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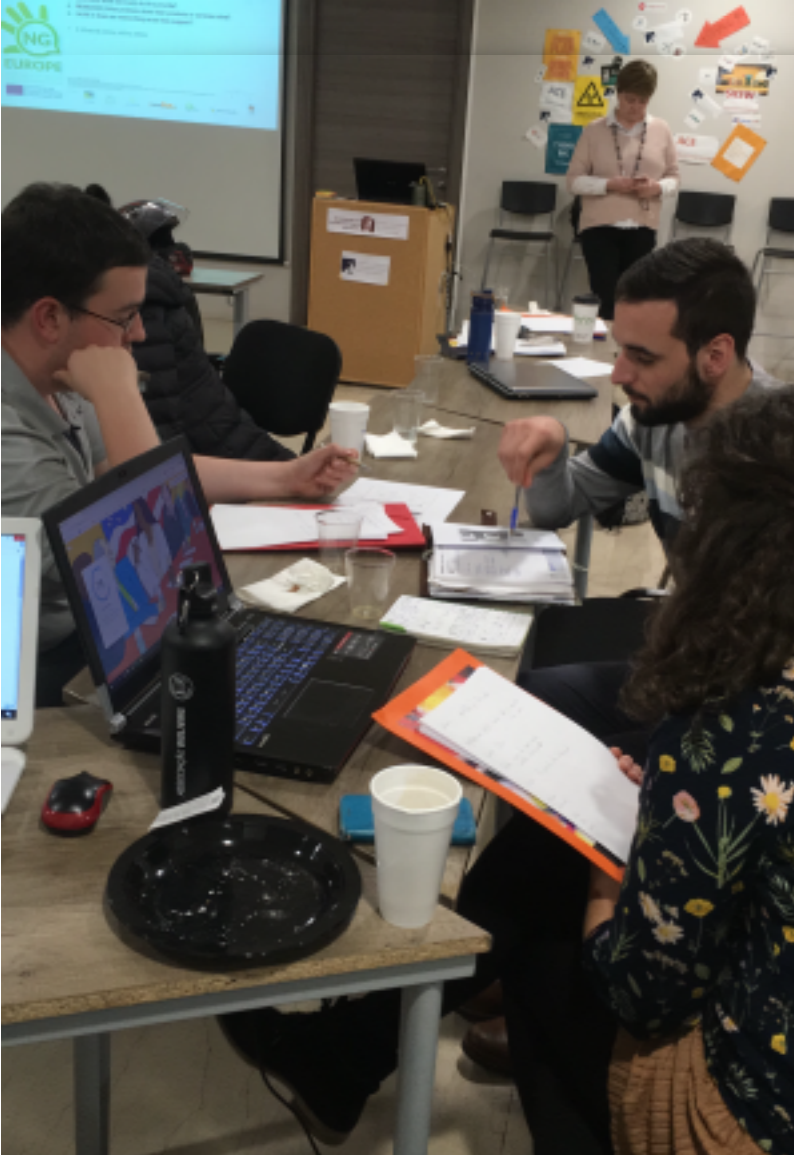


1 The NG Europe Erasmus Training Programme

The NG Europe Erasmus project has developed a unique five-day Training Programme for individuals, leaders of community organisations and NGO staff to create new opportunities in their local area that will increase their impact in protecting their local environment. The Training Programme will provide participants with:

- An understanding of the role of social and green NGOs
- Familiarity with NGO funding and management
- Leadership training
- Social entrepreneurship
- Skills development
- An awareness of the importance of networking
- Practical experience through field trips

The Programme will empower participants to become active and engaged leaders in the NGO sector. In addition to the Training Programme, engagement seminars will be hosted across the five partner countries. These events will introduce individuals and community organisations to the NG Europe Training Programme.



NG Europe Training Programme Second Edition

The second edition of the NG Europe Training Programme was hosted in Athens, Greece in November 2018. It saw 20 participants, 12 from Greece and 8 from across Europe including Austria, Ireland, Portugal, and Spain come together to share experiences and learn from one another. The trainers used their expertise to maximise the expected outcomes through interactive learning tasks. Specific tips and tricks for creating, managing and supporting NGOs were provided to cultivate an entrepreneurial mind-set and facilitated trainees advancing their knowledge of social and green NGOs. All trainees were highly motivated and were presented with opportunities to take an active role, either as a group spokesperson or through role-playing exercises. A one-day workshop promoted team building with an emphasis on personality types and overcoming fears bringing participants closer together.

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2 The NG Europe Immersion Programme

The Immersion Programme of NG Europe is designed to give all NG Europe participants a practical training experience to enhance engagement with NGOs. All NG Europe trainees complete an internship in an NGO from a social and/or environmental background to gain practical experience. The duration and type of the internship is adjusted according to the individual intern's needs and preferences. NGOs from all five partner countries (Austria, Ireland, Greece, Portugal, and Spain), willing to receive trainees, can be found in the NG Europe Observatory, an online best practice platform on the project website:
www.ngeurope.net/en/content/best-practices.



