Understanding sustainable development through practical exercises

Klara Teoretiska Gymnasium, Sweden, is searching for partners for the project “Understanding Sustainable Development Through Practical Exercises.” Our aim is to apply within the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership program during spring 2023 and currently we are looking for project partners. We would like to take the role as project coordinator.

Klara Teoretiska Gymnasium is a part of Academia, northern Europe’s largest company in the education field. Academia makes it possible for individuals to thrive. Our 17,600 employees, working in one of our 650 units (preschools, compulsory schools, upper secondary schools or in one of our adult learning facilities) have a common focus on high quality and development - we believe in change through education.

Klara Teoretiska Gymnasium is a group of 12 upper secondary schools from Sundsvall in the middle of the country to Malmö in the south. We want to deepen our students’ understanding of the world and give them tools to make it better, therefore our focal areas are:

* global perspective
* sustainable development
* future study competencies
* social engagement

Klara Teoretiska Gymnasium Vallgatan, one of the 12 Klara schools, is located in the downtown area of Gothenburg, Sweden. We currently have about 350 students in grades 10-12 specializing in science, social studies, and business studies. The staff of 30 consists of certified teachers, school management, and a student welfare team.

Problem area / Area of development
We want to develop educational materials in line with the UN global goals 12, 13, 14 and 15; focusing on water and island environments.

Learners will develop their understanding of both short-term and long-term effects on the environment through practical experiences in the field, for example by
exploring green tech projects specializing in aquaculture, excursions and laboratory work.

Through field work with educators and learners we want to create educational materials, digital tools, lesson plans, as well as an eHandbook for educators.

**Aims and objectives**

We would like to develop a project that not only includes an exchange of experience and knowledge, but also develops new methods and strategies on how schools can inform and teach students about the fragile aquatic environment. Topics such as how we can continue to benefit from its rich resources in a responsible way and how climate change may alter the conditions for coastal living, especially on islands, will guide our project work.

The aim is to find ways to incorporate this educational material in the different participating schools’ national curricula, so that educators feel that this is a natural part of their teaching rather than a new segment that needs to be added to an already full course curriculum.

Activities and materials resulting from our common efforts should be flexible, so they can easily be adapted to different local environments and fields of study.

**We hope for partners from some of these countries**

France  
Croatia  
Greece  
Denmark - Faroe Islands and/or Greenland  
Iceland  
Netherlands  
Italy  
Estonia  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Poland  
Germany

Partners in the project  
Portugal (Azores Islands – Mint edu in Loulé)

**Target groups (looking for partners in):**

Upper secondary schools within theoretical school education  
Organizations with an interest in sustainable development and/or aquatic questions

**Other information:**
This project is our way of trying to contribute to a sustainable society in which adults and young people alike are aware of their actions and their short-term and long-term effects on the world and the environment. We believe that raising awareness is the first step on the path to creating a community that takes both action and responsibility for future generations and the world they will be living in.

Contact person:
Name: Moana Widell
Title/profession: International strategist
E-mail: moana.widell@academia.se
Telephone: +46 730 26 46 84
Address: Adolf Fredriks Kyrkogata 2, 111 37 Stockholm

Name: Kristina Tengelin
Title/profession: International coordinator at KLARA Vallgatan
E-mail: kristina.tengelin@klaragymnasium.se
Telephone: +46 73703 1843
Address: Vallgatan 38, 411 16 Göteborg, Sweden

Name: Jonas Arvidsson
Title/profession: Science teacher at KLARA Vallgatan
E-mail: jonas.arvidsson@klaragymnasium.se
Telephone: +46 704-106992
Address: Vallgatan 38, 411 16 Göteborg, Sweden

Name: Suah Nilsson
Title/profession: Headmaster at KLARA Vallgatan
E-mail: suah.nilsson@klaragymnasium.se
Telephone:
Address: Vallgatan 38, 411 16 Göteborg, Sweden