



D2.1 SDGs State of the art Report

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Executive summary

It has been observed in the last years that cultural and creative industries have been indeed in the process of integrating environmental sustainability issues within their business models and management structures, and success stories have emerged and are emerging with regard to organizations in the cultural and creative industries who are beginning to proactively address the negative environmental impacts of their operations while at the same time attempting, through their activities, to raise awareness on environmental sustainability initiatives, and this partnership intends to surf this wave.

In this perspective, this “State-of-the-art Report” summarizes the outcomes of the needs analysis carried out by the Partners within task T2.1 “Design and implementation of the SDGs training and networking activities”, as preliminary to the design and implementation of the SDGs training activities themselves, and in particular to get started with Training Event n°1, with the event held in Ascoli Piceno (Italy) on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of July 2023.

The task T2.1 have been carried out on existing literature, research outcomes and dataset at EU level and country-specific level as well as through the collection of real opinions/data within partner organizations, by means of interviewing/surveying, having administered specific questionnaires to members of the management and of staff in general. The analysis has targeted the level of awareness along with the needs in terms of capacity within the Partners, as well as in their local/national contexts, in connection to environmental sustainability in general and on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals in particular. The assessment has been focused, by every Partner Organization, on the following:

- awareness as regards sustainable development and environmental sustainability, including existing adoption of sustainable practices;
- needs in terms of capacity building of management and other members of the staff, including non-permanent staff and volunteers;
- existence and awareness of specific open educational resources on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs;
- available funding to implement sustainable practices.

As a sum-up to this assessment, we can highlight the following conclusions:

- there's plenty of availability of open educational resources, both internationally in English (e.g. on UN's Agencies' websites) and at national level in Partner Organizations' countries, in their national languages, describing the 2030 Agenda and every individual SDGs, and detailing the national strategies toward Sustainable Development, including indicators and annual reports;
- similarly plentiful is the availability of national/regional publications/websites/portal targeting the general public, detailing existing funding opportunities to actually implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is mainly connected to the national implementation of the so called NextGenerationEU;
- the very existence of OERs and financial resources is not a sufficient condition to align strategies and operations of Partners (or others in the Cultural and creative sectors) to Sustainable Development or to mainstream it, because this still requires technical/economical competencies and a high dose of creativity.

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<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SGDs in particular</p>	<p>As organizational, logistic, financial and technical partner to the “Festival dei due Parchi”, promoting the preservation and valorization of the territory of the two national parks of Monti Sibillini and Gran Sasso e Monti della Laga, since its inception in 2011, on one hand we’re proposing sustainable development, intended as the protection of existing natural & cultural heritage, to creatively valorize them economically and socially also conveying the values of sustainable development to local communities and to the participants to the Festival’s events; on the other hand, year after year, we’re implementing sustainable practices in the organizations of the Festival’s events (sport, cultural, artistic, tourism events): reusable materials, shared mobility, training events and materials on events’ locations’ specific flora and fauna, zero wastes events, penalties for littering. Despite being a SMEs with very low permanent staff level, we also implement energy saving measures as regards heating of office spaces during winter, limiting to nearly zero the use of heating to when really necessary (in winter 2023 heating was never started) and heating only the spaces where members of the staff are located, avoiding to heat the empty spaces. Lights bulb have been almost entirely replaced with LED lights and the use of</p>	

	<p>small task-lamp is encouraged along with sun light when available. As regards wastes, the production is reduced upstream through smart planning, reuse of old materials is encouraged by strict procurement habits/procedures and produced waste is recycled according to the municipal schedule or through direct delivery to the municipal waste recycling facility. The use of water is limited in office spaces to human consumption; as regards the sport events, water is taken from public fountains, making use of reusable dispensers/containers.</p>	
<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Partner's specific context at local and/or national level</p>		<p>at local and national level there's a high level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular thanks to national/regional state agencies as well as to not-for-profit organization specifically operational in the field of environmental sustainability and sustainable development.</p> <p>Specifically, we spot momentum as regards environmental sustainability and in particular in connection to energy (local energy community project by the municipality), waste reduction and recycle, reduction in the use of water, hydrogeological risk. Similarly, going on from decades, there's a clear trend in the adoption of sustainable practices (organic & bio-dynamic farming practices and labels) in the agro-food industry, in particular connected to the production of wine, oil, fruit and vegetables, pasta, meat and fish (by a large number of SMEs in the region), aiming to both preserving natural eco-systems, while also offering higher quality products and streamlining operations also to lowered expenditures linked to energy bills, water consumption or waste management.</p> <p>We're not aware of specific activities, at local level, targeting the Agenda and SDGs in the CCIs.</p> <p>At regional level (Regione Marche):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Regional Strategy for Sustainable Development (SRSvS) has been designed, approved and adopted by the Regional Assembly [deliberazione n. 25, 13 DICEMBRE 2021, N. 49] to set the regional

