THE ECODIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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THE ECODIGITAL PROJECT

EcoDigital: Taking action for reducing the environmental impact of digitalisation is an Erasmus+ KA2 project that runs from November 2022 until April 2025.

The EcoDigital project aims to motivate more and more people to realise the importance of the digital waste problem and to develop positive changes in young people's behavior with the aim of conveying such behaviors in the wider society. More specifically, the project will carry out a survey to assess the level of awareness of the digital waste problem in school education, and will develop a literature review on the seriousness of the problem, training resources for teachers and a variety of ready-made educational activities to be used in formal and informal education, as well as a collection of assessment tools and policy recommendations. Thus, the project funding will fill important gaps in school education regarding digital waste management where young people are actively contributing due to the increased use of various entertainment platforms and social networks.

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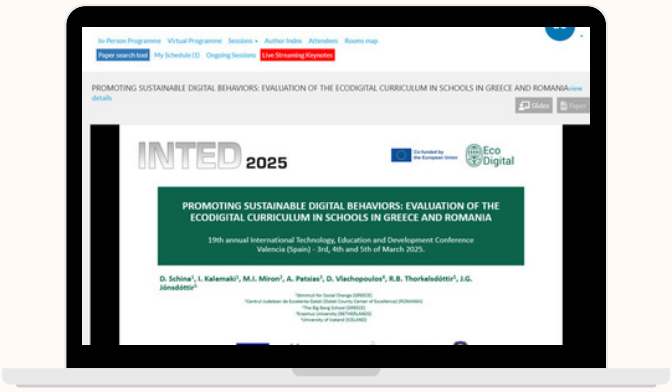
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN SPAIN (IATED)

We're excited to announce that the EcoDigital project has been featured at the *International Education Conference in Spain (IATED)* earlier in early March!

Our team has presented the EcoDigital Curriculum that was pilot-tested in schools across Greece and Romania – helping students develop sustainable digital habits for a greener future.

Presented by the Eco-Digital partners from Greece, Romania, Iceland, and the Netherlands, this paper highlights how education can drive positive change in the digital world.

The abstract is available here: https://library.iated.org/view/SCHINA2025PRO



ECODIGITAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE!

EcoDigital educational resources are now available on the project's website. More specifically, the website offers a wealthy library of material, including, the Capacity Building Programme on Sustainable Digitisation for Teachers and the EcoDigital Curriculum which is adjusted for primary and secondary schools. The aforementioned resources are provided alongside worksheets to be used by teachers and students respectively.

Addressing the systemic level of the impact of electronic waste and digitisation, a Policy Recommendations Report has been developed by SkillsUp, which is also available on the website. The report provides central findings of the EcoDigital Curriculum piloting carried out in schools in Romania and Greece as well as general policy recommendations and strategies for integrating digital resources in teaching.

To access the English version of the resources, visit the EcoDigital website: https://ecodigital-project.eu/results/.

The resources will soon be available in Greek, Romanian, Dutch and Icelandic too.

UPCOMING PARTNERS' MEETING IN APRIL

The EcoDigital partnership is preparing for its final consortium meeting, hosted by the SkillsUp partner in Amsterdam, Netherlands, on April 28-29, 2025.

This crucial gathering will focus on wrapping up the project, assigning any remaining tasks, and, most importantly, strategizing ways to sustain and maximize EcoDigital's impact beyond its official conclusion in late April.

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E-WASTE AWARENESS FESTIVAL IN CYPRUS

The Center for Social Innovation, in collaboration with the Communication and Marketing Department at the University of Technology (CUT) in Cyprus, hosted an awareness festival on electronic waste and sustainable digitization.

Held on March 27, 2025, the festival featured a morning session designed for students and educators from A' Limassol Primary School and Tsireio High School. Participants explored EcoDigital and its applications in schools and classrooms, discovering ways to promote sustainable digital practices. A total of 80 students took part, engaging in interactive activities such as Taboo, "How to Recycle," and arts & crafts, where they repurposed plastic bottles into flower pots. Other activities, including Ρουκ Ζουκ and Στο Κεφάλι Το'χω, reinforced key sustainability concepts in a fun and engaging manner.

The afternoon session welcomed the university's staff, students, and the general public. Attendees learned about EcoDigital and participated in hands-on activities focused on e-waste management and sustainable digital habits. These included practical demonstrations on changing the plug of an electronic device and optimising email management for efficiency and sustainability.

Through a mix of education and hands-on engagement, the festival successfully raised awareness about responsible digital practices and the importance of reducing electronic waste.

MULTIPLIER EVENT IN ROMANIA

On April 4th, Centre of Excellence successfully organized a multiplier event to disseminate the EcoDigital project. The event brought together 41 participants, including teachers, students, and educational specialists, who actively engaged in discussions and hands-on activities focused on sustainable digitalization in education.

During the event, participants explored the EcoDigital project platform and resources, gaining valuable insights into integrating eco-friendly digital practices into their teaching methods. The interactive sessions provided a space for reflection and collaboration, with attendees expressing enthusiasm about applying the project's resources in their own classrooms.

The event concluded with a shared commitment to sustainability in education, as participants left enriched and inspired, confident that each teacher would integrate these valuable tools into their daily lessons. This successful initiative reinforces the impact of the EcoDigital project and its potential to shape a more responsible and sustainable approach to digital education.The event also showcased key project results, including guidelines for sustainable digitalization, case studies, and training materials developed within the EcoDigital initiative. The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the relevance and necessity of addressing sustainability in digital education.
By fostering dialogue and collaboration, this multiplier event contributed to raising awareness and inspiring action towards a greener, more responsible approach to digital learning. We look forward to further expanding the reach of the EcoDigital project and supporting educators in adopting sustainable digital practices!

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