, and making more conscious purchasing decisions. This focus reinforced the idea that small, individual actions can collectively contribute to significant environmental impact by limiting resource use and promoting more responsible consumption habits.

Decalogue EchoGreen

One of the key outcomes of this event was the collaborative development of the “Decalogue EchoGreen” a set of ten guiding principles agreed upon by all partner countries. This document aims to capture the shared vision and strategies of the project for environmental protection and sustainable living. The Decalogue will be presented during the final project meeting in Slovenia.

Impact and Outcomes

Through interactive learning, transnational exchange, and concrete actions, participants connected European policies to their local realities, gaining deeper insight into sustainability and civic responsibility. We create a Facebook page EchoGreen Project

<https://www.facebook.com/people/EchoGreen/61575320860111/>

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