

2024 - 2026

Erasmus+ KA210-VET

SUST_ENT

GREEN SKILLS FOR RURAL ENTERPRISES

THE PROJECT AT A GLANCE

4 PARTNER

€60,000 PROJECT BUDGET

24 MONTHS

3 COUNTRIES

RURAL ENTREPRENEURS AND SMEs

LATVIA

Aizkraukle District Partnership

SLOVENIA

Heart of Slovenia Development Centre

ITALY

GAL Valle Umbra e Sibillini (Coordinator)

EGNA

Map of Europe showing project locations in Latvia, Slovenia, and Italy.

76% Had heard of the Green Deal

Wanted more information

76% Wanted to take part

50%

GOAL

SUST_ENT TURNING THAT INTEREST INTO TRAINING, DIALOGUE AND CONCRETE IDEAS FOR RURAL SMEs

THE FIVE PROJECT PHASES

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

RESEARCH SURVEYS - FOCUS GROUPS - INTERVIEWS

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL TRAINING WORKSHOPS

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FINAL EVENT & FUTURE COOPERATION

THE PROJECT'S MEASURABLE TARGETS

90+ SURVEY RESPONSES

6 FOCUS GROUPS

9 INTERVIEWS

15+ GOOD PRACTICES COLLECTED

36 LOCAL WORKS

45-75 ENTREPRENEURS IN TRAINING

12+ NEW GREEN PROJECT IDEAS

85% MINIMUM SATISFACTION RATE

1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHO BENEFITS?

Rural SMEs and entrepreneurs

Women entrepreneurs

Young entrepreneurs

Municipalities Local communities

PROJECT OUTPUTS

3 NATIONAL RESEARCH REPORTS

1 EUROPEAN INFOGRAPHIC

TRAINING CURRICULUM

PROJECT WEBSITE GREEN DEAL BORN REPOSITORY

LOCAL WORKSHOPS & COMPANY VISITS

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NETWORK

FINAL EVENT

Cascia, Italy

18 July 2026

Four-day international programme

Study Visit

Local Company Visits

Cooperation Agreement

Public Final Event

THE PROJECT LEGACY

01 SKILLS

Practical green competences for rural entrepreneurs.

02 IDEAS

Innovative sustainable solutions for local businesses.

03 NETWORK

Long-term cooperation between rural territories.

GREEN SKILLS

LOCAL ACTION

RURAL FUTURES

LATVIA: FROM LOCAL ORCHARDS TO CLIMATE-NEUTRAL BEVERAGES

Aizkraukle District Partnership – Local Action Group

POPULATION: 1.8M

52% FORESTS

12,000+ RIVERS & 2,000+ LAKES

STRONG RURAL DIMENSION

EU MEMBER STATE (SINCE 2004)

THE LAG: Aizkraukle District Partnership

EST. 2005 67 MEMBERS

POPULATION <30,000

FOCUS: CLIMATE NEUTRALITY

GREEN DEAL IMPACT: 4 KEY OBJECTIVES

CLIMATE NEUTRALITY

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSFORMATION

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

FARM TO FORK

MEASURABLE RESULTS

~100% Fossil fuels

+20% Local sourcing

100% By-product reuse

~18 T CO₂ saved per year

SUST_ENT PROJECT: TĀLAVA (DAUDZEVA)

FOUNDED 2013

LATVIAN NATURAL FRUIT BEVERAGES

The Challenge

Diesel dependency

Limited export capacity

Wasted solar during power outages

THE SOLUTION: 5 INVESTMENTS → 2 GOALS

GO FOSSIL-FREE

READY FOR EXPORT

Solar-powered steam generator

Autonomous solar energy storage

Water purification system

Automated labelling

Zero-ink laser printing

LOCAL IMPACT: Every apple has a home

Local growers, employees, farmers, gardeners

LOCAL SOURCING ALSO HELPS REDUCE FOOD WASTE

ROADMAP

2026: INSTALL EQUIPMENT & NEW PRODUCT LINE

2026-2028: CERTIFICATION + EXPORTS + NEW EMPLOYEES

2028-2030: OWN ORCHARDS + CLIMATE-NEUTRAL FACILITY

NEXT STEPS

EU FUNDING

EXPORT PARTNERS (Scandinavia, Germany)

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION SUPPORT

KEY MESSAGE: FROM DIESEL TO SUNSHINE — TRANSFORMING A LOCAL FRUIT BUSINESS INTO A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL, EXPORT-READY ENTERPRISE.

THE WOOD AGE - Back to the Heartwood

Unlock the potential of Slovenian wood by connecting people, businesses and organisations across the entire forest-wood value chain.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

Almost 60% of Slovenia is covered by forests

Much timber is exported as raw material

Limited cooperation across the value chain

Strong potential for local processing and higher-value products

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Connect key stakeholders

Exchange knowledge & good practices

Increase the use of local wood

Develop higher-value products

Build new partnerships

Create new business opportunities

HOW?-COLLABORATION • LEARNING • NETWORKING

Expert lectures

Workshops & networking

Study visits

Good practice exchanges

Promotional activities

National conference

THE WOOD AGE 2020-2050

LIVING • HERITAGE • SPORTS • MUSIC

CULINARY • FASHION • HEALTH

BECOME AN AMBASSADOR

Together, we can build a more sustainable future through wood, cooperation and innovation.

WATER GREEN DEAL: Territorial Pact

Municipalities & Businesses for Water Resilience | GAL Valle Umbra e Sibillini

The Challenge

Increasing drought and water scarcity

Water losses and inefficient use

Need for climate adaptation and circular water management

The Solution

A Territorial Water Transition Pact bringing together municipalities, businesses and technical experts to improve water management across the GAL Valle Umbra e Sibillini area through shared planning and investment.

Who is Involved?

Municipal administrations

SMEs & agri-food businesses-Farms

Hospitality & manufacturing sectors

Business associations Local communities

Expected Impact

Lower freshwater consumption

Reduced energy use

More circular water management

Increased drought resilience

Key Activities

Conduct business water check-ups

Analysis

Organise Water Green Deal Labs

Develop pilot projects & action plans

Monitor results

Replicate successful solutions

Core Outputs

Territorial Water Baseline

Municipal Action Plans

Business Improvement Plans

Fundable Pilot Portfolio

Water Green Deal Charter

Monitoring Dashboard & Replication Plan

Vision

One territory. Shared data. Shared investment. Shared results. Building a resilient and sustainable future through cooperation between public authorities and local businesses.

VALLE UMBRA e SIBILLINI

AIZKRAUKLES RAJONA PARTNERIBA

RAJONINIS CENTRAS SIEČA SLOVENIJE

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