

Green in Everyday Life

Hogares Verdes-Green4life Conference Valsaín, 1st, 2nd and 3rd June 2016





Asociación Columbares

Who are we: National nonprofit entity, non-religious, intercultural, politically independent, committed to the environment and society.

Our mission: To help groups suffering social, economic and cultural inequality in order to promote their social inclusion, a greater equality and solidarity of our society as promoting environmental conservation.

Working areas:

- Immigrants and ethnic minorities.
- Training and employement.
- Social participation.
- Youth.
- Environment









What is Green in Everyday Life

Project funded by the **Erasmus + Programme**, with 7 partners from 6 countries

- •<u>Asociación Columbares</u> (Spain), coordinator.
- •<u>CENEAM</u> (Spain).
- •<u>Consorzio abn (Italy)</u>.
- •Insider Access (United Kingdom).
- •<u>Global Playground Stockholm</u> (Sweden).
- •West center for human resources and development (Jordan).
- •Basin Guir for the development and protection of environment (Morocco).









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Objectives

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1. Promote a moderate use of resources by encouraging individual responsibility.

2. Raise awareness on **environmental issues** related with the use of **energy**, **water**, **waste**, **sustainable consumption and mobility**.

3. Improve **key skills** and offer **innovative educational tools** for educators and partner organizations.

4. Create a European level space of lifelong learning for environmental education.





Methodology and Specific Objectives

We all implement *Hogares Verdes* Programme methodology but every country is working with **different target groups** and **adapted the methodology and educational materials to their local conditions**.









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Green Homes Starters Kit

A manual, for partners and other entities around the world, that includes information and activities to start and develop Hogares Verdes Programme.

- Full manual was given and explained to partners during the training course.
- The online manual was:
 - Sent to partners after the training course
 - Sent to partners of the ESCAR project (European Strategic Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Awareness) in which Asociación Columbares take part.
 - Uploaded to Columbares website and Green4life website.

















Initial training course

- From 30th May to 5th June 2015.
- 17 participants from the partner organizations.
- Specific training about the methodology, materials and activities to implement *Hogares Verdes* Programme in each country.

	Day 1. May 30	Day 2. May 31	Day 3. June 1	Day 4. June 2	Day 5. June 3	Day 6. June 4	Day 7. June 5
9:00		Breakfast CENEAM	Breakfast CENEAM	Breakfast CENEAM	Breakfast CENEAM	Breakfast CENEAM	Breakfast CENEAM
10:00		Introduction and presentation. Team building. Presentation of each of the entities.	 Presentation of the Green Homes Program Methodological bases and tools. 	awareness of energy	Saving water at home: - Activities to raise awareness about water conservation. - Water saving devices. Sustainable mobility: - Activities to raise awareness of sustainable mobility.	Case Studies: - Environmental Auditing in the CENEAM. - Ecological Urban gardens.	Resolution of doubts. Evaluation and closure.
14:00		Lunch CENEAM	Lunch CENEAM	Lunch CENEAM	Lunch CENEAM	Lunch CENEAM	
16:00	Arrival of the participants	Project management: Planning activities. International meetings. Technical and economic verification.	Climate Change -How to explain Climate Change -The concept of Carbon footprint and its composition	Sightseeing Tour in Segovia.	 Responsible Consumption: Activities to raise awareness about responsible consumption. 	Design and presentation of Green Homes Program in every country • Target groups. • Domestic savings kits • Environmental Audits • Workshops (topics, practical organization). • Evaluation and monitoring.	
20:00	Diner CENEAM	Dinner CENEAM	Dinner CENEAM	Dinner in Segovia	Dinner CENEAM	Dinner CENEAM	
22:00	Free night	Intercultural night.	Free night		Free night	Farewell party	



Initial training course





Implementation of the Programme in each country:

•Environmental audits.

•Educational workshops on saving energy, saving water, sustainable consumption and/or sustainable mobility.

•Analysis of savings.

In Murcia:

•Target group: immigrants.

•7 environmental audits to 59 participants, representing 254 people.

•72 saving kits.

•15 workshops with 165 participants.

•Results will be analyzed next week.









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Implement the Programme in each country

Murcia





Green4life Manual

Manual for any organization around the world interested in **start** and **develope Hogares Verdes Programme**.

It contains information about the **methodology of** implementation, educational materials, advices and the experiences of one year working from each partner, with the adaptations for different target groups and different contexts.

It also contains **four examples on educational activities of each partner**, considered by the team as the **best practices** developed in every country.

- It will be finished at the end of June.
- It will be distributed through:
 - Partners website and <u>Green4life</u> <u>website</u>.
 - Green4life network.
 - Spanish Hogares Verdes network.
 - social media.











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Green4life network

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What we have done well:

•We have created an international work group, working on environmental issues related to *Hogares Verdes* Programme in different countries in Europe and North Africa.

•It is the **first international experience of** *Hogares Verdes* **Programme**.

•It is the **first time some groups as prisoners**, **immigrants**, **receive a training based on** *Hogares Verdes* **Programme**.

•We have produced a manual to spread the Hogares Verdes Programme methodology all over the world, including the experiences, recommendations and activities of partners.















What we have done well:

•In some countries, as Morocco, *Green in Everyday Life* was not only a project for promoting changes in families daily habits, but also a **way to transform the environment and policies in the communities** (complementary activities for cleaning public spaces, inclusion of ecological aspects in local policies...).

•In other countries, as UK, *Green in Everyday Life* was also a **way of inspiration for new eco-enterprises**, as waste-recycling, insulation green materials or bicycles or promoting the use of bicycles between old non traditional cyclist individuals.





Difficulties:

•Bureaucratic problems: Jordan partner could not participate in Stockholm meeting neither *Hogares Verdes-Green4life* conference because they **didn't get the visas**.

•For some countries is quite **difficult to measure quantitative data**: the beneficiaries do not have access to their bills because they are included in the rent (Sweden), they are paid by municipalities (Italy) in a common pack, many households are not on water meters (England), etc. This fact make **difficult to know** in some cases **if the specific objectives were reached**.

•Coordination was sometimes complicated due to communication problems (Skype does not work in some areas in Morocco), changes in the coordinator of the project, delayed in the implementation of the project.





How to improve a project like Green in Everyday Life:

•Planning more transnational meetings for improving communication and monitoring of the project.

•Defining specific objectives with each partner, based on their local conditions and possibilities to analyze data.





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Challenges for the future:

•Convert the **Green4life network** in a real international space for exchange of experiences, transfer of methodologies, educational materials and knowledge transfer in *Green in Everyday Life* and *Hogares Verdes* Programme related areas, which is live, and add new members all over the world.

•Get financing for continue the Green in Everyday Life project in the participating countries, as well as new countries.





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