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Welcome to our project

The Climate Champions project is an Erasmus+ Adult Education project working to empower and equip members of the local community and voluntary groups with the skills and knowledge to become empowered climate action and biodiversity changemakers in their own communities. It aims to provide communities with inclusive, driven means by which adults are educated as community champions and by so doing contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 6 of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Biodiversity is the greatest treasure we have... Its diminishment is to be prevented at all cost.

THOMAS EISNER



COMMUNITIES IN ACTION COMPENDIUM

Communities everywhere are vulnerable to climate change and reductions in biodiversity. While youth are growing up in a climate activist world with heightened environmental awareness, adults feel powerless to effect any meaningful change because of the sheer size and scale of the climate change and environmental impact issues and a lack of skills regarding where to start. This compendium consolidates **32 INSPIRATIONAL CASE STUDIES** collected from biodiversity and climate action changemakers at the community level throughout Europe. Sustainability is not an endpoint, nor is there a one-size-fits-all solution especially when it comes to communities, as each has its own unique ecosystem, and local ecological and cultural traits. By showcasing these case studies, we offer a wide view of communities in action and first-hand experience of Climate Champions across Europe. We have divided the 32 case studies into 5 categories of good practices.

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

For each good practice that we have collected, we present some of the basic facts related to the

detailed information of the initiatives, the evidence of success, the sharing and learning, the transferability of the initiatives and the volunteering associations involved behind the initiatives, as well as the contact details of the persons responsible. By doing this, we want to inspire community groups to replicate those activities in their territories or improve the already existing initiatives that they are implementing.



**COMMUNITIES
IN ACTION**

BE INSPIRED – 32 case studies in our Compendium of Biodiversity and Climate Change Best Practices



EMPOWERING BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS COURSE

Do you want to become a community climate champion?

Get started today by taking our course, it has everything you need to become educated and empowered to be an advocate for climate change action within your community!

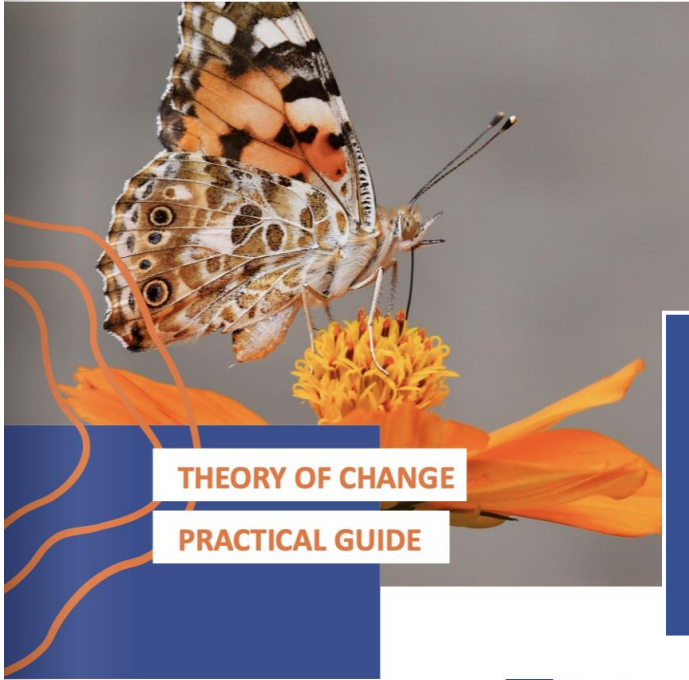
The United Nations The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Our self-led learning course has been carefully created by our partnership from all over Europe in order to respond to the needs of adults interested in promoting biodiversity! Across Europe there is a lack of awareness, understanding and practical information available for adult educators and those who wish to be active within the fight against climate change. Our course responds to these needs through our free, open access materials, created in a user-friendly manner will help you to achieve your learning goals in a timely manner!

Our course includes engaging graphics, up to date statistics and an overview of the situation across many European countries!



