

During the five-day teacher training course in Istanbul in January 2023 arranged by YUVA association the participating teachers learned about both scientific data behind the central issues of the project and the methodologies for working with the students involved in the project. The participants gained knowledge of the methods for working with different aged students on the environmental issues and got some practical tools for the activities to be done later during the project. According to the project objectives the teachers learned to use learner-centred activities, such as group discussions, debates, case studies, and role-plays in their classes, to explore the root causes of global challenges, and build the knowledge, values, attitudes, and skills teachers need to empower their students, to integrate climate change and global citizenship into their lesson plans, to adopt an interdisciplinary approach towards climate change and sustainability and to support their students to take effective action in the issues that matter to them. In addition the participants also understood the importance of instructing their students with skills to learn about the impact of human lifestyle on the planet and realize the importance of sustainability for all living things to lead a just life on the Earth, question and transform the consequences of their actions in their daily lives, to have a hopeful, optimistic, realistic

and constructive perspective despite all negative developments, to recognize how human activities affect the climate and the impact and possible future effects of climate change on the planet, ecosystems, and people/society, to learn the importance of limiting the increase in global temperature to 1.5 °C and what needs to be done on a global scale in the fight against climate change and to know that their actions in their daily lives leave a carbon footprint on the planet and take informed decisions accordingly. The teachers also continued their work for the Needs analysis which will be completed in Step 3 (Act).

During the teachers' meetings the activities to be prepared and carried out for the 'Step 1 - Discover' before the first LTTA were jointly discussed and agreed. The partners also discussed the means of project management, monitoring and dissemination.

