



Contest: 'For a future free of microplastics'

The contest will encourage young people to explore the topic on their own, reflect, and present their innovative ideas on tackling the vast problem of microplastics.

In the contest, small groups of students from participating schools will participate. The activity will enhance the digital skills of young people since it will be entirely held online, and the final product will be videos. In addition, participants will be offered a workshop on creating videos as well.

Students and teachers will have the opportunity to show and present their own work on the topic to the wider public.

In addition, the best videos with the best solutions will be awarded.

More information about the contest will be published on the project website and Facebook page.



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Microplastics are becoming a global ecological problem: let us fight against it together before it is too late!



Basic information about the project

Project start date: 1.11.2021

Project duration: 18 months

Project end date: 1.5.2023

Key Action: KA2 - Small Scale Projects

National Agency of the Applicant Organisation: SI01 - CMEPIUS "Center Republike Slovenije za mobilnost in evropske programe izobraževanja in usposabljanja



The aim and main objectives of the project

With the help of this project, we would like to increase awareness about microplastics among young people, teachers, and educational institutions. Second, we would like to offer the teachers some quality teaching material that may be used in schools as curricular or extracurricular teaching resources. Thirdly, we would also like to foster discussion on the topic in the general public, possibly leading to reflection about possible solutions

to the problem.

The project focuses on four main objectives:

- understanding what microplastics are
- ways of them entering our environments
- what risks they pose to our environment and health
- what are the ways of preventing future mass contamination with microplastics.



Target groups

The main target groups of the project are:

- secondary vocational school students
- high school students
- secondary vocational teachers
- high school teachers
- wider public



Expected results of the project

1. Development of 5 online courses on microplastics serving as an awareness-raising media;
2. Development of high-quality didactic materials and digital learning media;
3. Activation of young future experts to identify innovative ideas on how to tackle the problem of microplastics;
4. Promotion of the microplastics problems and problem-solving solutions in the context of education and training;
5. Introduction of new learning approaches with a transfer of knowledge and good practices to education and training.



Project activities

WEBINARS

1. Microplastics basics, focusing on how to recognize, describe, and pose the role of microplastics in society, and understand its fate in the environment;
2. Microplastics from household products and their use (e.g. personal care products, cosmetics, textile products, etc.);
3. Microplastics from the commercial sector (production, maintenance, recycling activities...);
4. Global plastic waste problems;
5. Environmental fate and impacts of microplastics in different ecosystems.

ONLINE COURSES

Developing and availability of online courses on the topic of microplastics and pollution with many shareable digital media learning materials.

DISSEMINATION EVENTS

The dissemination events will play a key role in recruiting new participants and spreading the anti-microplastics pollution ideas to any newcomers. They will also function as milestones in the progress of the project, each one focusing on the current work and widening the idea and reports with each dissemination event held. They will be organized in:

- November 2021
- May 2022
- October 2022
- April 2023