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# EUROPEAN CALL FOR THE SELECTION OF 20 TEAMS FROM VET CENTRES

## ENNEPLUS & ECO-DIGITHON

ENNEPlus – Enhancing VET National Networks through Eco-innovation – is an Erasmus+ project started in January 2024 and it will last 36 months.

The project aims to enhance the **capacity of VET providers in contributing to the transformative and sustainable change of their local communities** through networking, capacity building and challenge-based activities in the field of Eco-innovation.

The **ENNEPlus Eco-Digithon** is an **educational marathon** primarily targeting Vocational Education and Training (VET) centres, focused on **creating and prototyping innovative digital and technological solutions to real societal and local problems**.

It involves a competition within and among VET centres and/or VET teams on environmental and sustainability challenges. Indeed, the solutions developed are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ensuring a global perspective on local challenges.

It also **promotes grassroots innovation through a participatory and multidisciplinary approach** as it engages not only VET centres but also stakeholders, policymakers, companies, members of the academia and experts coming together for social hacking.

For more information on the project visit [www.enneplusproject.eu](http://www.enneplusproject.eu).

## WHO CAN APPLY

VET centres already engaged in the implementation of **curricular and extra-curricular initiatives** in one of the following fields of eco-innovation:

Circular economy	Water scarcity
Environmental awareness	Renewable energies
Water and human health	Improving water quality
Biodiversity protection	Short Food Supply Chain
Sustainable Transport	Green construction

In order to be eligible, applicants must respect these conditions:

- provide **clear and detailed evidence of a completed or ongoing project** for the development of digital, technological and environmental competences of students;

- being able to **ensure the active engagement of at least 20 students and 2 teachers**, possibly representing different disciplinary areas useful to the development of the proposed project;
- commit to all online activities** which will be organized by the ENNEPlus project partners for the preparation to and the participation in a fully online Eco-Digithon as specified in the following sections of the call.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Learners and teachers from selected schools have **full access to the ENNEPlus Community of Practice** (CoP) [available here: <https://cop.enneplusproject.eu/>] on eco-innovation, giving them the opportunity to:

- get in contact with peers, role models and stakeholders coming from different European or not European countries
- Benefit from educational materials and **online mentoring by experts** in ten different global environmental challenges related to the SDGs
- compete in a **fully online Eco-Digithon**
- be invited to **structured training courses and job-shadowing mobilities and/or short term for teachers/trainers** aimed at sharing good practices

## EXPECTED ACTIVITIES & CALENDAR

ENNEPlus Eco-Digithon offers **capacity-building and scaling-up opportunities** for school curricular and extra-curricular projects in the field of eco-innovation that have already proven or have the potential to:

- provide a **possible solution to the environmental challenges** experienced by a **local community**
- be **supported by external stakeholders** that can provide **necessary resources** and **enhance sustainability** of results
- positively impact on the **achievement of one or more Sustainable Development Goals** of the UN Agenda 2030

Selected applicants will be expected to:

- sign an Agreement** to formally commit for the participation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Online ENNEPlus Eco-Digithon by **the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**
- identify (at least) 2 teachers/trainers** who will attend **one day online training** on the ENNEPlus toolkit and the online collaborative platform of the ENNEPlus Community of Practice (**on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**)

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- **involving (at least) 20 students aged between 15 and 19 years old** from both EU and non-EU countries (application from students from Austria, Italy, Portugal and Spain will be assessed on a case-by-case basis) in the piloting and mentoring sessions offered through the CoP platform (scheduled from February to April 2025 on a bi-weekly basis)
- **cooperate with representatives of the local community** for the co-design of a digital or technological solution to the challenge selected at application stage
- take part with a **team composed by 6 participants** (*including students, teachers and at least one representative of the local community*) at the fully online Eco-Digithon that will take place **fully online on Zoom on 28th May 2026** for the presentation of the solutions co-designed in the previous months. The competition will take place **over one full day**, and it will be structured as follows:

