

EXPECT

EXCHANGES OF PRACTICES IN EDUCATION FOR CLIMATE TARGETS

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From the 23rd to the 24th of March, partners of the project “EXPECT” met for the 8th time. This time, the team met in Bilbao, Spain. A recap of each day can be found below.

DAY 1

At the very beginning of the meeting, project partners were introduced to Politeknika Txorrieri and the Basque VET system. Partners learned that government states 65% of learning curricula, while the region states the remaining 35% (10% of which states school). Additionally, a dual VET system was presented. Partners were informed that there can be two dual system types – a general dual system where 1st year is 128 hours, and takes place from May until June; 2nd year is 416 hours, takes place from March until June, and is not paid; and the advanced dual system where there is 1 year from June until June, takes at least 800 hours and is paid.



Afterwards, project partners were introduced to the CoVE project implemented by Txorrieri, called SECOVE, which stands for Sustainable Energy Centres of Vocation Education. The main aim of this project is to establish a cooperation platform for Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) across Europe in the sector of renewable and sustainable energy. The project is being implemented by 22 partners across 5 different countries.

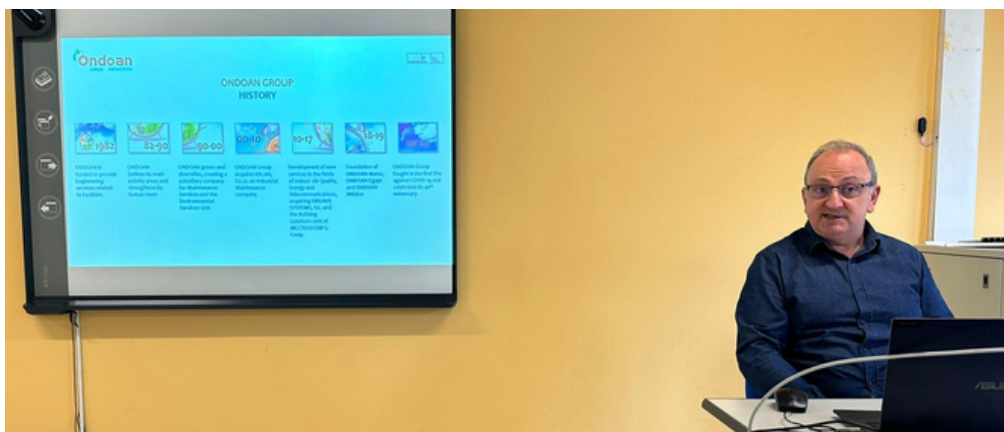
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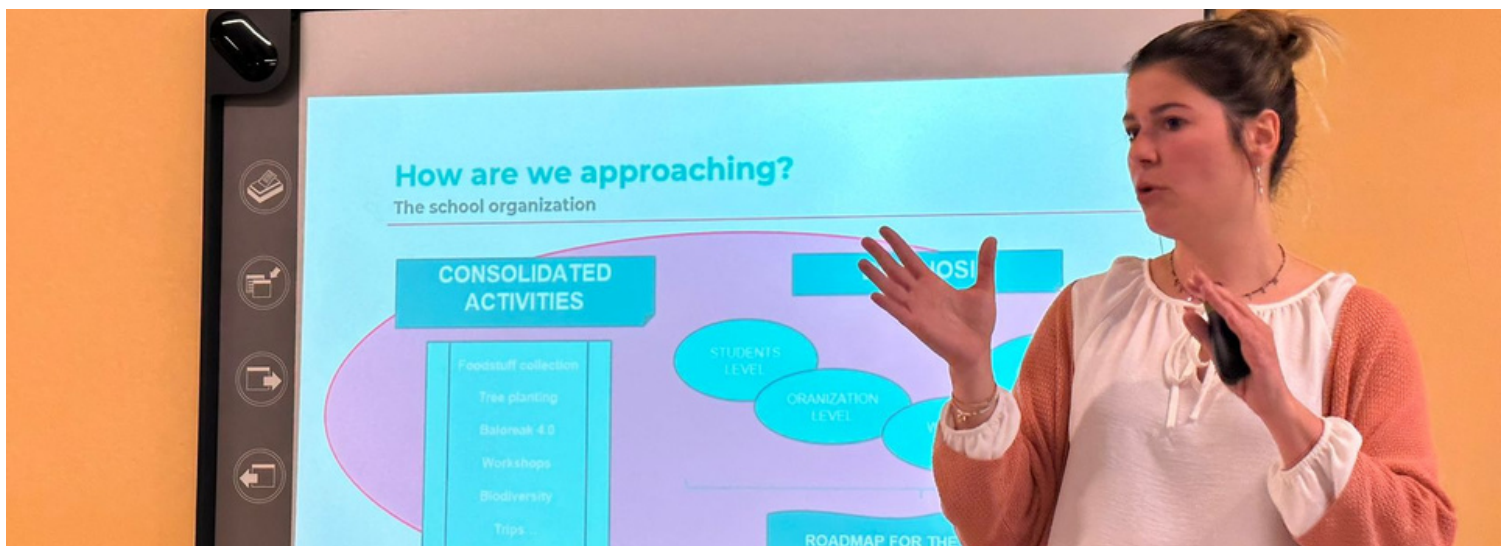
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Project partners



Next up, Mr Jon Zubiria from company Ondoan took the floor. He shortly presented the company that has been operating for over 40 years and employs more than 400 professionals. It has five main activities it focuses on facilities engineering, environmental and occupational safety and health, maintenance and service, indoor air quality and finally energy. Additionally, he presented a strategy for sustainability and their cooperation with the VET institution.