		<p>contribution to the National Strategy on the Agenda 2030; designed with a participatory approach of the civil society. [https://www.regione.marche.it/Entrata-in-Regione/Sviluppo-Sostenibile/Strategia-Regionale-Sviluppo-Sostenibile]; the CCIIs sector is explicitly mentioned several times</p> <p>- the Regional Plan for the adaptation to climate change: currently in the public consultations phase</p>
<p>needs in terms of human or of other kind of resources, to raise awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs, within your organization as well as of targeted audiences and recipients of provided activities</p>	<p>Currently we've specific internal competences in connection with the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs [Antroposervice's CEO is an Environmental Engineer with decades-long experience and track-record on sustainability at national and international level; he is in charge for instance of the environmental impact assessment for the Festival's events implemented within the territories of the two above mentioned national parks, as required by the competent authorities].</p> <p>Also, we make use of the Festival's events to convey contents and practices connected to environmental sustainability and sustainable development at large, having a wide, anthropological perspective as regards the person and her/his wellbeing/welfare especially not disconnected from the well-being of natural ecosystems</p>	
<p>existing OER - Open Educational Resources at Partner's national/local level for the training of human resources on the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs; experience on the used of said resources</p>		<p>There're plenty of OERs available also in Italian language, among the most relevant and comprehensive by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the National Territorial Cohesion Agency (Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale), [www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/comunicazione/agenda-2030-per-lo-sviluppo-sostenibile/] - Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (Alleanza italiana per lo sviluppo sostenibile – ASVIS), [https://asvis.it/]

		<p>We've been making an extensive use of said resources, mainly for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to benchmark our activities and strategies in comparison to our sector or different sectors of activities - to scout for national/regional financial resources - to scout for best practices - to design and implement training activities, based on real data for instance from national reporting on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
<p>Existence of national/local funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs, in Partner's sector and or in the culture & creative industry</p>		<p>The Italian Government is promoting the adoption of the 2030 Agenda through the National Plan for Recovery and Resilience (Next Generation EU of European Union) deliberated during the pandemic. All funding opportunities (either call for proposals of calls for tenders) are displayed on the national portal: www.italiadomani.gov.it/it/strumenti/il-contributo-del-pnrr-all-attuazione-dell-agenda-2030.html</p> <p>The Regional/Local administrations are publishing call for proposals as well, in specific fields, for instance in relation to energy (e.g. municipal energy communities); we're not aware currently of specific financial opportunities made available for the adoption of the 2030 Agenda within the Culture and Creative Industry</p>

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<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SGDs in particular</p>	<p>As a cultural organization, engaged in the promotion of knowledge of the Greek Philosophy through different kind of activities, we're interested from a theoretical perspective on the methodology underpinning the SDGCultHeritage project, for instance to convey the 2030 Agenda values and practices to the targeted recipients of our activities (e.g. schools) as well as in the adoption of sustainable of sustainable practices ourselves, to reduce our ecological footprint, connected to our activities (both internal and external), for instance to reduce energy consumption, as well as to promote sustainable mobility while at the same time developing capacity to promote and mainstream the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in our communication campaigns as well as in our public relations with schools, municipalities and other entities in the cultural field. Greek philosophy and sustainability are two distinct but interrelated topics. Greek philosophy refers to the philosophical teachings and ideas that emerged in ancient Greece, dating back to around the 6th century BCE. Sustainability, on the other hand, generally refers to the concept of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet</p>	

	<p>their own needs. Although Greek philosophy did not explicitly address modern sustainability issues, it laid the foundation for many ethical and moral principles that are relevant to sustainability today. For instance, the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle emphasized the importance of living in harmony with nature and believed that humans have a responsibility to care for the environment. Furthermore, the Stoic school of philosophy, which emerged later in ancient Greece, promoted living in accordance with nature and practicing self-sufficiency. These teachings implied a recognition of the finite resources of the Earth and the need to use them responsibly.</p>	
<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Partner’s specific context at local and/or national level</p>		<p>There’s high level of awareness at local level in our context; for instance we’d like to mention the radio programs started by the official radio station of the City of Athens “Athina 9.84”, in cooperation with the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe, entitled “Athens has Goals” focused on the 17 SDGs, conducted by renowned Greek journalists.</p> <p>On the same token, the City of Athens, has launched and adopted its “Athens Resilience Strategy” to survive, adapt and transform into a more creative and collaborative city. Said Strategy is made up of a set of practicable actions in new integrated ways to prepare and protect our most vulnerable from future shocks and stresses that the city is facing and will face.</p> <p>Another example on national level, was in Municipality of Fyli with the project “Walk the Global Walk”, through Global Citizenship Education (GCE), mobilizes young people as catalysts for transformational change, localizes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and produces an innovative educational model addressing complexities of the current global agenda. The transferrable and</p>

