

Office Eco Consultant



The project aims to develop and to pilot internationally **innovative training** practices, methodical tools and a certification system, designed for adult education sector stakeholders that seek to enhance their job market opportunities by pursuing career in promotion of resource and energy saving behaviour along with the **Green Growth concepts** in office environment.

The idea behind the «**Office Eco Consultant**» Project is closely related to **Ecological economics** (also called *circular economy, eco-economics, ecolonomy or bioeconomics*), which is both a **transdisciplinary** and an **interdisciplinary** field of academic research addressing the interdependence and coevolution of human economies and natural ecosystems. Among the topics addressed by ecological economics are methodology, allocation of **resources, sustainability, energy** economics, energy accounting and balance, environmental **services, cost** shifting, modelling, and monetary policy.

Fascinating sustainability facts

- **Energy** is the dominant contributor to climate change, accounting for around **60% of total global greenhouse gas** emissions.
- Recycling **one ton of paper** saves 2584l of oil, 26498l of water, 2.5 cubic meters of landfill space and **17 trees**.
- If people worldwide switched to **energy efficient light bulbs** the world would save **105 billion euros** annually.
- Recycling **one glass bottle** saves enough energy to power a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
- Tech giants, Google, Apple, and Facebook lead the pack in creating a '**green internet**' – each are using increasingly **green energy to power the web**.



Sources: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/energy/>; <https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/various-recycling-facts.php>;
<https://ecologyecosystems.conferenceseries.com/events-list/ecological-economics>; <https://www.ovonoenergy.com/blog/green/20-fascinating-renewable-energy-facts.html>;



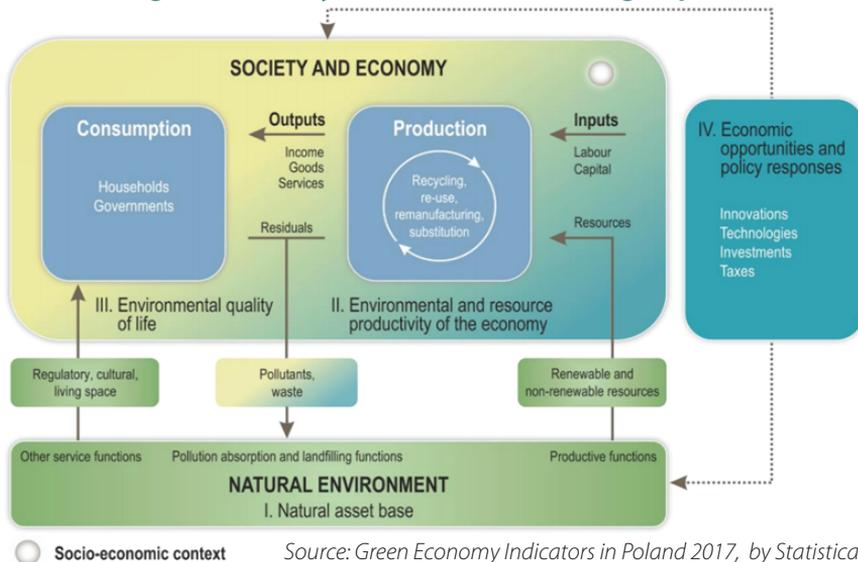
In the course of the project all partner organizations collected information related to green-economy in their countries. In this issue we present the information gathered by the Polish partner - Voivodeship Labour Office in Katowice.

Green Economy Indicators in Poland 2017.

Polish public statistics has tried to adjust the term of green economy to Polish circumstances on the basis of achievements of OECD and other environmental organisations. The term green economy means such economy in which **economic growth and development** are encouraged and simultaneously access to natural capital and ecosystem services, which affect human well-being, is maintained.

Green economy, inextricably linked to green growth, cannot replace **sustainable development** – it has a narrower scope. Green economy is connected with operational targets, which should lead to **clearly specified activities** within the fields of economy and environment protection to create such conditions that would **foster innovations and investments**. These latest, then, can lead to the creation of new sources of economic development while making efficient use of environment resources. That is why green economy makes it possible to reach the **state of sustainable economy**.

