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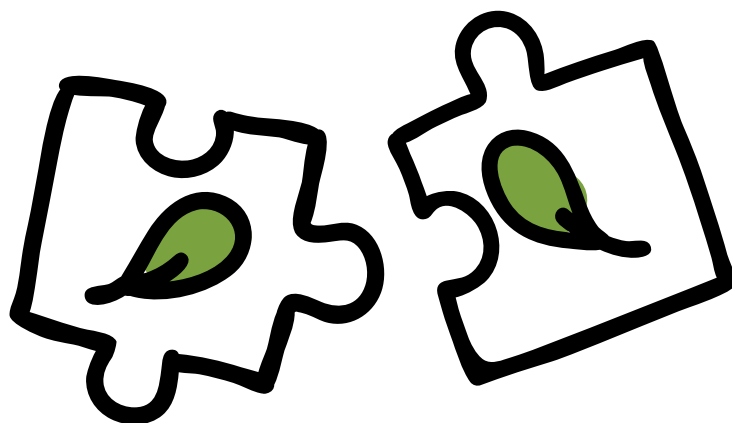
Involvement through competition is a powerful motivator—especially for young people. When there’s a goal to work toward, a chance to be creative, and the excitement of friendly rivalry, students become more engaged, more curious, and more willing to step up and make a difference.

That’s exactly the idea behind the “Games, Resources, Environment, Entrepreneurship, and Education Network” (GREEN) Project’s eco-themed competition. The concept is simple: encourage students to take action in their immediate environment. Whether it’s cleaning a school yard, planting flowers in a nearby park, reusing materials in creative ways, or building something useful for their community—every small step counts.

But this competition isn’t just about the end result. It’s about learning by doing, about connecting with nature in everyday ways, and about realizing that everyone can contribute to a greener future. When environmental awareness is connected with fun and teamwork, it becomes something real—something students can feel proud of.

The GREEN Project’s Eco-Competition has wrapped up, with over 200 students from different countries taking part in impactful environmental actions! It’s a reminder that real change often starts with simple ideas, fueled by passion and energy.

On the pages ahead, you’ll find a collection of inspiring initiatives from schools across: Macedonia, Romania, Italy and Cyprus- each one a unique reflection of creativity, care, and commitment to the planet.



Name of the green initiative: "Dreaming of a Green Christmas"

Submitted by: Foley's School in Limassol, Cyprus

Name and surname of the teacher that led the activity: Thekla Georgiou



"Dreaming of a Green Christmas" is an idea submitted by Foley's School in Limassol, Cyprus for the Eco Competition as part of the GREEN Project. This concept aims to transform the holiday season into an eco-friendly celebration by addressing the environmental impact of traditional Christmas practices, such as waste generation and high energy consumption.

The idea focuses on creating a **Sustainable Wonderland** featuring:

- Upcycled Decorations made from recycled materials.
- Solar-Powered Lights to reduce energy use.
- An Eco-Market offering sustainable holiday products.



The goal of the idea is to educate the community through workshops and events, encouraging families, schools, and individuals to adopt eco-friendly holiday practices. This initiative is designed to reduce waste and energy consumption while promoting a greener, more sustainable way of celebrating Christmas.



Name of the green initiative: “From Seed to Plant”

Submitted by: OOU “Petar Pop Arsov” , Macedonia

Name and surname of the teacher that led the activity: Slavica Nestorovska Damjanska



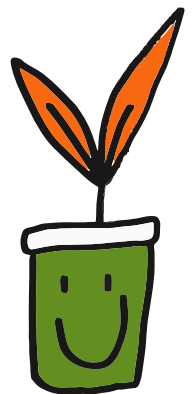
At OOU “Petar Pop Arsov” Skopje, under the guidance of Class Teacher Slavica Nestorovska Damjanska, students embarked on an exciting project where they sowed various seeds like carrots, parsley, tomatoes, peas, and pumpkins, and followed their growth process step by step.

They also got creative by turning old wooden pallets into planters! After painting them white and lining them with black garbage bags, the students filled them with soil and decorated them with fun animal prints.

Every day, the students took care of the plants in the school’s **“Eco Yard”**, creating a space to relax, socialize, and nurture their herbs, flowers, and vegetables.

Key objectives of the initiative:

- Educating students on recycling and reusing materials
- Promoting sustainable living
- Teaching the importance of growing healthy food without pesticides
- Developing gardening, creativity, and woodworking skills
- Fostering teamwork and community spirit



This project has helped students connect with nature and learn about the environment in a hands-on, creative way.



Name of the green initiative: “Let’s Do a Change! “

Submitted by: “Minerva Alexandrescu” Secondary School, Romania

Name and surname of the teacher that led the activity: Elena-Cristina Torcătoru



“Minerva Alexandrescu” Secondary School in Șoimari Commune, Prahova has come up with a fantastic eco-idea aimed at teaching 6th-grade students the importance of recycling and environmental protection. Under the guidance of Elena-Cristina Torcătoru, the idea revolves around transforming old t-shirts into eco-friendly pillows.

This initiative encourages students to develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment by teaching them how to recycle clothing items that would otherwise go to waste. The activity is designed to raise awareness about sustainability and the importance of reducing waste by reusing materials.

Key Elements of the Idea:

- **Recycling:** Students will learn how to repurpose old t-shirts into pillows.
- **Environmental Awareness:** Understanding the impact of waste on the planet and adopting eco-friendly habits.
- **Creativity and Practical Skills:** A hands-on approach that teaches students how to make something useful from discarded materials.

This idea aims to spark change, especially in isolated communities, where students might not have the same exposure to environmental education and activities as those in urban areas.

The goal is simple: teach students to appreciate the environment, stop waste, and recycle while creating something useful and environmentally friendly.



Name of the green initiative: School Garden Project

Submitted by: Class 2E

Name and surname of the teacher that led the activity: Salvatore Tamburello

The **School Garden Project** is an idea developed by the students of Class 2E at I.C. Cassara Guida, aimed at cultivating vegetables in the schoolyard. The idea involves students learning the entire process of growing plants, from seed to harvest. This includes soil preparation, irrigation, and plant care. The crops are strawberries, eggplants, and zucchinis.

The project focuses on teaching sustainability and raising awareness about food production, while also addressing food waste. Students gain practical skills in growing food in small spaces, which can be applied at home or within their local communities.

The produce is shared with the local community, creating a connection between the school and its neighbors, and promoting eco-friendly practices. The initiative contributes to a more sustainable approach to education and community engagement.



Name of the green initiative: "Eco corner"

Submitted by: SSOU "Dimitrija Chupovski", Macedonia

Name and surname of the teachers that led the activity: Ruska Miceva, Dragana Jovanova

The students and teachers of SSOU "Dimitrija Chupovski" in Veles have taken a significant step toward environmental sustainability with their Eco-corner project! This space will serve as a hub for environmental education, offering students valuable information on ecological activities, sustainability, and ways to raise awareness about local and global environmental issues.

Key Highlights of the Project:

- Reusing waste materials such as old car tires, cardboard, plastic bottles, and more to create eco-friendly furniture and educational panels.
- Creating a dedicated space where students can exchange ideas, learn about environmental problems, and engage in eco-initiatives.
- Direct involvement of students from different backgrounds and age groups in the creation of the eco-corner.

Benefits:

- Promoting recycling and waste reduction.
- Providing students with a hands-on learning experience about environmental protection.
- Creating a functional and creative space for students to relax, organize events, and continue their environmental education.

This project not only reduces waste but also contributes to a more sustainable school environment, fostering creativity and a deepened sense of responsibility toward nature.

