

## The 3 days of Sustainable Development and entrepreneurship

Nidri 22-23-24 May 2015

«The sustainable development weekend» is an event which will be organized by the NGO «Solidarity Tracks» with the assistance of «Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation». It will involve a team of 30 young people who invite us all to discover some attractive places related to the informal education of young people in matters of sustainable development. These places were created by the team themselves and there in we can uncover various activities about training and leisure time related to the sustainable development.

Frame of activity: This event is considered a celebration of 3 initiatives of a team of our youth which have been implemented since November 2014.

These initiatives were as follows:

- **Building an eco-house:** Construction of a real-size model house by keeping to the norms of ecological building and making use of local materials.
- **Renewable energy and saving on energy:** Creation of a biogas-producing system and an autonomous electricity installation through the use of solar energy.
- **Ecology and society:** Creation of a solidarious and ecological garden.

The event in hand will also act as a first step in view of realizing regular open-air activities in the interest of the young people and having to do with the sustainable development.

Place of the event: Palia Katouna, Nidri of Lefkas Island. Please, see the respective map.

Objectives of the event:

- 1- Raising the awareness of the local youth in practice about the challenges of the sustainable development.
- 2- Offering concrete solutions for action.
- 3- Exhorting young people to adopt a responsible attitude.
- 4- Engaging the local youth into an educational process about sustainable development, namely into the informal “peer education”, in such a manner that they could acquire theoretical and practical knowledge, learn some techniques behaviors, practices and even develop personal competences and skills at the level of local actions with a view to contribute to the whole planet’s survival.
- 5- Reinforcing the social ties (or: bonds) and encourage the solidarity actions among the locals as integrated in a process of long term education in the sustainable development.

The importance of this event:

**In terms of theme:**

We term “sust” or “viable” a kind of economic development which can supply the needs of the present without compromising the future generations’ possibility to satisfy their own ones. In this concept, 3 main dimensions are integrated: the economic (efficiency, profitability), the social (social responsibility) and the environmental (impact on the environment).

Given its importance for our lives and the future of tomorrow’s generations, the education in the sustainable development and the sustainable entrepreneurship arise as necessities for us all, in our everyday lives. Each and every action, habit, practice of ours has a direct influence on safe-keeping or damaging the environment, which is akin to preserving our society’s viability or undermining it.

Given this primordial importance which is duly attributed to the sustainable development and the sustainable entrepreneurship, processing and re-working the methods of informal education for supporting the young people’s initiatives on the subject, is of crucial import, if we are to ensure the positive and effective contribution of our youth in the domain of sustainable development.

**In terms of local community’s priorities:**

- Reduction of noxious garbage/debris, mainly of plastic
- Preserving the social bonds
- Add further value to local products
- Develop the sustainable tourism

For whom do we organize this event?

We target the public at large of Lefkada’s region, and more specifically the local youth, the professionals and the persons involved in the schools.

Thematic areas: Our event will tackle the major aspects of the sustainable development, i.e.: consumption, biodiversity, management of garbage, “green outlets”, energy, habitat, gardening, leisure time.

Types of activities planned to be held:

Pedagogical activities, conferences (lectures), exhibitions, market, contests, culinary art, Broadcasting Animation.

**Detailed Program:**

**May 2015, 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sustainable development day devoted to children (or : centred on children)**

9:00-21:00

- Gardening workshop
- Ecological building workshop

- Workshop of creating ecological toys
- Open air Contest: Eco-toys and Eco-games
- Guided visit to the eco-house and explanations about its energy resources (solar energy, bio-gas).
- Video projection on the sustainable development

10:00 – Inauguration of the Exhibition of objects, paintings and artistic creations made **by local children** and pertaining to matters of sustainability.

9:00-21:00: Broadcasting Animation workshop

**May 2015, 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

10:00-21:00: Broadcasting Animation workshop

8:00-18:00: Workshop on how to make an eco-oven

11:00-12:00: Debate on the topic: “The challenges of the sustainable development and the stakes we are involved in”

10:00-13:00: Exchange of seeds and plants

11:00-13:00: Workshop on how to make economical lamps

12:00-13:00: Debate on the topic: “Challenges and stakes about producing and consuming energy”.

18:00-20:00: Meeting with the entrepreneurs who running sustainable enterprises.

- Exhibition of objects, paintings and artistic creations made **by local youth** and pertaining to matters of sustainability.

- Stand for the promotion of the “Time Bank” and of the “Virtual Club” of would-be entrepreneurs.

18:00-21:00: Concert

**May 2015, 24<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00-21:00: Broadcasting Animation workshop

9:00-15:00: Market of local products

12:00-13:00: Debate on “slow and Bio Food”

11:00-14:00 & Open air Contest: Eco-toys and eco-games

11:00-13:00: Workshop on how to make cosmetics based on bio ingredients.

12:00-15:00: Workshop on how to make bread

13:00-17:00: Cooking (Culinary Art) Workshop

18:00: Folklore dances

Closing of the event