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THEORY OF CHANGE

PRACTICAL GUIDE

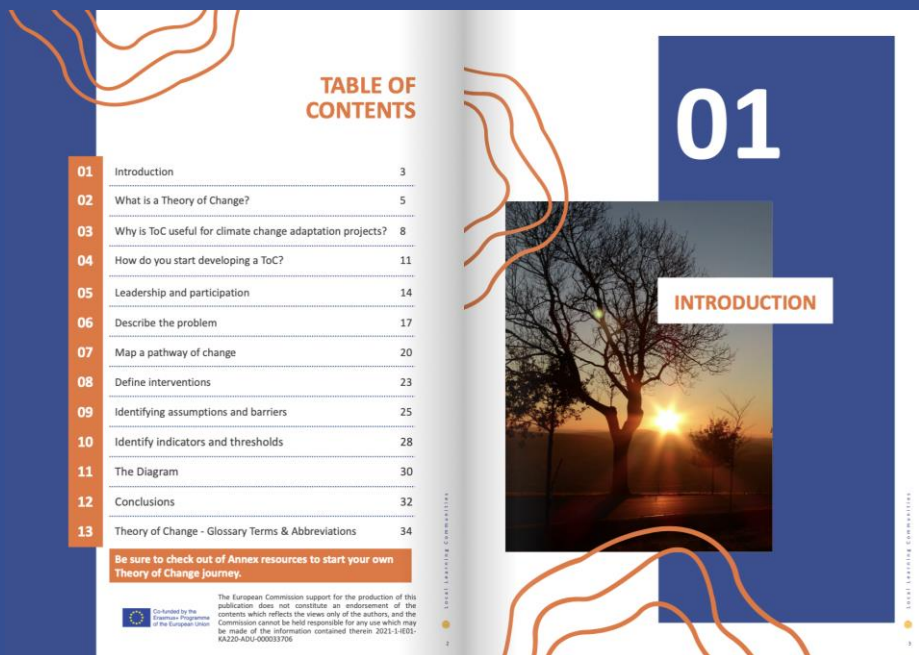
THEORY OF CHANGE TOOLKIT FOR COMMUNITIES

The Theory of Change Toolkit for Communities will equip participants to lead their community group through series of climate change and biodiversity specific steps to define long term goals, identify measurable indicators of success, and then work back to formulate actions and the 'mini-steps' that must be taken to achieve those goals.

[Download the Toolkit here!](#)

Based in the Theory of Change Framework, this output will catalyse meaningful changes by creating a community-centred process of learning with a focus on how to live sustainably and regeneratively taking into consideration local ecological and cultural uniqueness.

It is easy to feel overwhelmed in our communities – whatever we do is so small in the massive perspective of climate challenge. The Theory of Change Toolkit for Communities will allow community volunteers to benefit from backward mapping, taking backward steps from their long-term goal to intermediate actions and then to early-term changes which are required to result in desired change. Many activities fail because they are built on good intentions but are ill-defined or ill-designed to effect real change. Taking small steps and making small incremental changes over the long term can have the largest impact of all.



PARTNERS MEETING IN GREECE



Thank you to everyone involved:

- ✓ Roscommon Leader Partnership
- ✓ Ανατολική Α.Ε. Αναπτυξιακός Οργανισμός Τοπικής Αυτοδιοίκησης
- ✓ ADCMoura
- ✓ European E-learning Institute
- ✓ Momentum educate + innovate
- ✓ Euro Perspectives Foundation

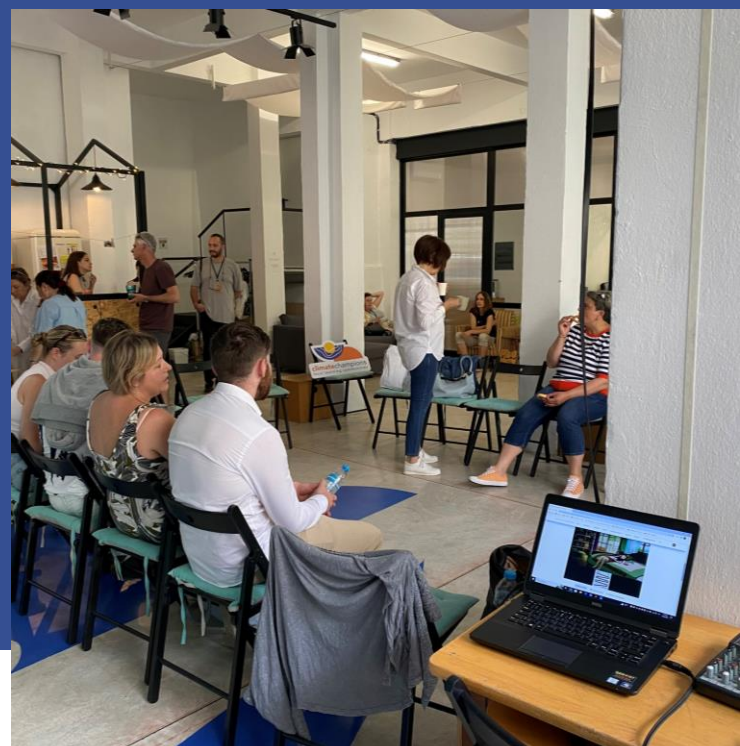
For more information about all of the outcomes of our project, The Empowering Biodiversity and Climate Change Community Champions Course (PR1), The Compendium of Case Studies (PR2) and The Theory of Change Toolkit (PR3), please visit our website at: <https://climatechampions.how/>

We encourage you to explore these valuable resources to gain further insights into our work.

THE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS CREW RECENTLY MET FOR A LEARNING EVENT, IN THESSALONIKI, GRECC

The Climate Champions Crew, recently met for a Learning Event, in Thessaloniki, Greece hosted by the amazing partner Antoliki S.A. Over 3 days the team, went over each project outcome, reviewing and refining where needed.

They travelled around the lovely city, exploring all the hidden gems, while having a fascinating talk with the head of The Environmental Management Office (EMAS) in the University of Macedonia and InCommon, a local organisation, that empower the local community to be more circular. On the third day, all partners participated in a Theory of Change (PR3) workshop, where we discussed a potential issue within the city and used the theory to come up with solutions.



