
EUTH CLIMATE RECIPE BOOK

A collection of practices, projects
and ideas of civic engagement
centered on environmental topics



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INTRODUCTION









ABOUT THE RECIPE BOOK

EUTH CLIMATE RECIPE BOOK is a tool to be used along the training proposed in this document to inspire participants and prove that they can make change happen.

If you want to know more about how to take the most advantage of this recipe book in your trainings, please refer to Module 4, which is specifically focused on this.

COMMON ELEMENTS

In all the practices, projects and ideas gathered you can find the following common elements:

-  Participatory approach
-  Clear goals
-  Involvement of youth
-  Sustainable and visible results
-  Change in local communities
-  Multi-stakeholders inclusion in the process
-  Open, democratic and inclusive activities
-  Replicability



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TITLE

Panda labs/ WWF Adria Srbija

Youth labs into the most polluted zones in Serbia

ISSUE TACKLED

Green Transition

Just transition

Ingredients that make it a successful example:

- ⦿ Youth networks,
- ⦿ educational approach,
- ⦿ multinational (Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia)
- ⦿ level of involvement (64 young people from highschool plus 33 University students from Serbia)

Actors:

High school students, students and other young people who are interested in “green entrepreneurship” from Serbia



Description of the action/project:

What is the problem?

The mining industry is still one of the key sources of energy in the countries of the Southwestern Balkans and a branch on which tens of thousands of people depend.

At the same time, the exploitation of ores and the use of ores in the energy system is one of the biggest causes of a large number of environmental problems, both short-term and decades-long.

In Serbia, for example, 75% of electricity comes from coal, and new and existing power plants are being planned, especially the Nikola Tesla TPP in Obrenovac. The transition to alternative ways of obtaining energy in the future is not yet planned

The situation is a little better in the region - Montenegro has started preparations to strengthen local capacities for a just transition in the Pljevlja region. In North Macedonia, as part of the Energy Development Strategy 2040, work is being done gradually on a phased energy transition and the establishment of a wind park in the Bitola area is being considered, but there is still no planning for a fair transition in terms of preserving jobs.

Although Bulgaria is working on a draft Territorial Plan for a just transition for the Bobov dol/Pernik coal mining area and has EU funds available, the local capacities to implement the transition

are very weak. Studies show that there are opportunities for the development of at least 850 green economic branches in the region, but that it is necessary to mobilize green entrepreneurial networks in order to strengthen local capacities.

What is wwf doing?

Since WWF is just starting to get acquainted with the idea and possible ways of implementing the process of just transition, WWF is educating high school and University students, is cooperating with experts in the field of energy efficiency from the country and the region in order to work together on possible solutions on how to deal with “green” entrepreneurship.

The main goal is to develop a network of young entrepreneurs who, in the process of energy transition, will look for their chance for survival and employment in their local communities in the field of green economy and, at the same time, can contribute to achieving the goals of sustainable development.

How does wwf do it?

WWF organizes lectures for high school students within vocational schools in the area of Obrenovac and regional webinars for University students from Serbia, Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Montenegro, connecting young people from the region who have similar interests, so that they can exchange previous and gain new knowledge and experience on topics related to green and circular economy, energy efficiency and just transition and establish their network for future work.

WWF creates an environment in which it is possible to develop and try out new solutions in workshops with consultations with experts in this field. Moreover, it does studies and assessments that can be used in the adoption of national strategies for energy transition and just transition.

In addition to education, WWF organizes hackathons, conferences and round tables where young people can come together and, with the mentoring support of experts in the field of green economy, come up with proposals for solving certain problems and get the opportunity to have their voices heard and to have their proposals potentially included in the development strategies of local communities.

Who does wwf work with?

WWF works with young people - high school students, students and all those who are interested in “green entrepreneurship”. The partners in this work are the Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, representatives of the local community, trade unions and other activists.

Who do wwf cooperate with?

WWF organizes this project in Bulgaria, Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia.

The project is part of the European Climate Initiative (EUKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety (BMU).



Link to campaign/project website/social media channels:

WWF ADRIA website

<https://mladi.wwfadria.org/projekti/panda-labs-junior>





TITLE

Climate heroes/ WWF Adria

ISSUE TACKLED

Youth engagement

Climate change in Western
Balkans

Ingredients that make it a successful example:

- ⦿ Multinational project
- ⦿ Social media campaigns
- ⦿ Leadership programs
- ⦿ Youth active involvement

Actors:

Youth (654 young people engaged in the program)



Description of the action/project:

What is the problem?

Climate change affects each of us, however, in Serbia and the countries of the region, this is a new and poorly developed topic that has been given importance only recently. Young people feel that there is a problem, but not that they have enough knowledge, tools or opportunities to take concrete actions and make a sustainable positive impact when it comes to climate change.