Then, partners were introduced to sustainability and sustainable solutions at Politeknika Txorrieri. These solutions include monitoring paper usage, use of recycled paper, reduction of electricity, water, and fuel consumption, and improvement of waste management, as well as raising awareness of staff and students on sustainability in general. To add more, VET school has SDGs integrated into their strategy. Partners also learned that the school has ISO standards.



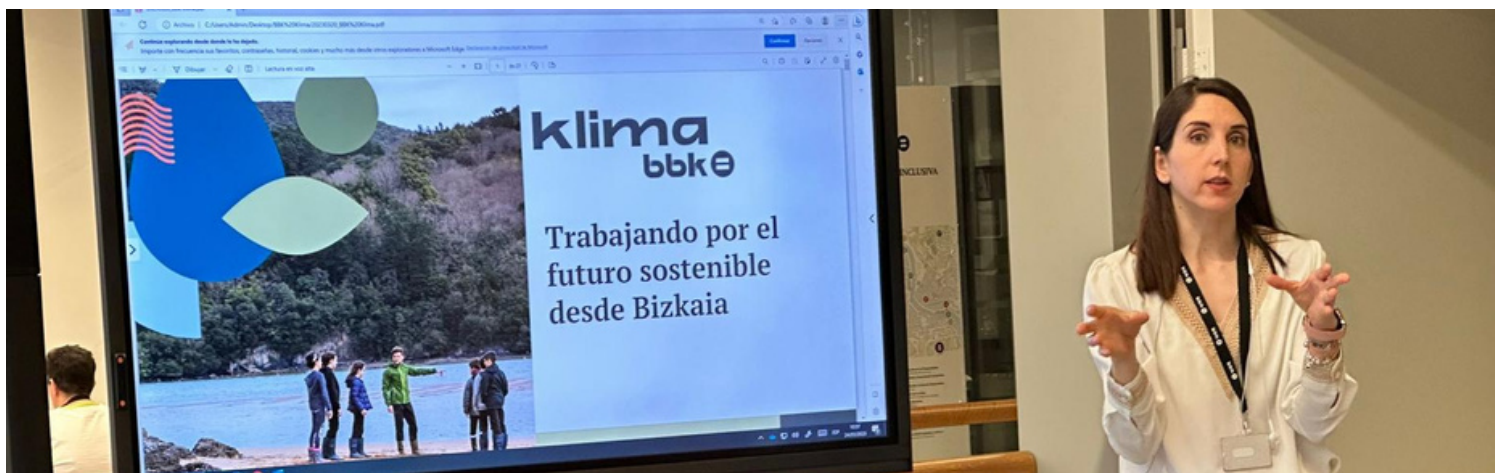
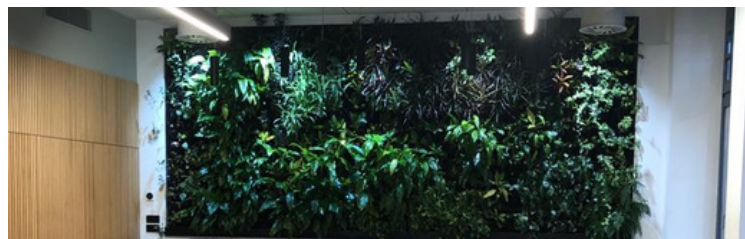
After that, Ms Naiara Yuste shared with project partners her work as an environmental teacher and how she engages students in sustainability. She explained that students are not only educated on sustainability, but they are also responsible to carry out SDG projects. After her presentation, some of the students presented their projects as well. They presented such projects as Circular Economy in Real Industries (carried out by environmental students, where they try to think of innovative ways for the company to be sustainable) and Services Learning and Collaboration (a project in which students work with companies and help other students).

At the end of the first day, project partners had a guided tour around the school. Partners got a chance to have a look at the whole campus, classes, and equipment students work with – CNC machines and robots. Additionally, partners had an opportunity to take a look at 154 solar panels that produce up to 42% of electricity school uses.



DAY 2

On the second day, partners visited an organisation called BBK Kuna, the home of the Sustainable Development Goals. Project partners were greeted by Ms Eider Inunciaga. She shared that the organisation was established by the savings bank Kutxabank, and now they own 57% of this bank. Additionally, she explained that they have been implementing projects for over 100 years to meet the needs of Bilbao and Bizkaia. They promote innovative projects that provide solutions to such problems as the ageing population and the loneliness of elderly persons; climate change, the technological revolution, the transformation of cities or migration. Moreover, the partner had a guided tour of the premises of BBK Kuna.



NEXT STEPS

The next and final PLA will take place on 15 & 16 May 2023, when project partners will meet in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.



**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN
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**Now you can also find information about EXPECT on the official site
of the European Commission about Education for Climate:**

<https://education-for-climate.ec.europa.eu/community/topic/erasmus-project-expect-exchanges-practices-education-climate-targets>

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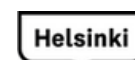
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