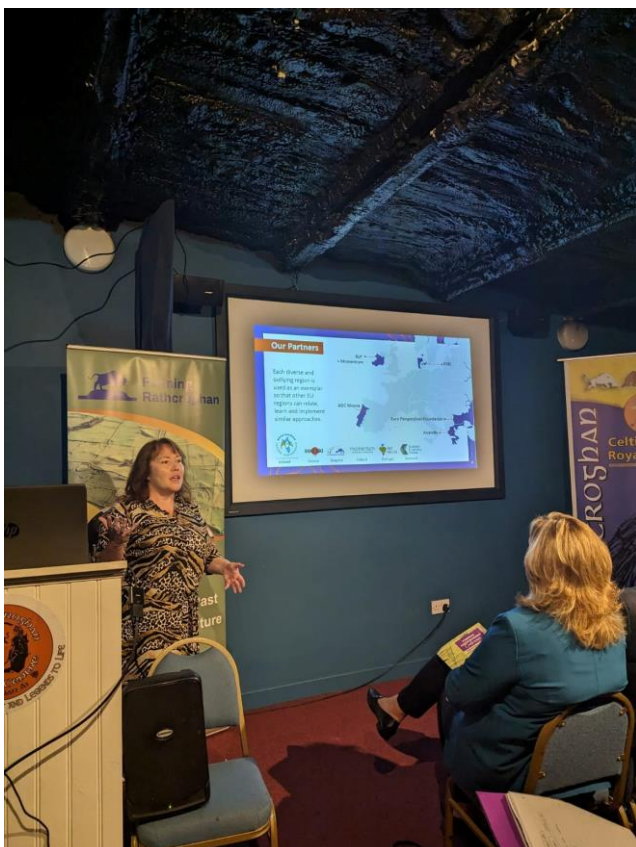


IRISH MULTIPLIER EVENT

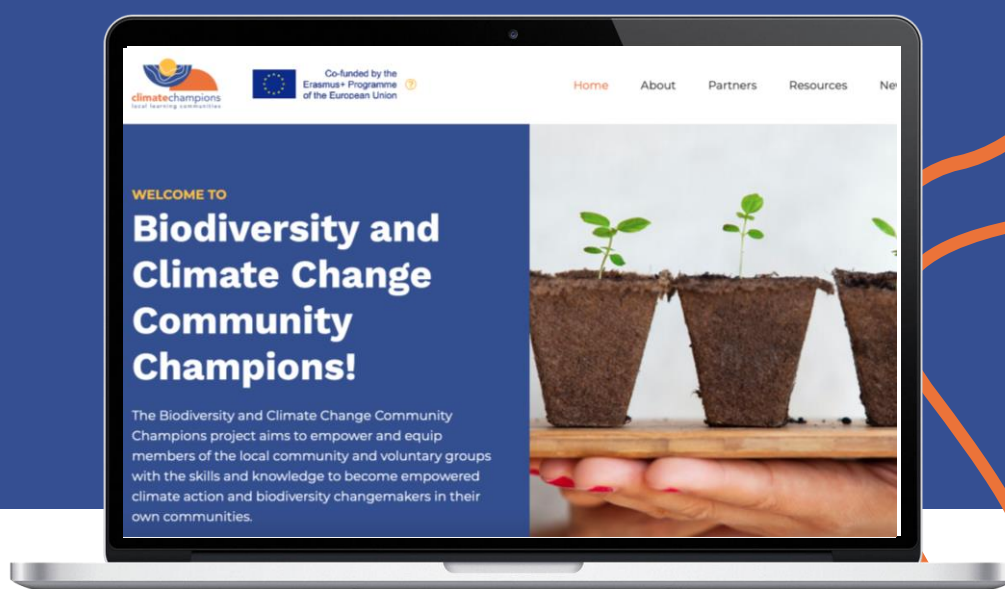
Roscommon Leader Partnership CEO Martina Earley showcased the brilliant Climate Champions project at Rathcroghan Visitor Centre in Co. Roscommon at the Ireland Multiplier Event.

Martina talked about the importance of the project and the three brilliant resources available now **free of charge** to help communities tackle the climate crisis and cultivate biodiversity.

- ✓ Climate Champions training course
- ✓ Best practices collection from Europe
- ✓ Theory of change toolkit for communities



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Our project started in November 2021 and will be finalized in November 2023. The partnership of the project consists of the following organisations:

- Roscommon Integrated Development Co. Ltd t/a, Ireland (<http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie>)
- ANATOLIKI S.A.-Organization for Local Development, Greece (<http://anatoliki.gr/el/>)
- Euro Perspectives Foundation, Bulgaria (<https://www.europerspectives.org/wp/>)
- Momentum Marketing Services Limited, Ireland (<https://momentumconsulting.ie/>)
- ADC MOURA, Associação para o Desenvolvimento do Concelho de Moura, Portugal (<https://www.adcmoura.pt/>)
- European E-learning Institute, Denmark (<https://www.euei.dk/>)



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