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SOCIAL ECOLOGICAL SYSTEM APPROACH FOR IMPROVING ECOLOGICAL LITERACY OF YOUTH

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The “SES-ECO” project aims to serve a platform for teaching ecoliteracy enhanced with SES (social–ecological systems) approach. Using SES to improve ecoliteracy of young people will help to create possibility for combining different societal actors who are often times in each other’s vicinity and share common concerns but rarely find a way to collaborate.

The specific objectives of SES-ECO Project;

- Building trainers’ capacity in the areas of ecology and systems thinking,
- Increasing an awareness for the environment,
- Improving the understanding of ecological science and its usefulness for real-world environmental issues,
- Creating a sense of place and encouraging teaching with multiple learning styles,



Kick of Meeting for the SES-ECO project was held in Aksaray, Turkey between the dates of 30-31 January 2020. The representatives from the partners of the project (Turkey, Germany, Bulgaria, Spain) participated this meeting. During the meeting; deadlines for the planned activities, following transnational meetings, project budget, obligations of the partners monitoring and dissemination activities, were discussed.



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INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

- National/EU Need Analysis Reports on Ecoliteracy
- “Enhancing Ecoliteracy through Social-Ecological System Approach”
- Training Guidelines
- Establishment of e-learning Training Modules
- Application Quantifying Ecological Literacy/ Toolkit for Assessing Ecoliteracy Performance



İbrahim ÖRÜN, Belda ERKMEN and Koray ÇELİK represented Aksaray University, as a coordinator of the project. Aksaray Project team welcomed the partners and made a short summary of the project. Then partners shortly introduced their institution and activities. After that, detailed session about project management and coordination was performed by Altan DIZDAR from Orkon. Each partner discussed about the content and deadline of the Intellectual Output which they were in charge of and their obligations within the project. Interactive method were used during the meeting. The project participants also visited Prof. Yusuf SAHİN, rector of Aksaray University. As a Professor on Urbanization and Environmental problems, he shared his opinion about this strategic partnership project. He stated that this project will contribute for the awareness of youth on ecological literacy. Then he presented Certificate of Attendance to each project member. At the end of the meeting all project partners went to Cappadocia for a cultural visit and had a farewell dinner together.

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