

Project SDG NAVIGATOR - Empowering changemakers towards sustainability

After two years of impactful work, the **SDG Navigator project**, funded by the Erasmus+ programme, has successfully concluded this November 2024. Coordinated by UAB Theoria / Xwhya as leading organisation in Lithuania and supported by seven partners from Portugal, Spain, Greece, Slovenia, Cyprus, and Austria, the project has been a collaborative effort to foster innovation in vocational education and training (VET) across Europe.

A MISSION ALIGNED WITH EU PRIORITIES

The SDG Navigator has been firmly aligned with the European Union's priorities:

1. **Environment and fight against climate change**, by fostering sustainability competences and entrepreneurial action.
2. **Adapting VET to labour market needs**, by equipping individuals with the skills needed for sustainable entrepreneurship.
3. **Increasing the attractiveness of VET**, through innovative, action-oriented learning resources.

The project's primary objective has been to **raise individuals' capacity to act as agents of change for sustainability**, reinforcing their social and eco-entrepreneurial mindset and skillset through forward-looking VET training.

INNOVATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO VET AND SUSTAINABILITY

The SDG Navigator has developed three innovative resources to support this mission:

1. **The Sustainability Changemaker Competences Dictionary**, mapping essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes for sustainability-driven entrepreneurship.
2. **The Sustainability NAVIGATOR Learning Path**, offering step-by-step resources and changemaking tools to strengthen sustainability-oriented competences and guide individuals through the entrepreneurial process.
3. **The SDG NAVIGATOR Hub and Toolbox**, an online open-access platform featuring learning resources and personalised, action-oriented pathways for sustainability entrepreneurship.

These resources are freely available to all on the project's platform: <https://sdgnavigator.eu/>.

WHAT MAKES SDG NAVIGATOR UNIQUE?

Unlike traditional VET training, which often targets organisations, the SDG Navigator has innovatively focused on **empowering individuals**. It recognises the critical role of individuals as **entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, and citizens**, enabling them to make sustainable choices that positively impact their communities, lifestyles, and career prospects.

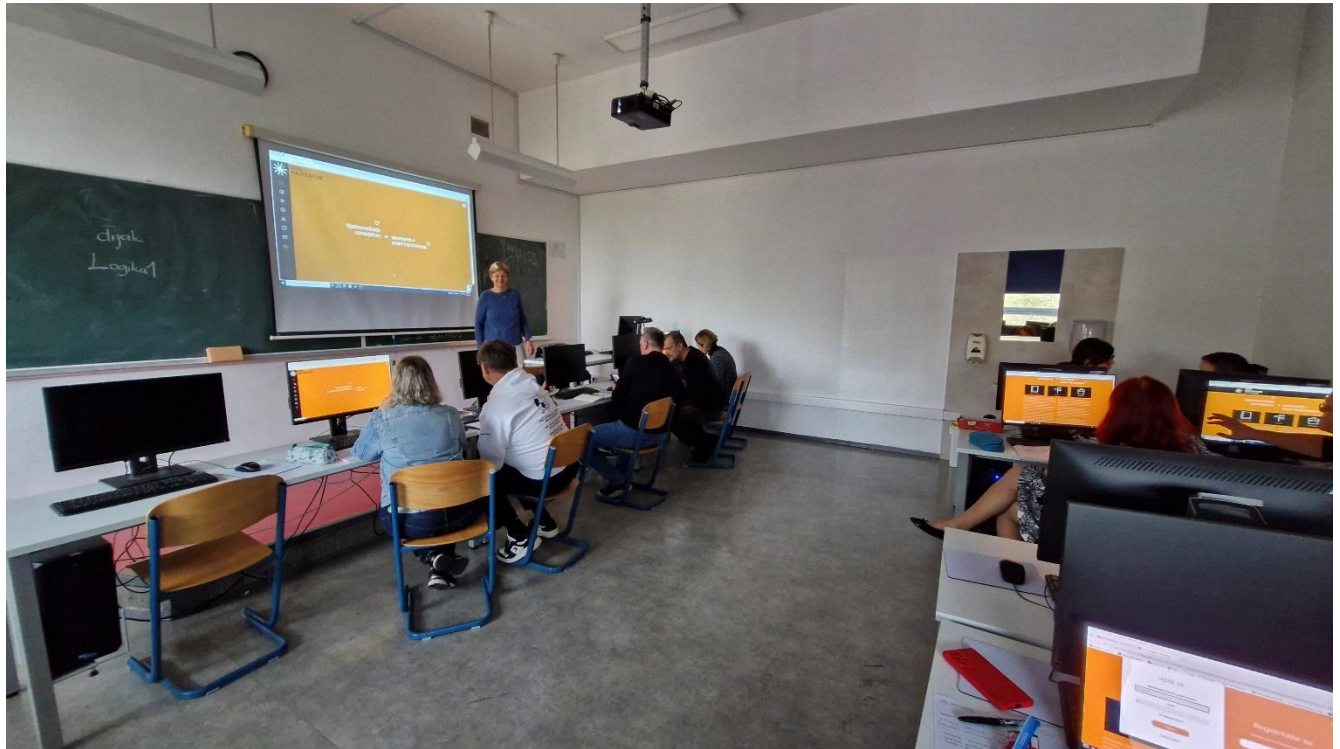
Through a holistic approach, the SDG NAVIGATOR has provided a step-by-step, learner-centred process to raise awareness of sustainability challenges and prepare individuals to take actionable steps towards sustainable living, both professionally and personally. This is a vital contribution to driving sustainable development in a rapidly changing world.



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FINAL EVENTS AND NATIONAL IMPACT

In the final months of the project, partners in all seven countries piloted the Learning Path modules and Toolbox tools, receiving **highly positive feedback from over 80 participants**. These sessions validated the platform's effectiveness and relevance for its target audience.



Picture 1: Participants of the piloting phase organised by the Chamber of Commercences and Industry of Slovenia.

To cap off the project, **National Outreach Forums** were organised in each participating country, drawing over **240 professionals** from the VET and entrepreneurship sectors. These events showcased the SDG Navigator's tools and achievements, fostering dialogue and engagement around sustainability-driven education and entrepreneurship. Participants lauded the project's holistic approach, highlighting its potential to inspire sustainable action and innovation in diverse contexts.

A LASTING LEGACY

The SDG Navigator project leaves behind a legacy of actionable tools and resources that empower individuals to make sustainability a reality in their lives and work. By focusing on individual agency and offering practical, learner-centred pathways, the project has set a benchmark for VET innovation and sustainability education across Europe.

For more information and to access the project's resources, visit: <https://sdgnavigator.eu/>.

