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We would like to reflect on having been a partner for the “GREEN PLAN TO PLANT (GREPLA-PLA)” project which took place in Camping of Kato Alisos, Kato Achaia, Patra, Greece, early July 2024. NGO ACPELIA from Cyprus is a long-term partner with NGO “INPLANET” and this project was another great case of collaboration between us. With the NGO INPLANET we had really closed cooperation last 3 years and this project was another one project that we cooperate with the NGO in the level up to facilitators. In the frame of it could send Cyprus youngsters as participants. According to participant's feedback and follow-up activity we state the following about the project:

The project's theme was climate change and global warming, and its main objective was to enable young people and their leaders to work together and strengthen their European citizenship, while simultaneously promoting inclusion, environmental awareness, and European consciousness. The specific objectives of the project were:

- Empowering the participants' European identity and raising awareness of the need for social participation to reduce climate change among European citizens.
- Encouraging young participants to think outside the box by providing their own ideas on green entrepreneurship.
- Gaining sustainable practices in their living and local realities, such as planning to plant trees and adopting sustainable cooking methods from different countries, while encouraging direct participation from young people in six countries and promoting the adoption of a responsible attitude regarding the reduction of energy consumption and waste.
- Understanding the differences between nations, making them more united through meetings between different cultures.
- Promoting the reduction of environmental pollution and fostering an understanding of the importance of a healthy living environment among community members.
- Supporting sustainable food and energy practices and generally maintaining a responsible attitude towards the reduction of energy use and waste.
- Learning to source food from local, physical sources through the knowledge of local people familiar with the area.
- Planting trees in cooperation with local authorities.

The facilitators and trainers managed to create a safe environment where young people were able explore how social inclusion can be transfers in entrepreneurship themes. The project itself was very well prepared. The schedule had a great balance of energizers, group work and self-knowledge sessions, cultural activities, outdoor activities, reflections, and time in the city. It was just enough time for the participants to gain new knowledge, discuss it with peers and process all of it just before they go back home. Everyone felt welcome and could ask for help or advice whenever it was needed. We are satisfied with the project and are currently working on dissemination activities.



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Finally, we are very pleased to have been a part of this project and consider it to be a successful one. The project's goals were achieved, and the results will soon be disseminated on the local level. We are grateful for all the support and experience our organization gained along the way. We are looking forward to future collaborations and would be glad to be partners again. The hosting organization has always been in contact with every partner and accordingly with us as well. The best point was everything was done according to the before decided schedule. Before the main project there have been several online meetings about the organizational stuff and pre-departure possible issues. Also, there were several platforms that were used for whole team's communication: Facebook (messenger), e-mail, What's app. Any problems that participants had during the project was easily and quickly solved. This partnership was collaborative and successful. As one participant wrote:

My participation in the Erasmus+ programme 'KA152 GREPLA-PLA' in Patra was an enriching experience that allowed me to make deep connections with people and nature. It provided me with an exceptional opportunity to immerse myself in a different culture while improving my skills. The programme coordinators provided excellent support, and the well-organized workshops facilitated effective engagement with the local community and interaction with students from different countries. Throughout the exchange, I formed lasting friendships with participants from several European countries. The programme challenged me to step out of my comfort zone, exposing me to different cultural experiences while collaborating on sustainable cooking methods and other eco-friendly practices. Each day brought me closer to nature and reinforced the importance of environmental conservation. The knowledge I gained about different cultures, coupled with hands-on experience in sustainability, has significantly broadened my perspective and I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this impactful journey.



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