The absence of networking and connectivity among young people in Serbia and the region, as well as the lack of opportunities to directly engage in the discourse on climate change and contribute to potential solutions, further discourages activism and reduces entrepreneurship among young people.

Most of the youth have the feeling that they do not have the space and opportunities to implement significant changes, although there is a strong awareness of the importance of climate change and a desire to share.

What is wwf doing?

WWF has recognized young people as a key driving force for positive changes and wants to empower and involve them. Through the global level programme “The climate remains on the youth”, young people aged 15-24 will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, the ability to organize and plan actions, learn to constructively propose and implement initiatives and directly engage in activities and discussions on climate change.

How does wwf do it?

Through a series of workshops and educational programs, the plan is to empower young people to launch their own initiatives and offer their own conceptual solutions to problems in the climate change discourse.

During the duration of the program, WWF supports and promotes youth actions and activities, and will encourage their leadership and initiative in proposing and finding solutions to the problem of climate change.

WWF wants the young people to lead their peers, because the impact of climate change will affect them and their future.

Who does wwf work with?

It works with young people and youth organizations and for young people, educators, mentors and experts.

Who do we cooperate with?

WWF organizes this project in the territory of Serbia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Romania in cooperation with UNABG (United Nations Association of Bulgaria) and CEPF (Czech Foundation for Partnership Environmental Protection)



Link to campaign/project website/social media channels:

Facebook, instagram, website> WWF ADRIA <https://mladi.wwfadria.org/projekti/panda-labs-junior>





TITLE

Participatory LAB - Laboratory of Spatial, Urban and Environmental Participatory Planning for Climate Change Adaptation

City Lab / Living Lab / Community of Practice

ISSUE TACKLED

climate change adaptation of cities

support local communities through an interdisciplinary community of practice

lack of participation and engagement

Ingredients that make it a successful example:

- ⦿ Multidisciplinary community
- ⦿ Real community of practice, with more than 60% young researchers and activists
- ⦿ Multi-stakeholders and multiple scales
- ⦿ Open and free access to knowledge
- ⦿ Innovative methodologies

Actors:

800 members (more than 60% young researchers and activists) of the interdisciplinary community “Participatory Lab”, 36 organizations, scientific and professional networks, civil society organizations, private sector, social and solidarity economy entities, Region of Attica, and several Municipalities.



Description of the action/project:

COMMONSPACE has established a City Lab called participatory LAB: Laboratory of Spatial, Urban and Environmental **Participatory Planning for Climate Change Adaptation**.

The participatory LAB is part of a broader initiative to create participatory methodologies and tools that support projects and actions related to climate change, landscape, urban planning, community building, and more.

The participatory LAB is an active, interdisciplinary community that studies, documents, learns, disseminates, and implements participatory planning. It is a community of 800 members, 36 organizations (local authorities, universities, and Civil Society organizations), private sector, and individual researchers and higher education students. The launch of the Participatory Lab, funded by the Greek Green Fund, highlights its pioneer role in promoting public participation in Greece.

The participatory LAB community creates participatory planning and design methodologies and tools that support climate change adaptation local plans, projects, and actions. Focuses on adaptation issues to climate change in the urban environment and urban green areas.

The main actions of the initiative are:

A live and online Community of Practice

- Open repository

- Toolkit (tools, guides, examples, templates)

- P2P learning

- Exploring new approaches

- Capacity building (seminars, summer school, erasmus+ projects, guidelines)

- Common knowledge

Campaigns, pilots and case studies (citizens participation, engagement, expert judgment)

- Data collection / collective mapping

- Consensus methods

- Conflict resolution
- Spatial decision-making
- Project implementation
- Co-production of public policy.

Public awareness, communication, and dissemination

- International scientific conference every 2-3 years
- Public meetings
- Online events
- Publications and reports
- Campaigns

The majority of the members of this Community of Practice are young researchers and young activists working in the most vulnerable areas of Metropolitan Athens. The knowledge, support, know-how and tools offered by the community are important aspects to enhance their interest and capacity to search, document and advocate. Also, through the international networks of the participatory LAB, the voices of the unheard become more powerful and impactful. The participatory LAB focuses (2023 - 2026) on issues of multiple and accumulative inequalities and co-production in “inner areas” around the Metropolis, especially West Attica.

The participatory LAB is equipped with PC, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, server, and Geospatial Infrastructure consisting of CKAN (data repository), Geoserver, Geonetwork, Geonode, Postgress-Postgis, Get-SDI. Also, public participation platforms and tools (ppWebGIS). This critical infrastructure is offered to the community openly and free of charge.