Relations between green economy elements and indicator groups:



Source: *Green Economy Indicators in Poland 2017*, by Statistical Office in Białystok and the Central Statistical Office; page 11.

3rd Project Meeting in Royan

On the **10-11th of September** of 2019, the 3rd transnational meeting of partners was held in **Royan, France**. The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the foreseen production of Trainer and Trainee Manuals for the training system of Office ECO Consultant.

To make the development of the training program more efficient, it was agreed that each partner would focus on one of the **identified areas of work** – the allocation of topics for partners according to their experience and their area of work is as follows: **Energy** – Hungarian partner; **Procurement** – French partner; **Transport** – German partner; **Resources** – Polish partner; **Involvement** – Norwegian partner. Lithuanian partner will be responsible for the introduction as well as a description of the Office Eco Consultant **occupational profile**.

In addition, representatives of partner organizations discussed the produced **Specification of the Curriculum** and **Course Syllabus** for the Office ECO Consultant Training System. Timetable, **milestones** and deadlines were also reviewed.



Hommes & Savoirs (FR) was the host organization

Intellectual Outputs available online:

- IO1.** Comparative Profile Analysis of “Office ECO Consultant”
- IO2.** Full Specification of the Curriculum of the Training System
- IO3.** Course Syllabus for the Office ECO Consultant Training System
- IO4.** Office ECO Consultant Training Course Content

We invite all potential stakeholders to get familiar with the project and intellectual outputs produced so far!

For more information, please visit our website: <http://eccoooffice.eu/>

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make.”

—Jane Goodall



Partners



ŠMTP - Viešoji įstaiga Šiaurės miestelio technologijų parkas / NTP- Northtown Technology Park (LT): Implementing innovation policy in Lithuania, NTP contributes to achievement of sustainable development goals in economic, social and environmental areas of the country. During the period of 10 years NTP has trained over 200 young people, incubated more than 50 technological start-ups and provided premises for more than 100 of SMEs and non-profit organizations, implemented more than 20 different project in various fields.
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Kulturális LABOR Szociális Szövetkezet / Cultural Lab Social Cooperative (Labor) is an open group of civil associations and individuals seeking a community, who collaborate in the form of a social cooperative. Activities of Labor include: organising workshops in cultural, artistic and society development topics; training of unemployed and disabled jobseekers; organising programmes - artistic, cultural and environmental; operating a media workshop; Sustainable and eco-friendly planning, creation and management of co-working areas and community spaces.
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The organisation is a non-governmental entity. All of the founders of the organisation have a vast experience in similar areas that all are connected to sustainability (sustainable development, waste management, food industry, social projects). The main focus is towards sustainable development: exchange of experience and accumulated knowledge in Norway as well as enforcement of environmentally friendly solutions. Our organization would like to convey the information and knowledge in this sector and spread it to other countries and continents, share it with other organizations and companies.
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Hommes & Savoires is a training institution created in 1989 under status association (CRIS) which evolved in 2000 towards a company of employee shareholding (S.A.S). Working first and foremost on the requalification of the job-seekers, we developed an expertise in the administrative, commercial sectors, the tourism and the assistance to the person. Since 2010 Hommes & Savoires have experience in environmental planning, eco educational training, management of energy flows, energy and resource management, green office culture and environmental training.
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Established in 2000, the Voivodeship Labour Office in Katowice is an organizational unit of the local authorities of the Silesian Voivodeship. The key mission of the Voivodeship Labour Office is to promote employment, reduce unemployment effects and stimulate job activation aiming to reach a high rate of employment, human resources development, high quality of work as well as to foster social inclusion. VLO tasks and objectives include, among others, the organisation of employment placements abroad, provision of vocational guidance, promotion of entrepreneurship and pursuing projects under European Union programmes.
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Praxis GmbH is working in the region of Marburg since 1989, and offers trainings, workplaces and support for long-term unemployed people. The staff contains 60 instructors and pedagogues, who work in about 30 different projects with about 1000 participants per year. Praxis GmbH is member of the Network of the association for non profit organisations in the field of qualification and employment with about 50 members, most of them running second hand warehouses, recycling enterprises or other environmental projects. Praxis GmbH cooperates continuously with profit and non profit organisations in developing jobs and trainings for unemployed people with poor formal skills.

