

# European Environmental Education network

**How can we build it?**

3d European days for EESD  
Barcelona

**A story in the making ...**

## 3rd EUROPEAN DAYS FROM 2013 TO 2015

### **March 2013 : European days for EESD in Lyon, France**

Co-organized by GRAINE Rhône-Alpes, CFEEDD, and Rhône-Alpes Region, with an organization group of 30 people.

**230 participants from 20 different countries** + 40 participants from a Youth in Action Program who wrote a charter of principles

### **September 2014 : 2nd European days for EESD**

Organized by Lombardy Regional Council and WEEC.

**XX participants form XX countries**

### **October 2015 : 3rd European days for EESD**

Organized by Catalunya Generalitat and WEEC.

# WHY DID WE NEED TO ORGANIZE EUROPEAN EESD DAYS IN FIRST PLACE ?

- **Need to get to know each other**
- **Find ways to act and work together, between european territories for EESD**
- **Collectively commit ourselves to a european dynamic for EESD**

## **AND AN INFORMAL GROUP WITH VOLUNTEERS**

**For several years, an informal group with volunteers from Belgium, Portugal, Italy, France, Spain and Greece has been trying to work for this dynamic, with no financial means and not much time to do it ;)**

**But still managing to move forward, step by step with :**

- Finalizing the “Manifest for EESD in Europe”**
- Keeping in touch by email**

**There is a need to reinforce this dynamic by linking with other dynamics and maybe moving towards a formal network.**

# **SOME BASIS TO SHARE**

**from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> European days.**

**( We are not starting from scratch ... )**

## **A SHARED IDENTITY**

**A common culture already exists across borders between EESD actors.**

- **Learning through actions and asking for varying educative methods**
- **Using systemic approach for various themes**
- **Establishing partnerships in territories**
- **Willing to reach out every type of public**
- **Lacking training**

# DO WE NEED A EUROPEAN NETWORK ?

- **Learn about each other by developing an inventory of EESD in Europe (actors, actions, themes and actors' organization in each country)**
- **Share resources through experiences, practices, tools, methods**
- **Promote EESD**
- **Coordinate actors to build joint projects between european territories**
- **Adopt a transparent and common political strategy for EESD to become a specific european policy.**



# HOW COULD WE DO THAT ?

Animate a network of actors (share practices, partnerships, political negotiations).

- **Create an EESD european digital space**
- **Organize meetings**
- **Use thematic working groups**
- **Make a charter of principles**
- **Organize annual conferences**
- **Find means to coordinate with each other**

# IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

- **The networking process should rely existing initiatives : Europe, Regions and existing networks to avoid starting from scratch.**
- **The network must be easily accessible, easy to use, and should form a collaborative environment between stakeholders (local authorities, associations and NGOs, public services, networks, companies, universities...)**

**Today is an opportunity to  
implement these basis and  
move further forward together!**

**This workshop will be  
participative to encourage  
everyone here to express  
his/her wishes and identify  
those who want to be active in  
this process**

# GOALS OF THE WORKSHOP

- **Lead to a prioritized action plan (steps, financing and timetable)**
- **Identify the structures that are willing and relevant to participate in the construction of a European Environmental Education Network.**

## **4 questions we have to answer together**

**Which actions should we prioritize amongst those already identified (or new ones) ? Where should we start ?**

**Create a network with whom ?**

**Which steps and funding ?**

**Who wants to get involved amongst the participants of this workshop ?**

# A participative method in a very short time

- **One pannel for each question / one facilitator per pannel**
  - \*5 minutes to think individually**
  - \*20 minutes to write the answers on post-its and stick them on pannels (free circulation and exchanges in the room!)**
- **30 minutes of exchange in smaller groups. Choose one pannel (by center of interest)**
- **5 minutes/pannel to share outlines with the whole group**

## 4 stations

**1. Create a network with whom?**

**On each post-it write name and contact**

**2. Which actions should we prioritize?**

**3 blue stickers (1 per action)**

**1 red sticker (choose THE action)**

**3. What funding? What steps?**

**On each post-it write funding and steps**



**The road ahead is long! Who's  
driving? Who's in the car?  
(electric)**

**THANKS !  
GRACIAS !  
MERCİ !**