



The Final meeting



Seminar in Forcalquier to present the work of the project.



Visiting the Artemisia Museum in Forcalquier.



Touring the botanical gardens at the Priory of Salagon.



Members of the Ecomanagement project at the final meeting in Provence.



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Yesterday's knowledge, tomorrow's know-how

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EDITORIAL

Eco-management, yesterday's knowledge, tomorrow's know-how, has been a project in the Erasmus + adult education strategic partnerships programme. The project took place between autumn 2017 and September 2019.

Six partners came together within the project to develop a methodology to establish a formalised and lasting dialogue between the public authorities and local stakeholders, around the theme of the transmission of traditional know-how for sustainable development. Throughout this project, has sought to enhance the value of the local heritage as well as to create a European level network.

Over the life the project four newsletters have already been produced with information on the progress of the project. The aim of this additional brief newsletter is to report on the final steering group meeting which took place in Forcalquier, France on 17th September and the final local seminar the following day where each of the partners reported on the activities which they had undertaken.



Partners visit a traditional dry-stone shepherds' building in Provence during the final gathering of the project.



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PROJECT PROGRESS

At the steering group meeting partners considered the progress which had been made in writing up the comprehensive report which had been prepared on the training activities of each of the partners. The partners also considered all the actions necessary to complete the final report on the project.

The meeting in Forcalquier provided an opportunity to consider the context of the activities of our French partner Alpes de Lumière. We were able to see, for instance, where they had organised dry stone building activities. A visit to the Artemisia museum dedicated to aromatic and medicinal plants tied in well with the training session on medicinal plants organised by our Greek partner.

At the final local seminar held in the Artemisia museum Alpes de Lumière provided an overview of the project recalling all the work which had been accomplished in preparing good practice sheets, modelling training, carrying out ethnological surveys and conducting and evaluating training courses. The project had reached out to seniors, young people and communities in each of the partner areas. There followed a presentation showing that a number of themes have been common to several of the partners, particularly dry stone construction but also craft based training activities from bobbin lace making in Spain, small scale cheese making in Scotland, to forge work in France, grafting apples in Slovakia and apples and chestnuts in Corsica and tapestry making in Greece. Traditional cooking has also been a common theme.

Each partner then presented a report on the activities in their own area. Over the summer each partner has presented the results of the project to a seminar in their own area.

During the course of the project:

- Partners have organised four transnational meetings and one training session.
- They have kept in touch during 15 Skype meetings.
- They have created a Google Drive site to facilitate the transfer and storage of documents before uploading them to the project web site, which has been translated into all languages of the partnership: www.ecomanagement.eu. A common European Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ecomanagement.eu contains a wide range of images and videos illustrating the diversity of the project activities.

Following the local seminar the partners visited the museum and gardens of Salagon with their 2000 years of history and their mediaeval, modern, sensory and village gardens. Visiting these gardens reminded the partners of the first phase of the project where our Spanish partner had prepared an interactive good practice sheet on plants and animals, recalling how the partners have lived a shared experience over the last two years

