

Green Generations: tackling climate change through intergenerational learning



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As part of the 17th ICERI: International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation, Eutopique and its partners have published a paper on tackling climate change through intergenerational learning.

This European study conducted as part of the Erasmus+ Green Generations project (2022-1-FR01-KA220-SCH-000085830) reveals unique challenges and opportunities for including education on climate change in schools using an intergenerational approach. The qualitative, quantitative and documentary research was carried out with the participation of 34 teachers from France, Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania, and identifies teachers' perceptions, challenges and training needs for promoting climate education through intergenerational learning.

The project, led by a consortium of five European organisations, aims to create innovative teaching resources for primary and secondary school teachers. The results of the study show that, although climate change education is widely perceived as essential, it remains poorly incorporated into official school curricula, partly because of the rigidity of national education systems, the lack of appropriate training for teachers, and the lack of openness on the part of the school world to the local ecosystem.

Participants expressed a strong interest in an intergenerational approach that would connect students with previous generations, strengthening their understanding of climate issues and fostering community awareness. However, challenges remain, such as the lack of practical resources and the difficulty of engaging external stakeholders, such as parents and community members.

This initiative highlights the need for a collaborative educational environment to overcome cultural and institutional barriers. By creating partnerships between schools and communities, the Green Generations project hopes to provide teachers with appropriate tools and training, thereby encouraging active and sustainable citizenship among the younger generations.

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