



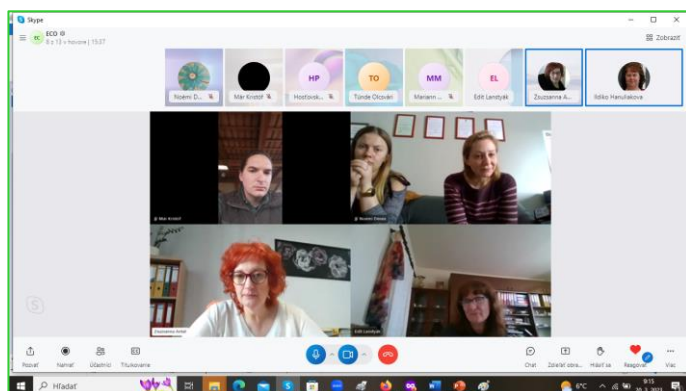
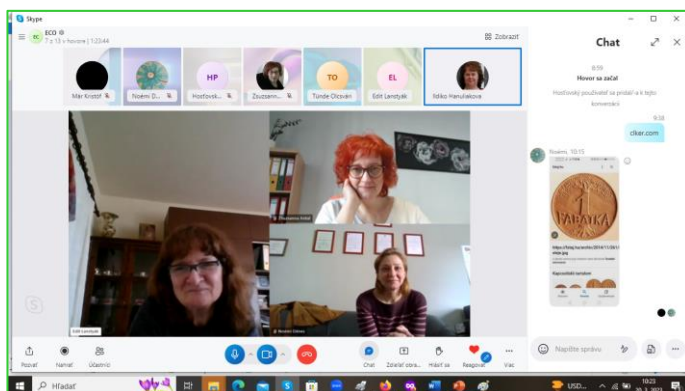
Innovative building of ecological awareness and culture by developing environmental skills and shaping the attitudes of people with mental disabilities

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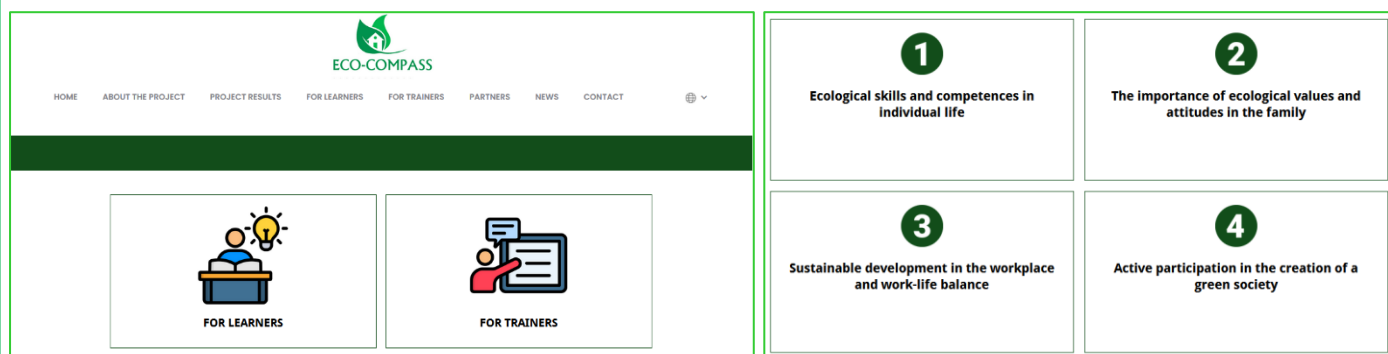
The **ECO-COMPASS** consortium is pleased to announce that the third edition of **ECO-COMPASS** project newsletter is ready!

WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR?

1. On 20 and 21 March 2023, we organised the 4th transnational project meeting in online format. The meeting was attended by the representatives of the project coordinator and the partner organisations. The main topic of the meeting was the presentation and the finalisation of ECO-COMPASS theoretical background material prepared for trainers and counsellors, including interactive outdoor exercises as well. Besides, we discussed in detail the innovative ECO-COMPASS eco-awareness materials to be made for direct target group, written in easy-to-understand language, which include questions, worksheets and tests in addition to the curriculum. We approved the process of testing, discussed the content of the evaluation questionnaires and the evaluation process. We also dealt with project management, the preparation of the interim report and the implementation of dissemination activities.

