



newsletter



ADAPTATION OF SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONS TO THE PREVENTION OF NATURAL RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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After the incredible face to face meeting in Athens in July (see Newsletter n.2!), the Social&Nature partners had to go back to remote cooperative work (see Newsletter n.3)... 2021 is time to draw the training content of the project on **Climatic phenomena, consequences, prevention and resilience** to help social workers to play a key role in addressing climate change issues for and with the most vulnerable population.

A new learning program on Climate change for Social workers

Climate change is a major environmental problem which has become an economic and social issue. Social & Nature wants to provide Social workers with a clear explanation of the phenomenon, its causes and effects, and help them to understand why it particularly affects the most vulnerable people and how to better transfer information and knowledge on this topic.

In a sad paradox, people with the most vulnerability often contributed the fewest greenhouse gas emissions through consumption and everyday living but are the most vulnerable to its negative impacts.

Older adults, people with low incomes, people with chronic health problems, recent migrants and refugees, and other vulnerable groups are less informed on the issue, its impacts and their prevention and, simultaneously, are directly affected by heat waves, floods, and other phenomenon related to climate change, without having access to technology advancement.

Social workers as change agents

Social & Nature tries to encourage climate-prevention and resilience to decrease this vulnerability, by supporting social workers in their role as mediator, educator and promoter of participatory, community-engaged approaches.

During the last months, Social & Nature partners **developed the training program** focusing on:

1. Understanding Climate change phenomenon
2. Understanding causes and impacts & the consequences on our daily life
3. Mitigation: reducing our impact on climate change
4. Adaptation to Climate change: preventing and reducing damages
5. And transversal competences requested for a better comprehension of a complex issue

Social & Nature targets improvement of individual behaviours that contribute to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: mitigation is about taking part in the challenge of fighting against climate change by working individually, and as a community, on the causes of the problem.

Social & Nature also aims at encouraging social workers to better prepare their target groups to anticipate the adverse effects of climate change on their life: adaptation is acting to prevent or minimize possible damage due to climate change and its impacts.

The Social & Nature e-learning program should help social workers to transmit their knowledge and engage their public targets in change.

This online training (IO3, led by MCE and IFRTS) will be directly accessible from the project platform: <https://www.socialandnature.eu/>

NEWS FROM SOCIAL & NATURE PARTNERS



ITALY - Activate Young People

Enaip Friuli Venezia Giulia is applying, as lead partner, in a call, worth 1M 800 thousand euros to develop awareness-raising, laboratory training and coaching programs for NEETs (Young People not engaged in Education, Employment or Training) on the topics of the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) and European Green Deal. The network is made by 59 partners belonging to Business Companies, No profit/for Benefit sector, Cooperatives, Municipalities, training agencies, Industrial clusters, Cultural Associations throughout the entire territory of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region (Italy).

Deadline 31 March. Stay tuned!



GREECE – The European Wetlands Ambassadors: a new sustainable job profile for unemployed persons

The Mediterranean Centre of Environment supports the Municipality of Alimos, region of Attiki-Greece, engaged in the European project AMHE-European Wetlands Ambassadors co-funded by the programme Erasmus+ of the EU. AMHE addresses long-term unemployed persons and proposes to set up a new job profile for “wetland ambassador”: the objective is to **improve the training and employability of people involved in operations of general interest aimed at enhancing and protecting European wetlands**, among the ecosystems most vulnerable to climate change. An e-learning program is developed by a consortium of 7 partners from France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Croatia and targets skills for maintenance/care of rivers and wetlands, but also environmental mediation, some notions of ecological engineering and transversal competences, in order to empower staff working in wetlands as “Wetlands Ambassador” and enhance their role in wetland management and protection.

Learn more on <http://amhe-project.eu/>



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