Induction to Pedagogy for NGO Staff

Several educational materials have been created to provide NGOs with an overview of what is expected from them as a mentor for interns. These materials can be applied by any organisation looking to host interns as the developed materials provide overviews, guidance, checklists, and other useful information to improve and facilitate the hosting experience.

The NG Europe induction materials give support to the hosting NGOs, providing them with an overview of what to expect when they work with an intern. All materials are free to use and can be found on the NG Europe project website at <https://ngeurope.net/en/intellectual-outputs>.

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Induction to Pedagogy Handbook

This handbook contains valuable information for any NGO hosting an intern. The handbook is structured in five modules, covering essential information:

- Module 1: General Introduction into the NG Europe Immersion Programme
- Module 2: Adult Learning Styles
- Module 3: Risk Assessment
- Module 4: Developing an 'Induction Pack' for the Intern
- Module 5: Communication with the Intern

The handbook can be downloaded from: www.ngeurope.net/en/content/induction-mentoring-ngo-interns.

Videos

The "Induction to mentoring NG Europe interns" videos provide brief, comprehensive guidelines on what an organisation should do and expect when it hosts an intern. The following topics are covered in the videos:

- How can you help your intern?
- Adult learning approaches
- What can the intern do?
- Best practice example: Westport Tidy Towns

Available to watch at: www.ngeurope.net/en/content/induction-mentoring-ngo-interns





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3 How to join NG Europe

If you are an NGO or someone interested in working in the NGO sector, there are several things you can do to implement NG Europe ideas:

- 🕒 Join some of the upcoming project events in Spain, Ireland, Austria, and Portugal
- 🕒 Download the free to use NG Europe material (available on www.ngeurope.net/en/intellectual-outputs) to study by yourself or to create your own programme to teach others.
- 🕒 Inquire about internship opportunities at the NGEurope best practice NGOs (find the ones closest to you at <https://ngeurope.net/en/content/best-practices>).
- 🕒 Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date @NGEuropeProject.
- 🕒 Get in touch with the NG Europe Project Team for more information: info@ngeurope.net.

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4 NG Europe Events

2018

Engagement seminar 1:

Lousada, Portugal (25 – 26 May 2018)

Training programme 1:

Lousada, Portugal (6 – 10 July 2018)

Engagement seminar 2:

Athens, Greece (19 – 20 September 2018)

Training programme 2:

Athens, Greece (27 November – 1 December 2018)

2019

Engagement seminar 3:

Soria, Spain (14 – 15 March 2019)

Training programme 3:

Valladolid, Spain (29 March – 2 April 2019)

Engagement seminar 4:

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Castlebar, Ireland
(5 – 6 April 2019)

Training programme 4:

Castlebar, Co. Mayo, Ireland (28 June – 2 July 2019)

Engagement seminar 5:

Graz, Austria (summer 2019)

Training programme 5:

Graz, Austria (22 – 26 November 2019)

Early 2020

Final project conference in Portugal



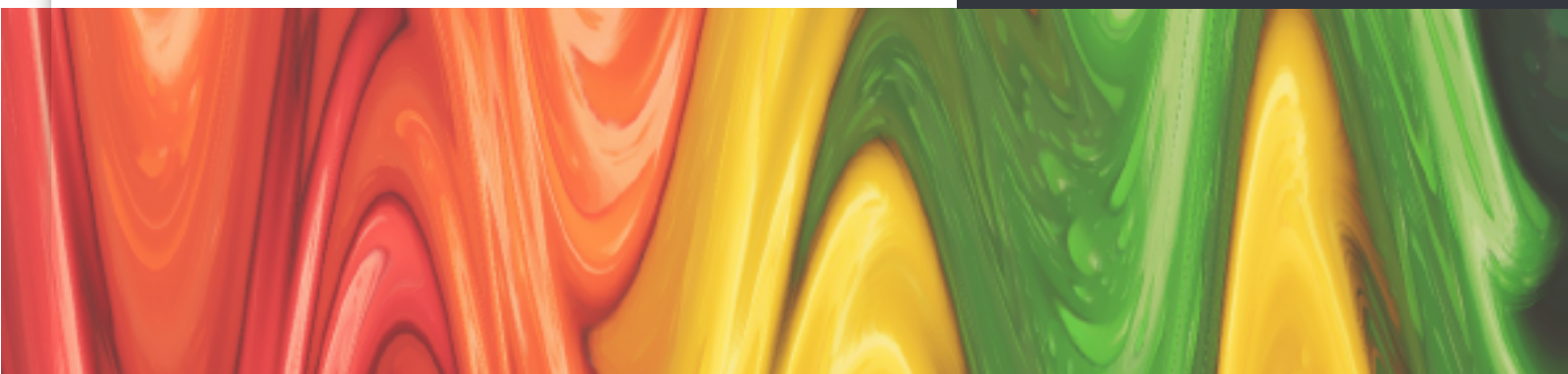
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