

5th Newsletter

Fostering green social innovation and social entrepreneurship
in school education



INITIATION project

The INITIATION project aimed to foster a social entrepreneurship and social innovation mindset among high school students and teachers, empowering them to develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems faced by their local communities. Recognizing the growing importance of social entrepreneurship as a driver for addressing societal needs and environmental challenges, the project acknowledged the slow pace at which many European schools were incorporating this field into their curricula.

The primary objectives of INITIATION—to cultivate a social innovation and social entrepreneurship mindset among high school students and to motivate them to become more community-oriented, actively participating in designing solutions for local environmental issues—have been completed through a series of methodological approaches.

Additionally, the project organized multiplier events in Greece, Cyprus, Estonia, and Italy to share its findings and promote its approach. Finally, the INITIATION project provided recommendations for the exploitation of its approach and results, ensuring that the valuable insights and tools developed could be widely adopted and implemented.

Exploitation of Results and Recommendations

The successful exploitation of the INITIATION project relies on a comprehensive strategy addressing integration into national curricula, stakeholder collaboration, teacher training and support, accessibility of resources, student engagement, and the simplification of learning materials. Here are the main conclusions and recommendations based on the national partners' reports:

- Integrate into Current Programs
- Collaborate with Authorities and Stakeholders
- Address Time Constraints
- Build Strong Partnerships
- Provide Teacher Training and Support
- Ensure Adequate Facilities and Technical Support
- Students' engagement
- Simplify Complex Concepts

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OUTPUTS

The project developed a detailed framework and curriculum to educate high school students in social entrepreneurship and innovation, focusing on local and regional environmental problems. Custom learning resources were created to help students effectively address these issues. A web-based platform was also established to support and develop students' entrepreneurial skills, providing an interactive environment for learning and collaboration. The curriculum, resources, and platform were tested in four national pilots. Before these pilots, a teachers' handbook was created, and high school teachers received training to guide their students in social entrepreneurship, ensuring effective support and mentoring.

FAREWELL from INITIATION partners

As the INITIATION project draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all high school students, high school teachers and staff, educational authorities, and participants with fewer opportunities who have been with us on this journey. Your dedication, hard work, and passion have been instrumental in transforming INITIATION into a vibrant community focused on fostering green social innovation and social entrepreneurship within the educational sector.

Together, we've navigated challenges, celebrated achievements, and shaped a shared vision for a greener, more technologically advanced future. Your involvement has been crucial in creating valuable resources, fostering innovative learning, and promoting a culture of continuous improvement and sustainability.

As we bid farewell to INITIATION, we urge you to carry forward the innovative and collaborative spirit that has been the hallmark of this project. Let the networks, knowledge, and skills you've acquired be the cornerstone for new initiatives that will continue to advance educational improvement and sustainability.

Though the project ends, the journey towards social innovation and entrepreneurship in high schools persists. We look forward to seeing how your efforts will evolve as you apply what you've learned and inspire others to embrace change, contributing to a more skilled and sustainable future. We deeply appreciate your invaluable contributions and for being a significant part of INITIATION's legacy. Here's to a future shaped by our collective efforts—greener and brighter! The INITIATION Project Team



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