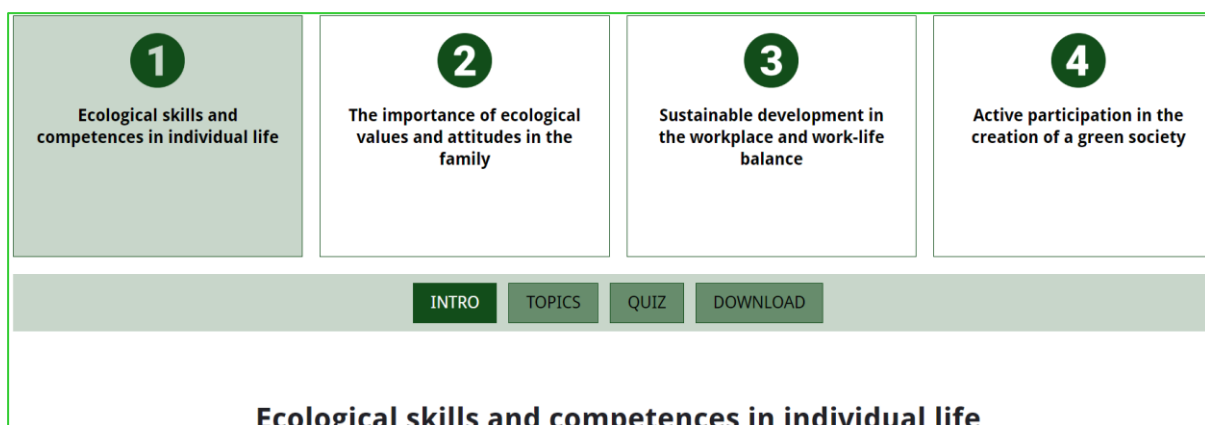


2. The ECO-COMPASS theoretical background material is prepared for trainers and counsellors who need to ensure in their daily activity that adults with mental disabilities can develop environmental skills and competences properly, shape their environmental attitudes and environmental awareness. The theoretical background material is available in four languages on the project website: <https://eco-compass-project.eu/education-platform-en.html>

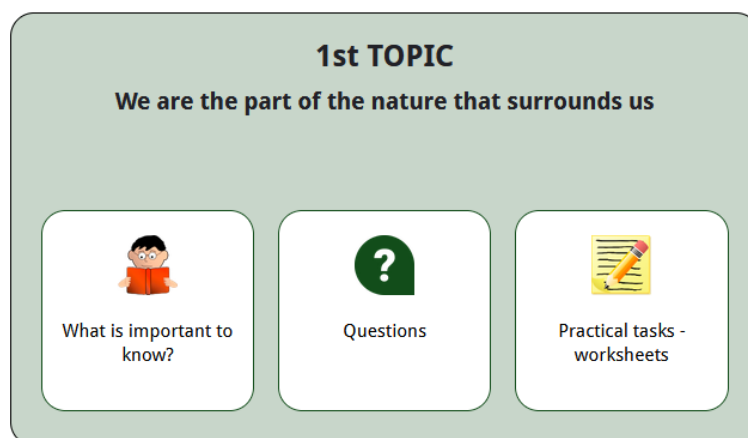


3. The next stage in the development of the ECO-COMPASS participant training materials continued with the production of the ECO-COMPASS innovative environmental education materials in easy-to-understand language, which include questions, worksheets and tests on the following topics, in addition to learning material consisting of four sub-topics per module:

- 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



Training materials can be found on the project website, even in the form of e-learning as well:
<https://eco-compass-project.eu/education-module01-pdf-en.html>



- On 13 and 14 September 2023, we organised the 5th International Project Meeting in Sfântu Gheorghe. The meeting was attended by the project coordinator and representatives of the partner organisations. At the meeting, we discussed project management and dissemination activities, evaluated the results of the project so far and discussed the tasks to be carried out. Partner organisations involved in the testing presented the testing process and outcomes of ECO-COMPASS Innovative Environmental Education. We discussed the preparation format of the evaluation report of the feedbacks given by the participants and approved each of chapters of the ECO-COMPASS project guide.



- In the framework of the 5th project meeting, international good practices targeting increasing environmental education and ecological awareness raising were completed by further experiences. As part of the activity "Showcasing examples of good practice in the field of ecological education for adults, with a special focus on disadvantaged groups, including citizens living with disabilities", we visited the Iris Farm in Valea Crişului (Sepsikőröspatak) and the social organic farm run by the "Three Doves Association" in Porumbenii Mici (Kisgalambfalva). The social organic farm has been operating since 2020. The association is housed in the old cantor's flat of the local Calvinist church, which has been renovated in line

with local traditions and customs. Its enthusiastic founders currently employ 7 people with disabilities in the organic gardening. During their warm hospitality, we sowed the rye seeds together with the disabled people present in the designated field.



- The testing of the ECO-COMPASS innovative environmental education materials written in easy-to-understand language took place from June to August 2023. Each of the three partner countries was involved in the testing, which involved a total of 30 participants. In Slovakia, the testing was carried out by the Association Supporting the Mentally Disabled in Dunajská Streda, and in Romania by the Iris House in Sfântu Gheorghe. In Hungary, the testing was organised at the "Erdőszéli Lélekfarm". The trainers assessed the content of the training material (theoretical part, questions, worksheets, quiz, outdoor exercises), its applicability, the atmosphere of the training and the online platform with maximum scores. The skills of the mentally disabled people improved during the training. They learnt to apply the acquired skills in their everyday life in the family and at work. They will also be glad to join any social activity the aim of which is to protect our environment.

Snapshots of testing in Hungary:



Snapshots of testing in Slovakia:



Snapshots of testing in Romania:



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