

Innovative building of ecological awareness and culture by developing environmental skills and shaping the attitudes of citizens with mental disabilities

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The **ECO-COMPASS** consortium is pleased to announce the first edition of the **ECO-COMPASS** project newsletter!

WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR?

1. We organized the 2nd transnational project meeting on 21st and 22nd September 2022 in Szombathely, Hungary. The meeting was attended by representatives of the project coordinator and partner organisations from Slovakia, Hungary and Romania. The objective of the meeting was to present the results of the project so far: identified examples of good practice focused on environmental education and raising ecological awareness, international conclusions and recommendations based on the ECO-World Café round-table discussions in partner countries, and approval of the final structures of Innovative Environmental Education ECO-COMPASS, including modules and topics.





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2. As a part of the activity "presentation of an example of good practice in the field of ecological education for adults with an emphasis on disadvantaged groups, including citizens with disabilities", was carried out a visit to an educational centre called "The Forest Eave Soul Farm ". The Forest Eave Soul Farm (Erdőszéli Lélekfarm) is located in the outskirts of Szombathely, in the Parkerdő (Park Forest), where eco-awareness applies to a maximum. Instead of a building, there is a yurt, a recycling toilet and a washbasin, a small lake, a bee pasture, a bug hotel await the visitors. Among the most important services of the Soul Farm are: organising summer camp for children, integrated with disabled children, community service for young people in the field of ecological education, one-day trainings helping to find back to ourselves, Face-to-face consultation, family adventure time drug prevention, mediation. The animals of the farm, who take part at work are: Boldizsár dog, the guard of the farm, Borka dog- the deputy of Boldizsár, the chief of the farm, Jancsi and Juliska - Cameroon dwarf goats, Mézga, the Cameroon little sheep, Vattacukor – the therapeutic horse, Nünü- pet rabbit.



- 3. As part of the first stage of educational materials preparation, educational videos were prepared on the following topics:
 - Ecological skills and competences in individual life
 - The importance of ecological values and attitudes in the family
 - Sustainable development in the workplace and work-life balance
 - Active participation in the creation of a green society





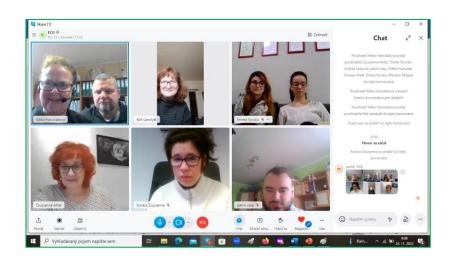
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4. We organized the 3rd transnational project meeting, which was held online on 24th and 25th November 2022 through online form. The meeting was attended by representatives of the project coordinator and partner organisations from Slovakia, Hungary and Romania. The partners presented prepared videos on all main topics and approved the schedule for the preparation of educational materials. As a part of the second stage, there will be created theoretical materials and outdoor interactive exercises for professionals. Subsequently, educational material in an easy-to-understand language will be prepared for the direct target group.



5. We have created the website of the ECO-COMPASS project: <u>https://eco-compass-project.eu/</u>





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