

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Project n°	101192646
Event name:	WP6 European Strategy for Sustainable Development Goals SDGs
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:	Postojna – Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Dates	From 8 to 11 June 2026
Website:	https://siggiewilc.gov.mt/en/homepage/news-and-events/
Participants	
Female:	41
Male:	31
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	5
From country 4 Spain - Asociación Sociocultural Muxema	1
From country 5 Slovenia - OBCINA POSTOJNA	52
From country 6 Lithuania - KAUNO KOLEGIJA	

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From country 7 Cyprus EREVNITIKO KENTRO KAINOTOMIAS KAI AEIFORIAS TEFKROS LIMITED	2		
From country 8 Portugal MUNICIPIO DE VILA NOVA DE POIARES	1		
From country 9 Greece EPILEKTI OMADA EIDIKON APOSTOLON DIMOU THESSALONIKIS	1		
From country 10 Estonia PARNU LINN/ CITY OF PARNU	1		
From country 11 Bulgaria OBSHTINA LYASKOVETS	1		
From country 12 Latvia VIDZEMES PLANOSANAS REGIONS	1		
From country 13 Hungary HOLLOKO KOZSEG ONKORMANYZATA	1		
Total number of participants: International Participants Local Participants	72 20 52	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

6th Transnational Meeting: Postojna – Ljubljana (Slovenia) from 8 to 11 June 2026

The 6th event of the EchoGreen project took place in Postojna – Ljubljana (Slovenia) and welcomed 72 participants in total — 52 local and 20 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:

T6.1 – Arrival of participants, check-in, administrative briefings, and welcome reception

T6.2 – Capacity-building workshops for project staff and managers

T6.3 – Workshop **“European Strategy for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”**

T6.4 – Thematic Conference **Challenges on Sustainable Goals**

T6.5 – Brainstorming **Towards a new European Deal for the Future**

T6.6 – My project, from spectator to protagonist Future Cooperation, New Project Ideas

T6.7 – School Simulation: The Factory of the Future – The Sustainable City

T6.8 – Communication and Visibility: Dissemination and Enhancement of Results

T6.9 – Presentation of the **Lab-Idea Decalogue EchoGreen** Discussion and information gathering for the Creation of Actions and Strategies for Environmental Protection

T6.10 – Evaluation and Feedback Session: “Packing Your Impression”

Session dedicated to **“European Strategy for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”**

The attention of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, concentrated on social, economic and environmental macro areas, is therefore divided into 17 more specific Objectives, further divided into 169 targets, and strongly interconnected with each other, so much so that an intervention in one area has often have significant repercussions on others as well.

Sustainable Development directs towards a development capable of combining economic growth with environmental protection and respect for the principles of social equity.

Europe aims to be the first zero-impact continent by 2050. It is a challenging but also exciting objective because the EU would act as a driving force for the other continents, positioning itself as a world leader in the search for international alliances to define the rules that will have to ensure sustainable growth.

6th Event in Slovenia and the Municipality of Postojna

As part of the final project event, participants had the opportunity to visit Slovenia, widely recognised as one of the greenest countries in Europe and globally. Slovenia was the first country to be designated a “Global Green Destination” by Green Destinations, reflecting its strong commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible development.

The country's environmental achievements are reflected in several key indicators. Approximately 60% of Slovenia's territory is covered by forests, making it one of the most biodiverse countries in Europe. More than 13% of the national territory is under special protection, while over half of the country is managed for conservation purposes. The capital city, Ljubljana, was awarded the title of European Green Capital by the European Commission in recognition of its extensive pedestrian zones, urban green spaces, and advanced waste management systems. Slovenia is also internationally recognised for its sustainable tourism model through the Slovenia Green Tourism Scheme, which promotes environmentally responsible tourism practices.

Participants visited the Municipality of Postojna, located in southwestern Slovenia within the Primorje–Notranjska region. Strategically situated between Ljubljana, Trieste, Gorizia and Rijeka, Postojna serves as an important administrative, economic and tourism centre. The municipality covers an area of approximately 270 km² and has a population density of around 61 inhabitants per km².

Postojna is renowned for its unique karst landscape, rich natural heritage and extensive forest coverage, which exceeds 70% of the municipal territory. The local economy is strongly linked to tourism, agriculture and forestry. The municipality has successfully preserved its natural

environment while addressing specific ecological challenges associated with land management and regional development.

During the visit, participants were welcomed by representatives of the Municipality of Postojna, including Deputy Mayor Andrej Poljšak and Deputy Mayor Andrej Berginc, who presented the municipality's environmental policies, sustainable development initiatives and future priorities. Discussions focused on local governance, environmental protection, sustainable tourism and the role of municipalities in achieving the European Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The delegation also visited the Secondary School of Forestry, Wood Technology and Health Care in Postojna, where they were welcomed by Director Miha Uhelj. The institution has a long-standing tradition in vocational education, having provided forestry education for more than sixty years, wood technology education for over twenty-five years, and healthcare education since 2007.

Participants were introduced to the school's educational programmes, which prepare students for careers in forestry, carpentry, healthcare and related sectors, while also offering pathways to higher education. The school plays an important role in promoting sustainable resource management and environmental awareness among young people. In addition to secondary education, it provides adult learning opportunities and manages various facilities, including a student residence, youth hostel, restaurant and cultural amenities.

Particular attention was given to the school's active participation in European mobility programmes. For over two decades, students and staff have benefited from international training opportunities, enabling them to acquire practical experience, develop professional skills and enhance their employability within the European labour market. This commitment to international cooperation and lifelong learning closely reflects the objectives of the EchoGreen project and the broader values promoted through the CERV Programme.

The study visit provided participants with valuable insights into Slovenia's sustainability practices, environmental governance, vocational education systems and community-led approaches to sustainable development. It also reinforced the importance of international cooperation in promoting environmental awareness, active citizenship and the achievement of shared European goals.

Presentation of the Decalogue EchoGreen

During of the **Lab-Idea Decalogue EchoGreen** Discussion and information gathering for the Creation of Actions and Strategies for Environmental Protection.

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.

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).