Link to campaign/project website/social media channels:

<https://en.participatorylab.org/about>

<https://www.facebook.com/participatoryLAB/>

<https://www.instagram.com/participatorylab/>

<https://repository.participatorylab.org/>

<https://en.participatorylab.org/toolkit>





TITLE

“My neighborhood during the heatwave”

A participatory citizen science campaign

ISSUE TACKLED

Misconceptions and myths about climate change

Lack of knowledge about Urban Heat Island (UHI) effects

Lack of empirical knowledge and other qualitative data regarding public space activities

Difficulties on mapping complex phenomena

Ingredients that make it a successful example:

- ⦿ Co-design the questions
- ⦿ Collective mapping sessions
- ⦿ Open-air participatory workshop during the heatwave
- ⦿ The use of an innovative participatory platform (ppWebGIS)
- ⦿ A blended participatory method in-person and digital

Actors:

Members of participatory LAB, local stakeholders (local and regional authority), citizens from the neighborhood, citizens and other interested persons from the broader area of Attica Region, young researchers and grass root movements.



Description of the action/project:

A good practice is the organization of participatory mapping events with virtual and physical participation of citizens. One of the pilot case studies implemented in the context of participatory Lab, focused on Urban Heat Island and Public Spaces, titled “My neighborhood during the heat wave”.

During this pilot case study, an online spatial questionnaire was prepared in the participatory LAB ppWebGIS platform inviting citizens of the Metropolitan Athens to participate in spatial data collection regarding their preferred activities, routes, public spaces, and how they are affected during a heatwave. Furthermore, the participants were asked to map the points where they feel intense discomfort during heat waves, as well as areas with significant

temperature differences. To ensure that the data collected are useful, the team set 5 predefined areas representing five vulnerable neighborhoods of metropolitan Athens. This process resulted in numerous responses from citizens familiar with the different predefined areas and with diverse sociodemographic characteristics.

What is more, it was organized an in-situ mapping event, during the summer (July 2021), in one of the predefined areas, in an emblematic public space, no less, as a part of a broader public event regarding urban commons. In this event, citizens and young activists were invited to pinpoint pins and sticky notes with their answers on a large printed map.

This event, with physical participation, contributed substantially to understanding the rationale behind the various answers the participants gave, concerning their profile and experiences, which was discussed more extensively in an informal environment.

In conclusion, this process, including both virtual and physical participation (blended method) proved to be extremely useful.

The virtual aspect of this participatory mapping event ensured that a lot of responses would be collected since it could be shared through multiple channels and people could fill it from the comfort of their home. At the same time the in-situ mapping event offered an in-depth understanding of the reasoning and rationale behind citizen's responses. Furthermore, this blended method proved to be very attractive and empowering for young researchers and young activists. They participated in creative ways and enthusiastically shared their local and empirical knowledge. A similar campaign will be organized with youngsters in West Attica, one of the most vulnerable areas to the Urban Heat Island effect.



Link to campaign/project website/social media channels:

<https://www.participatorylab.org/>

<https://platform.participatorylab.org/login>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Reg8T2sL120>





TITLE

Consonanze - Fa Bene al Clima

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Lack of awareness regarding the importance and the feasibility of a conscious, sustainable and ecological approach to our daily life.

Ingredients that make it a successful example:

- ⦿ young activists involvement
- ⦿ consistent awareness raising in the local community
- ⦿ dissemination of good practices researched and selected by young activists
- ⦿ practices-based approach
- ⦿ dissemination of high-quality information on climate change issues through the involvement of high-level experts
- ⦿ effective and community-based communication tool

Actors:

Young volunteers of Fa Bene Community APS in partnership with RBE Radio Beckwith Evangelica.

Fa bene is a social promotion association, founded in 2013 by young people and adults involved in local development projects linked to Caritas and S-nodi, in Italy and abroad, for the promotion of new forms of social and solidarity economy. Fa bene is also a social brand shared with local communities which identifies products and processes that originate from local communities and aims to achieve social and environmental justice.

RBE Radio Beckwith Evangelical is a local community radio station established in 1984.

It is linked to the Waldensian Evangelical Church, and is characterized by attention to the territory and to cultural, youth and social welfare activities.

Rbe was born on the wave of the diffusion of free radios after 1976, as a commitment and pastime of a group of boys. In the early years, broadcasting over the air was limited to the village of Torre Pellice, where the radio was based, and then expanded in the following years to the entire Val Pellice and the Cuneo area. The diffusion time passes over the years from a few initial hours to the current 24 out of 24.



Description of the action/project:

In 2020 Fa Bene Community APS, together with the Waldensian network, has conceived and implemented the radio programme “Consonanze, la radio che fa bene” broadcast 5/7 days on Radio Beckwith.

