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**Embedding 'citizen  
deliberation' and  
'deliberative democracy'  
for sustainable  
development into the  
official VET curricula**



## **GreenVETers IS HERE!**

Current official curricula of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses offer limited or no education on deliberative skills.

These skills are particularly important for Agriculture and Engineering students to learn how to advocate for climate action and solutions for sustainable development.

GreenVETers is an Erasmus+ project aiming to provide training and resources to VET trainers regarding the principles of Citizen Deliberation and Deliberative Democracy and to introduce these resources in official VET curricula.

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## The Partnership



Foundation Knowledge Centre PRO WORK promotes the career development of people with a (significant) distance to the labor market and/or society in general, skilled workers and others who need coaching, training and counseling in a wide variety of sectors and topics, national and international. PRO WORK operates in sectors like ICT, sustainability, environment, economy, health care and technology associated with sheltered employment, entrepreneurship, talent development of youngsters, unemployment and generation gaps.

CEPROF is an acronym for School Centers for Vocational Education. It is an SME established in 1991 specifically for the creation of the Escola Profissional de Espinho (ESPE) and is one of the oldest VET schools in Portugal (until 2004 all VET schools in Portugal were private). ESPE/CEPROF is authorized to operate as a VET school (Authorization of Operation nr. 27) and is accredited by the Portuguese Ministry of Education. ESPE/CEPROF also integrates a "Professional Guidance and Counseling Center", through its Qualifications Center (Centro Qualifica). This center not only provides professional guidance and advice personalized by technicians from this Center (usually Psychologists), but also validation and certification of professional competences for people over 21 years of age. In this process of validating and certifying professional skills, trainees are guided to prepare a portfolio, in which they show their professional skills and that they are willing to receive additional training to fill in the missing skills.



The Polish Farm Advisory and Training Centre Not-For-Profit is a private not-for-profit legal entity which provides an effective consultancy and comprehensive advisory services for Polish agri-businesses and individual farmers in order to help to establish their agri-businesses successfully from the start, to develop it effectively, and to stimulate its growth in future, ensuring economic viability. Our aims are: revitalizing rural areas, promoting the entrepreneurial spirit in rural areas, sharing knowledge and information by making it available to the general public.

Web2Learn (W2L) is a business partner that offers high-quality digital learning and professional training solutions and services, mostly targeted to the VET and Higher Education sector. The company is located in Thessaloniki, Greece, and the team is comprised of six highly qualified people in the areas of expertise described below. The company specialises in two areas of activity, openness and social connectivity.



C.I.P. Citizens In Power (CIP) is an independent non-profit, non-governmental organization. CIP constitutes one of the leading organizations in Cyprus in the field of global education, social innovation, entrepreneurship, STEM and sustainable growth. The mission of the organization is implementing cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary approaches, as a response to fundamental social, educational and environmental challenges and policy gaps, mainly by employing technology transfer and operationalizing the research findings.

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## First Meeting

*In April 2022*

The GreenVETers consortium is committed to delivering high-quality results that may be used in the EU and globally.

The partners met in Cyprus on 27 April 2022 to set the standards for this project and plan our next steps.

## We asked the experts!

For the first result of GreenVETers, the Handbook on the Green Deal and Citizen Deliberation, the partners of GreenVETers asked the opinions of national experts, as well as the public. The list of experts who were interviewed included educators, environmental engineers, energy experts, politicians, and more!



Stefan Krajewski, Polish politician, member of the Sejm for the IX term and farmer



Kyriakos Kyriakou, Cypriot photovoltaic expert and solar entrepreneur



Olivier van der Bogt, Dutch architect and entrepreneur

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## Stay Tuned!

The GreenVETers project will put out four main results including:

- 1) The Handbook on the Green Deal and Citizen Deliberation,
- 2) The Pedagogical Guide "Citizen engagement and deliberative democracy for climate action in VET schools",
- 3) The Online Training course on Citizen Deliberation and the Green Deal for VET educators in Agriculture and Engineering, and lastly,
- 3) The Report "The Way Ahead: A Collection of Good Practices".

Our partnership has already started working on the Handbook and the Pedagogical Guide, so stay tuned!!

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