- (1) an **opening plenary** to welcome participants and present the agenda;
- (2) **dedicated final mentoring sessions in breakout rooms**, where each team will work with experts to refine their solution and prepare for the presentation;
- (3) a **pitching session in plenary**, during which each team will deliver a 5–7 minute pitch of their eco-innovation solution followed by a short Q&A with the jury.
- (4) the **jury** will then assess the projects against the official award criteria;
- (5) the **winning teams will be informally announced** at the end of the day, with a formal announcement to happen during EU Green Week 2026.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open **from the 15<sup>th</sup> of September to the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. The link to the application form is:

<https://form.jotform.com/fpeurope/apply-for-the-enneplus-eco-digithon>

## SELECTION PROCESS

All Digital, as one of the leading partners of the ENNEPlus project, will **select 20 teams for the participation in the Eco-Digithon** according to the following criteria:

- **Relevance of the proposed project** to be scaled-up with the participation in the Eco-Digithon and **coherence with at least one of the 10 challenge-based learning scenarios** available here: [Resources | Learning together, growing together](#) (max. 5 points)
- **technological/operational readiness** of the solutions developed so far and/or **technical feasibility** of the solutions to be realized within the framework of the Eco-Digithon (max. 5 points)

The same VET centre can apply with more than one team, as long as they propose the design a solution that pertains to a different field of eco-innovation. In case of equal assessment between teams from different schools, preference will be given to the school that is still not represented in the list of selected candidates.

## AWARDS & FOLLOW-UP

During the fully online Eco-Digithon, each selected team will compete against one another. The winning teams will be officially announced during the **EU Green Week 2026** which will take place from **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026** (TBC) and will receive the following prizes:

- **1<sup>st</sup> classified:** participation at the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Social Hackathon Umbria** ([www.socialhackathonumbria.info](http://www.socialhackathonumbria.info)), which will take place from the **2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2026** in Umbria Region, Italy
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> classified:** participation at online international round tables aimed at developing **strategic instruments** designed to consolidate the experiences, methods, and results generated.

All participants, regardless of their final classification in the contest, will receive a certificate of attendance.

## AWARD CRITERIA

The criteria for the evaluation of the projects presented during the online Eco-Digithon are:

- **Local Community Impact:** will the solution have an impact on the challenge faced by the local community? How does it fit into the framework of local, regional, national and European development and innovation policies and actions? (max. 3 points)

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- **Social Relevance and Innovation:** what changes will bring the solution for the reference users? What is the level of progress achieved in the implementation of the solution? How immediately applicable is it and what and how many resources are needed to make it fully operational? (max. 3 points)
- **Transferability and Openness:** Can the proposed solution be used in other contexts? How has Open Data been used? How will it be possible for third parties to access, process or integrate content? What is the degree of flexibility and transferability of the technological and digital solutions proposed? (max. 2 points)
- **Adherence to the SDGs:** What is the potential of the solution to reach the specific targeted goals of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development? (max. 2 points)
- **VET Engagement and Dissemination:** How actively has the team contributed to the Eco-Digithon virtual platform and to the dissemination of the initiative? Have they promoted their participation through digital channels, shared updates, or involved stakeholders beyond the core team? What is the quality and frequency of their contributions to the online and outreach activities? (max. 2 points).

## CONTACTS

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## Q&A Sessions

To support schools interested in applying, we will host **two online Q&A sessions** dedicated to providing further details about the Eco-Digithon call. These 1-hour sessions are open to teachers, school leaders, and staff who wish to ask questions or seek clarification regarding the objectives, eligibility criteria, or application process to participate at the Eco-Digithon.

Please **register for one of the Q&A sessions listed below:**

- Q&A Session on **28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (hrs 10:00)** [register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82012381857?pwd=JoQwnLg05h3Qa7lvr3q4K1L1mrl2k6.1>]
- Q&A Session on **5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (hrs 10:00)** [register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83987689420?pwd=4PaW6pGAUANa0oNSpxJ9ddFV9XrAT.1>]