The programme disseminates educational and in depth content on sustainability issues at 360°: environment, economy, psychology and wellbeing, healthy food and education for the benefit of citizens, children, young people and families living in the internal areas of the Piedmont and Liguria Alps.

It is in this framework that was born the radio column “Consonanze - Fa Bene al Clima”, a distillation of stories and interviews from the Consonanze program created by the young people of the Fa Bene Association and broadcast on Beckwith Community Radio every Tuesday for a total amount of 25 episodes, that have now become podcasts, which are published in the digital educational platform of Fa Bene Community APS.

“Consonanze - Fa Bene al Clima” tells, through interviews with different guests, the practices, projects, activities and ideas that testify the possibility of a conscious, sustainable and ecological approach to daily life, also for people living in those internal areas of Italy.

All the practices and the case studies disseminated through the broadcast were researched and selected by the young activists of Fa Bene APS, thus activating young people as game changers and multipliers.

The broadcast has tackled issues that approach sustainable ways of living from different perspectives, such as sustainable mobility, sustainable agriculture, apiculture, food, circular economy, property sharing.

Although the approach of the programme is practice-based, the very first episode was used to set the frame and a common understanding of the impact of climate change in the areas where the radio was broadcasted, by an interview to a very famous climatologist.



Link to campaign/project website/social media channels:

<https://www.s-nodi.org/library/consonanze-fa-bene-al-clima/>





TITLE

Climate Social Camp -
International Meeting of Climate
and Social activists

ISSUE TACKLED

The investigation of the links between climate change, environmental devastation and impacts on society and civil-workers' rights, using different perspectives and lenses of analysis.

the strengthening of the global social justice movement by creating a large international network

the indifference of governments to download the cost of the environmental crisis

the lack of social and ecological policies to reverse climate change and support the most affected groups

Ingredients that make it a successful example:

- ⦿ open access to anyone who wants to join
- ⦿ a wide network of activists from different countries
- ⦿ organization of a demonstrative local action (a strike)
- ⦿ connection to another organization of activists gathering in the same place
- ⦿ discussion on global issues and how to tackle them at local level
- ⦿ organizational setting that makes participation economically and environmentally sustainable
- ⦿ involvement of young volunteers

Actors:

A network of several movements, collectives and activists from different countries that have joined together in the Climate Social Camp's Assembly to create a space and moment of confrontation between various international groups fighting for climate social justice.



Description of the action/project:

The Climate Social Camp is an event created by an assembly of various local movements in Turin, the last week of July 2022.

The Climate Social Camp is not just a camping, but also a moment of discussion and confrontation, focusing on the fight against the climate and social crisis.

It was a week of meetings, activities, music, concerts and so much more that allowed participants to experience together the spirit of community and solidarity that animates their struggle against climate change.

It was a space and moment of debates, working groups and activities aiming to challenge the present and the future international mobilization, an opportunity to get to know each other, share experiences of social hardships and strategies of resistance, and build an intersectional and international network.

It was planned to gather together several activists from different countries to develop an ecological thinking and acting in its totality and which is able to meet the social needs of the entire global population while respecting local peculiarities. To do so, it was found necessary to dialogue with different people, groups, collectives and histories that collect and return, through different perspectives, the damages that this socioeconomic system produces. The ecoclimatic crisis is a social, migratory and economic crisis that affects in different ways and intensifies different segments of the population, first of all the oppressed groups.

The camp was organized with the desire to confront, educate, discuss and act together. The invitation to participate was addressed to all, singles and organized realities, collectives, committees, networks and organizations. It was also possible to join as a volunteer of the camp itself, thus engaging even more young people in volunteering for the cause.

The overall aim was to unite social and climate-environmental issues and frame the fight against climate change and environmental devastation as a fight against a common threat. Moreover, another goal was to strengthen solidarity between different local struggles, that each one is conducting in his own territory, while integrating tools and knowledge on which the consequences of the climate and social crisis are and who bears its responsibilities.

The topics of the debates were various, including environmental protection, struggles about production and social reproduction spheres, and reflections on ecological transition

In the same dates it was held the European Meeting of Fridays for Future: this was an opportunity to enlarge the network and create and organize a camp made of meetings, debates, social events, concerts, sports and moments of struggle open to all.

All the debate's outcomes were then summarised and published in the website of the camp: there were 32 discussions between 400 activists at the FFF European meeting in Torino in July 2022.

On the 29th of July, a strike was organised together to occupy the streets of the city of Turin and make their voices heard by all: more than a thousand people from 45 different countries joined.

Organizers said the the planning itself of the Climate Social Camp was already an important achievement from which they gained horizontal confrontation between the various movements joining the Camp Assembly, having discussions and sharing praxis and methods



Link to campaign/project website/social media channels:

<https://www.climatesocialcamp.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/climatesocialcamp/>



