



### Newsletter N° 1

During the upcoming two years, september 2023 – august 2025, four schools in different parts of Europe will work together in the ERASMUS plus-projektet "*Wetlands in Europe Against Climate Change, we act Today!*" (*We Act!*). The project was born in the context of the European Green Deal, whose objective is for the EU to become the first climate neutral continent by 2050, resulting in a cleaner environment, more affordable energy, smarter transport, new jobs and an overall better quality of life. As far as Wetlands are concerned, in the last century, more than 64% of them have been lost. Restoring and managing wetlands is at the heart of European Green Deal, as its main goals are to restore damaged ecosystems and bring nature back across Europe.

The project aims, through scientific, cultural, geographical, environmental, socio-economic and historical approach, at raising people's knowledge and awareness of the importance of protecting and restoring wetlands across all Europe, putting forward their natural ecosystem services and their importance to climate changes mitigation. Water issues such as pollution, farming, drinkable water and pollution will also be highlighted. We also hope that students and staff at the schools during the project will develop their abilities to use digital tools. A large part of the contact will take place online, which will increase security during the current digital transformation.



The participants of the project include teachers and students from ITH in Gembloux Belgium, Colegio de Amorim in Povoa Portugal, General Lykeiko on Syros Greece and Aranäsgymnasiet i Kungsbacka Sweden. During three days in late september teachers from the four schools participating in the project got together for a meeting to set the schedule and plan the activities for the upcoming two years.

The teachers meeting was held at Aranäsgymnasiet in Kungsbacka, Sweden. During the first day the participants got a round tour of the school together with the headmaster and teachers

working at the natural science project. The staff showed the facilities and explained the structure of the various educational programs in specific, and the Swedish school system in general. Also in comparison to the structure in the other countries. During the meeting the plan of the project was drawn up in detail. The participants thoroughly went through the application, set the dates and discussed how every activity will be carried out during and in between the meetings.





Apart from the discussions about the project visits to some of the planned project activity sites was carried out. The participants visited Getteröns nature reserve in Varberg where they got a guided tour of the reserve, took part in ringing of birds and watched different bird species in the wetland area. During the time in Varberg a visit to Varberg's fortress took place as well as a walk around the sea shore. The first mobility with students will take place in Gembloux in november 2023!



**First student  
meeting**

**WHERE?** Belgium

**WHEN?** November 2023

**MAIN THEME?** Wetlands : biodiversity and food. Water in farming.

**WHO?** Six students and two teachers from each country.