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Building Bridges for circular economy by fostering youth entrepreneurship

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Partner consortium from **Building bridges for a circular economy by fostering youth entrepreneurship** project organized the staff training in Belgium from June 7th to 10th, 2022.

Aim of this live activity was to actively learn the different contents that will be included in the training e-modules:  
**Green Entrepreneurship & Circular Economy for youth.**

We also got inspired by exploring the good offerings of the city, like **trying out circular, sustainable and only local gastronomy businesses**, did some sightseeing and chased away the rain 😊



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# How was our training week ?

## TRAINING VENUE: VILLAGE PARTENAIRE

We were hosted at Village Partenaire, right **in the heart of the green entrepreneurship ecosystem** that was created under Groupe One. The building complex is realizing a sustainable mindset, as they cultivate energy and water conservation mentality, make their own compost, have aquaponics and co-working offices, consulting for new green business.



## DAY 1: FIRST STEPS

Training-wise, we started with an **introduction to sustainable development** and discuss the 17 sustainable development goals within groups. After work, we gathered at "Entre Nous" restaurant that is **a localized Italian place, where they are working with cooperatives for sourcing ingredients in a close range, cooking seasonal recipes and look out for the environment.**



## DAY 2: WHERE DO WE STAND

On day 2, we tested ourselves via Resilient Coaching method, had in-depth learning about **financing opportunities and good practices within Green Entrepreneurship.** We concluded our case studies at the restaurant "Nourritures Terrestres", where they welcomed us for the vegetarian/vegan lunch that is a **proud owner of the "Good Food" certificate.**

## DAY 3: CIRCULAR MINDSET ALL-THE-WAY

We entered our e-module 2 **discussions, about Circular Economy.** To better understand the principles, we visited some near-by CE implementation sites. Firstly, we went to "Janine Beer & Bread", **where family-owned business runs on recycled bread and beer waste.**

We continued on the culinary direction towards "Patatak" for a typical Belgium lunch. **Their French fries are from a local farmer to whom there are returning the organic waste** for making compost/fertilizer. For the final stop, we met the artists and designers of "Souploteque" who told us more about the process of **circular fashion and local currency they use to exchange the goods.**

We shared our impressions and enjoyed the evening at the Village Partenaire's, celebrating their 15th anniversary.



## DAY 4: NEXT MILESTONES

As our staff training came to an end on Friday, we gathered our thoughts for conclusions, agreed on the next milestones and **improvements of the Building bridges e-course learning materials.** Then, we had a fare-well lunch at "Dillens", where we enjoyed the well-prepared mussels and well-deserved coffee.



**UNTIL NEXT TIME FROM OUR YOUTH TRAINING IN TIMISOARA, ROMANIA! 😊**