		<p>pioneering model, capable of integrating a new understanding of global issues related to migration, climate change and gender equality, will be adapted to the formal education curricula of secondary schools.</p> <p>At national level Greece has placed a special emphasis on achieving sustainable development, through a strong commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs, as a high political priority for Greece.</p> <p>Starting in 2018, Greece is preparing and presenting annually its Voluntary National Review, a report covering all 17 SDGs through eight National Priorities for adapting the SDGs to national needs and circumstances. This National Implementation Plan for the SDGs is expected to have a 4year duration, be aligned with the provisions of the updated National Growth Strategy of the current Greek government and will aim to promote cross-sectoral approaches and actions among line Ministries.</p> <p>At a broader level, the first “National Implementation Plan for the SDGs” will aim to foster the adoption of an integrated approach to the planning and implementation of the SDGs at different governance levels and across policy sectors promoting policy coherence for sustainable development. It will aim to further operationalise activities on key cross-cutting priorities for the country (e.g. circular economy, social and solidarity economy, adaptation to climate change impacts, migration, etc) to be pursued through new horizontal cross-sectoral integration tools and arrangements that will produce a special added value for the process of implementing the SDGs in Greece. The “National Implementation Plan for the SDGs” will also aim to strengthen the science-policy interface as it is expected to include a list of national indicators for the quantitative monitoring of progress for implementing the SDGs at country level.</p> <p>Finally, in the next phase of SDGs implementation, emphasis will be given to strengthening social dialogue as well as to the involvement of the Hellenic Parliament in terms of follow up of the implementation of the SDGs in Greece, by providing reviews and political guidance with the overall aim to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development and integrate the SDGs further in legislative work.</p>
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<p>connection to the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs, within your organization as well as of targeted audiences and recipients of provided activities</p>	<p>Philosophy, we currently lack specific competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to adopt sustainable development practices in our activities; - to integrate sustainable development contents and methodologies within the activities we're providing to our targeted groups; - to properly communicate the 2030 Agenda and SDGs to increase the awareness of our target groups on them as well as to increase participation to our activities along with their attractiveness through sustainable development values and practices -In parallel, using the guidelines of the "National Implementation Plan for the SDGs" will seek to explore and promote selected key good practices, activities, policies and legislation which are mutually supportive of and interlinking more than one thematic SDGs. Our goal is to promote the local dimension of the SDGs in Greece 	
<p>existing OER - Open Educational Resources at Partner's national/local level for the training of human resources on the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs; experience on the use of said resources</p>		<p>There's a broad on-line literature available in Greek language on 2030 Agenda and SDGs for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on the website of the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe – UNRIC: https://unric.org/el/17--στοχοι-βιωσιμησ-αναπτυξησ - on the website of the Greek Government, such as the Secretariat General for Legal and Parliamentary Affairs: https://gslegal.gov.gr/?page_id=5506 - on the website of major Greek Universities: https://eclass.uth.gr/modules - a local action in Municipality of Fyli / Greece: https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/en/teacher-space/resources-training-material - The Sustainable Development Solutions Network – SDSN Greece, the Athens University of Economics and Business, the "Athena" Research Center and the

		<p>Regional Policy Observatory, together with the support of Data Consultants, published with the first recording of the progress towards achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the regional level.</p> <p>https://www.athenarc.gr/en/news/report-progress-greek-regions-relation-sdgs</p>
<p>Existence of national/local funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs, in Partner's sector and or in the culture & creative industry</p>		<p>The National Recovery and Resilience Plan "Greece 2.0", aspires to lead the economy, society and institutions in a new era, towards a more extroverted, competitive and green production model, with a more efficient and digitized state, less bureaucratic, with drastically reduced shadow economy, with a tax system friendly to development and with a quality and effective social protection network, accessible to all, in what will be not just an economic transition but also the promotion of fundamental economic and social reforms, which will affect also technologies, attitudes and institutions, resulting in the creation, exclusively from his own actions of 180'000-200'000 permanent jobs until 2026 and a permanent increase in real GDP of 6.9 percent basis points, supporting the increase of private investments.</p> <p>The plan "Greece 2.0" and it's main objective of Power up is to promote the green transition aiming to increase the share of renewable energy sources (RES) in gross final energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in houses and businesses and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The main objective is the promotion of the green transition, through alignment with the principles of circular economy, efficient use of natural resources, climate change adaptation and mitigation via protection of the natural environment.</p> <p>The Greek regions and municipalities are also developing and implementing a large number of actions directly related to the different dimensions of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. An emblematic, well-coordinated, broad (5,000 projects) and well-funded (€3 billion) national initiative, is the Antonis Tritsis programme, including actions for social protection and cohesion, schemes to improve water and wastewater, waste management, road safety and climate resilience, smart city schemes, flood protection, earthquake protection in schools and improving public health measures. The Antonis Tritsis Programme includes, among others, plans to invest in exploitation of geothermal fields, renewable energy sources, smart distribution, storage, and energy consumption systems.</p>

