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## Context

Over the last decade Europe has known an economic crisis which has seen high and continuing levels of unemployment particularly among young people who, as a result, may risk social and economic exclusion. At the same time local authorities across the European Union with fewer financial resources have been less able to provide local services and are increasingly looking to local communities to work with them. There is also the increasing danger of global warming which makes it essential to seek more sustainable practices. Over the years, too, traditional skills linked to sustainable agricultural practices and rural ways have been lost or risk disappearing.

## ECOMANAGEMENT project

The ECOMANAGEMENT project is an Erasmus+ strategic partnership which brings together six partners in five different European countries who all have wide experience of working with rural communities, particularly in the field of traditional skills such as dry stone walling and have experience of organising training, awareness raising and the motivation of young people and the well-being of seniors and of transferring know-how from one generation to the next.

The ECOMANAGEMENT project, yesterday's knowledge tomorrow's know-how, seeks to bring together seniors with traditional skills, young people at risk, citizens and community bodies with a view to transferring traditional skills between the generations and maintaining our rural heritage.

## Project Aims

The aims of the project are:

- To transmit traditional intergenerational and pan European skills linked to the sustainable development of our European regions
- To involve young people, especially those in difficulty in developing the project and, in the longer term, to make them ambassadors for landscape management alongside the local authorities
- To train citizens from each partner area to play an important role in transferring skills to other citizens so that they become groups of trained European eco managers who will be guardians of the local rural heritage.
- To transfer the fruits of the project to a wider public both within the territory of each project partner but also at the wider European level, so that the good practices may be shared as widely as possible

The members of the ECOMANAGEMENT partnership will work together on five intellectual products building on the experience of each other, each partner being responsible for one of the products:

- Creating examples of good practice in terms of listing rural skills and transferring these skills between the generations.
- Working together to model best practice in training and awareness raising on the basis of the examples provided.
- Producing an ethnographic study of traditional know-how based on young people conducting interviews with holders of traditional know-how by young people.
- Organising a practical training course for trainers so that they can pass on know-how to others and transfer the results of the practical training to the wider community.
- Creating a web site which will display and communicate the results of the project in the languages of the partnership.