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## ROMANIA

### **Walk the Global Walk: Young people - leaders on the road to sustainability<sup>1</sup> (SDG 11 and 13)**

Through Global Citizenship Education, Walk the Global Walk mobilises young people as accelerators of change, bringing SDGs to the local level. It also produces innovative educational models, able to integrate a new understanding of global issues related to migration, climate change and gender equality in formal high school curriculum. Promoted by Regione Toscana and Oxfam Italia Intercultura and co-funded by the European Union, the Walk the Global Walk project connects local and regional authorities with local communities (school communities and civil society organisations) in 11 European countries: Italy, France, Croatia, Cyprus, United Kingdom (Wales and Scotland), Portugal, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania. It supports Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG 11), Climate Action (SDG 13), Peace, Justice and Effective Institutions (SDG 16).

### **People and Planet: A Common Destiny<sup>2</sup> (SDG 13)**

Pan-European campaign to mobilise young citizens and local authorities in the fight against climate change. The project aims to make a positive contribution to policy sustainability development at global level (global + local) and promote participation young citizens as factors for change. The project is divided into two lines of action: the first includes several activities aimed at young citizens, perceived as future factors change; the second focuses on qualification and improving local decision-making capacities, so that the authorities strengthen their role in disseminating good practice and styles sustainable living conditions between their communities.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/ro>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/APDDagenda21/posts/-amdat-startul-oficial-al-proiectului-peopleandplanet-acommon-destiny-oamenii-/1807453069423748>

## LATVIA

### **Alojas novada uzņēmējdarbības atbalsta centrsbibliotēka / Aloja district business support center-library (SDGs 8, 9, 13)**

With the opening of the Aloja County Business Support Center-Library SALA on October 28, 2016, a business support infrastructure was created in the county, which will be used for the development of existing and new companies, activation of the local community and organisation of public events. The building houses a modern library, seminar rooms, remote workplaces and a spacious conference hall with a great view of the lake. Aloja municipality is one of the first in Latvia to implement the construction of low energy buildings and use wood as a basic construction material in the construction of public buildings.

In 2018, the building won the 1st place in the competition "The most sustainable building in 2018", in the category "Public buildings". The project is implemented within the framework of the European Economic Area Financial Instrument 2009-2014 program "National Climate Policy" project application open tender "Development of sustainable buildings, renewable energy technologies and innovative emission reduction technologies".

### **My Green Identity<sup>3</sup> (SDGs 13, 17)**

The ultimate aim of the "My Green Identity" thematic network project is to fight against climate change and support sustainable development. The aim will be reached by developing a multi-professional transnational network with closely involved partner organisations and participants. This network ensures that partners create, produce and implement collaborative cross border measures encouraging active citizenship in people by sharing information and making it possible to combat climate change.

Besides producing a thematic international network, the project aims to increase the competence and knowledge of the staff in partner organisations on international cooperation, climate change and UN's Agenda 2030 SDG. In addition, the purpose of the project is to expand and emphasise the role of libraries as active initiators in the field of sustainable development and make that role visible to decision makers and library customers.

## GERMANY

### **Ernte Deine Stadt (Harvest your city)<sup>4</sup> (SDG 13)**

In 2015, the Bad Oldesloe City Library made use of the political and social trend towards "urban gardening" as an occasion to organise for series of events on gardening in urban areas. Their aim was to spread knowledge about the cultivation of food in the city, to deal with the question of the origins of food and to stimulate discussion within the community. Since then, the series of events, which has been expanded to include additional topics from the sustainability spectrum, has been successfully continued every year – for example through the construction of an insect hotel, photo exhibitions, or food sharing campaigns. The library hence becomes a place of encounter and creativity. It works closely with local actors, institutions, associations and initiatives.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://mygreenidentity.net>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.biblio2030.de/%20ernte-deine-stadt-in-badoldesloe>

# FINLAND

## [Vihreä kirjasto](#) (SDGs 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13)

The Public Libraries' Environmental Awareness for the 2020s is a platform intending to share environmental information from the entire library field and to promote environmental work in libraries project, as well as environmental tools and training materials.

SDG 3: Reading promotes well-being and library card holders live longer.

SDG 4: Libraries support the reading and lifelong learning of children, young people, and adults alike. The environmental aspects are included in all library activities, from story time to art exhibition and events.

SDG 10: Public libraries provide free of charge basic services that are available to all. Libraries do not tolerate any form of bullying or discrimination. Libraries are responsible employers.

SDG 11: Libraries follow municipal environmental guidelines and many libraries have their own environmental programme, certificate or ecological subsidy system.

SDG 12: Libraries are pioneers in the circular economy and act as sharing economic platforms. Libraries offer premises and tools for sharing, reducing the need for consumption.

SDG 13: Libraries recycle and save energy. Libraries provide up-to-date and reliable information on environmental issues and help find information.

## **Sustainable Library 2030 road map (SDGs 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17)**

During the spring of 2020, the Oulu City Library prepared an action plan for sustainable development, the Sustainable Library 2030 roadmap. The plan is based on the objectives of the UN Agenda 2030 and the eco-promises prepared by the City Library in 2015. When preparing the roadmap, it was also ensured that it was in line with the objectives of the City of Oulu's environmental program, Towards a Carbon-Neutral Oulu 2026, which entered into force in autumn 2019.

The Sustainable Library 2030 roadmap recorded the most important areas for development in the near future (2020-22) and prepared a detailed implementation plan for them, as follows:

- a) Promoting environmental awareness. The aim is to increase the environmental awareness of both customers and staff through the various means of environmental communication available. The aim is also to increase library's visibility as an ecological actor by communicating externally about the library's own responsible activities;
- b) Reducing the environmental impact. The aim is to review the library's energy use, logistics, recycling and collection practices and to reduce the environmental impact of their activities, as well as to reduce the use of unnecessary plastic;
- c) Responsible construction. In order to reduce the ecological footprint of library properties, the aim is to take ecology into account in connection with renovations and new construction, in the entire construction process - from design to the building. The aim is to design and implement the most energy-efficient facilities possible and to pay attention to environmental friendliness in all solutions related to practical equipment and interior design. Responsibility in construction is also reflected in e.g. involving customers and staff in the planning of future facilities.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ouka.fi/documents/78400/596635/Kest%C3%A4v%C3%A4+kirjasto+2030+-+tiekartan-tiivistelm%C3%A4.pdf/542f3a4b-737e-4147-b3ad-3865a96dd074>