



## Turning ideas into action: The UpSpace newsletter

The first edition of the UpSpace: Upcycling and Regeneration of Urban Space for Green Skills newsletter offers a concise and engaging overview of how this Erasmus+ project is empowering schools and communities to rethink the role of public space through sustainability-focused education. Whether you're shaping policy, teaching future changemakers, or simply following innovation in education, this newsletter brings you closer to the people and ideas driving the project across Europe.

In each issue, we'll highlight progress, share useful resources, and keep you informed about what's coming next. If you ever wish to stop receiving these emails, you'll be able to unsubscribe easily at the bottom of the message.

## Why UPSPACE? Rethinking urban learning spaces

What if schools became launchpads for transforming our streets, courtyards, and everyday surroundings into spaces of learning and sustainability? That's the idea behind *UPSPACE*, a collaborative

Erasmus+ project co-funded by the European Union. It brings together schools and local communities to rethink how urban spaces can be greener, smarter, and more inclusive.

The project focuses on developing two innovative curricula – one for students and one for teachers – packed with activities that explore circular economy, climate resilience, and practical sustainability. These modules will be piloted in schools and hosted on an interactive, multilingual e-learning platform designed by AppWorks (Serbia).

Behind this initiative is a dynamic consortium of partners:

- [CESIE ETS](#) (Italy) **coordinator**
- [Appworks Doo Beograd](#) (Serbia)
- [Stimmuli For Social Change O.E](#) (Greece)
- [Blended Learning Institutions Cooperative](#) (Germany)
- [Istituto D'Istruzione Superiore Einaudi Pareto](#) (Italy)
- [Osnovna Skola "Mihailo Petrovic Alas"](#) (Serbia)
- [5o Gymnasio Thessalonikis](#) (Greece)
- [Förderverein RUZ Reinhausen e.V.](#) (Germany)



# What have we achieved so far?

In its first months, the UPSPACE project has been quietly gaining momentum. With schools and partner organisations across Europe, we've been exploring practical examples of sustainability in action – from rooftop gardens in Germany to creative circular economy lessons in Italy.

These insights have shaped the first drafts of our curricula for students and teachers, which blend digital tools with hands-on learning. Our virtual exchanges have connected classrooms from Thessaloniki to Palermo, and AppWorks is now finalising the e-learning platform that will bring it all to life.

Meanwhile, we've started building local connections – identifying changemakers and planning consultations to ensure UPSPACE reflects real needs in education and community life.

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote environmental education, the UpSpace consortium has completed key [research activities](#) that provide insight into how sustainability is taught and embedded in schools across partner countries.

### **Best practices collection**

We compiled a set of inspiring examples that reflect how sustainable development and the responsible use of natural resources are approached in partner countries. These practices highlight pedagogical strategies and tools currently used to teach environmental sustainability.

### **Cross-country study on national policies**

Through desk research conducted in all participating countries, we analyzed national policies and educational approaches to sustainability. The study also includes examples of local and national projects, campaigns, and initiatives that demonstrate how sustainability is addressed across different levels. These insights serve as a foundation for developing new training content for both teachers and students.

## What's next for UpSpace?

This autumn, UPSPACE enters its next phase: piloting the student and teacher curricula in classrooms across Europe. These trials will help refine the content through direct feedback from schools.

At the same time, we're launching local consultations with policymakers to explore how sustainability topics can better integrate into formal education.

The e-learning platform is nearly ready to launch, and the project's visual identity is already live through our website and social media — helping us grow recognition and connect with more educators and changemakers across Europe.

## Get involved!

Would you like to keep following how the UPSPACE project is growing and evolving?  As part of maintaining good communication practice, we're currently updating our contact list. If you'd like to continue receiving updates about the UPSPACE project, no action is needed. However, if you prefer not to hear from us, you can unsubscribe at any time using the link at the bottom of this message.

**Follow the UpSpace journey!**

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