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Students Complete Cross-Country, Cross-Sector Sustainability Challenges

Work Package 4 has come to a successful close with three inter-sectorial projects implemented across Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, and Portugal. Students and companies collaborated to address real sustainability challenges through practical, hands-on solutions.

- **Croatia & Slovenia – Health Innovation Using Reused Materials**

Students repurposed waste from button manufacturing to create ergonomic pillows supporting drivers' occupational health. Through collaborative sessions in Ljubljana and in Zagreb., they refined prototypes and explored how circular materials can improve workplace well-being.

- **Italy & Portugal – Sustainable Water Use in Agriculture**

Students analysed water consumption trends and experimented with efficient irrigation methods, including alternate and deficit irrigation. They built a greenhouse and developed sensors to detect water stress, combining digital tools with sustainable agriculture practices.

- **Portugal & Italy – Valorising By-Products from Juice Extraction**

Students transformed fruit residues into nutritious cereal bars by crushing, dehydrating, and recombining fruit solids with oats and dried ingredients. The project offered a practical introduction to circular economy concepts and food waste recovery.





Multiplier Events Held Across All Partner Countries

In September, all partners organised Multiplier Events to present the project's results to VET schools, companies, and local communities. These sessions highlighted the outcomes of the inter-sectorial projects, shared teaching resources, and encouraged dialogue on how to strengthen sustainability in VET.

The events took place in **Slovenia, Italy, Portugal, Croatia, and Spain** throughout the month of **September 2025**, bringing together educators, students, and industry representatives to discuss the impact of GS4VET.



Final Transnational Meeting in Zagreb

The GS4VET partnership met in Zagreb, hosted by Škola za Cestovni Promet, for the project's final transnational meeting. Partners validated the last outputs, including new teaching programmes and multilingual guidelines designed to integrate environmental sustainability into VET curricula.

During the two-day event (22–23 October 2025), partners:

- Validated the final outputs of the project, including the pedagogical programmes developed under WP3 and WP4
- Reviewed newly developed teaching programmes
- Discussed the impact of students' solutions in different production sectors
- Finalised the multilingual guidelines for integrating environmental sustainability into VET curricula



Final Resources Coming Soon

After two inspiring years of collaboration, the Green Skills for VET project officially came to an end on **31 October 2025**. Together with our partners from Italy, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia, and Croatia, we have worked to bring real sustainability challenges from companies into VET classrooms, supporting teachers and students in developing the green skills that our future requires.

We are now preparing the final set of materials and tools so that VET providers across Europe can replicate our model and integrate sustainability into their own programmes. These resources will soon be available on our website.

The new materials will help VET teachers to:

- Bring real sustainability challenges into the classroom
- Cooperate with local companies
- Apply tested teaching methods fostering green innovation
- Adapt curricula to strengthen environmental competencies

All GS4VET materials will be **free to use and adapt**. Let's continue making vocational education greener!



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