		<p>The new sustainable urban investment initiative will scale up priority investment including urban regeneration and increase renewable energy use to improve the quality of life of local residents and attractiveness for business and tourism.</p> <p>The Institut of Greek Philosophy have also participated to the celebration of International Museum Day 2023 with the related theme to this project "Museums, Sustainability and Quality of Life". By choosing this theme ICOM wishes to highlight the role and power of museums to contribute to the achievement of its goals sustainability and improving the quality of life of society. As reliable institutions, with particular prestige in society as a whole, have the ability to promote the goals of sustainable development by supporting actions for tackling climate change. As pointed out in the ICOM resolution "For sustainability and its implementation 2030 Agenda, Transforming our world' (Kyoto 2019), museums can play an important role in shaping a sustainable future through educational programs, exhibitions, local actions and research</p>
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<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SDGs in particular</p>	<p>All the people involved in the organization are aware about the concept of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 SDGs. The main aim of the organization is to dynamize and to revitalize a post coal mining area of Spain through sustainable tourism and cultural activities, promoting a viable future for a degraded area under a big demographic challenge while taking into account the sustainable development goals. However, although we are aware of the 2030 agenda and all the SDGs, in our area we mainly work with the following goals: SDG5.- Gender equality; SDG7.- Affordable and clean energy; SDG8.- Decent work and economy growth; SDG9.- Industry, innovation and infrastructure; SDG13.- Climate action; SDG15.- Life on land; SDG17.- Partnerships for the goals. As an example of our activities and actions related with the SDGs, we are part of different regional, national and EU projects. We can highlight here “Towards SUSTainability and resilient scenarios for tourism SMEs in RUrAl & Remote Areas” (SUSRUR), a COSME project which main objective is to help SMEs related with tourism in 5 different areas of Europe to increase their skills and capacities related with</p>	

	<p>tourism and sustainability. We are also supporting the local community in the development of a public-private partnership to promote a solar field in the open-pit mine, as well as other investment & social projects in the pipeline.</p>	
<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Partner's specific context at local and/or national level</p>		<p>Although a lot of information is available about sustainability, Agenda 2030 and SDGs, we can see that specific knowledge putting into practice is scarce. In the tourism and cultural sectors as well as in society in general (both at regional as well as national level) sustainability is being used as "catchy" word; however, when talking about specific actions or meanings related with this concept, some people cannot explain with detail what it involves or doesn't know how to put it specifically in practice. What we can see is that people knows, in general, the concepts of gender equality, responsible consumption, climate change and clean energy, biodiversity or poverty and hunger, between other sustainability concepts, but some of them don't have the capacities or the skills to know how to apply them in their daily lives or businesses. That is, people working in tourism and cultural activities knows the existence of general documents and actions at National and European level, they have listened about them, but some are not motivated enough or qualified to change their business model and their daily actions in benefit of sustainability.</p>
<p>needs in terms of human or of other kind of resources, to raise awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs, within your organization as well as of targeted audiences and recipients of provided activities</p>	<p>We would like to use this project to learn and enhance our capacities in the concept of sustainability in order to translate it into our daily activities but also to use it as a platform to increase the awareness of the local community and ecosystem.</p>	
<p>existing OER - Open Educational Resources at Partner's national/local level for the training of human resources on the theme of</p>		<p>We are aware of the existence of different courses at National and Regional level, some of they are paid and some are open. For example, the Asturias Government, from the Asturian Institute of Public Administration, offers 5 different online open courses related with the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.</p>

<p>sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs; experience on the used of said resources</p>		<p>From the Ministry of Tourism in Spain, open courses related with sustainability and tourism are also offered through the “Anfitriones” platform. In this platform the courses are being continuously updated on a regular basis, offering different options throughout the year. At this moment different courses are available, as for example: the SDGs and their influence in tourism, examples of sustainable destinations or keys to boost the sustainable development of a touristic destination.</p>
<p>Existence of national/local funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs, in Partner’s sector and or in the culture & creative industry</p>		<p>There are available different types of funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs in different sectors.</p> <p>One type of grant at national level is given by the Social Rights and Agenda 2030 Ministry once a year, mainly focus on local and public entities and NGOs which are focused on promote the development of actions related with the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. Independently, there are other different national and local funds to implement specific sustainable practices in different sectors. For example, for the implementation of clean energy infrastructure or the development of sustainable tourism management plans for destinations. Most of them have been made available through the Spanish National Recovery Plan.</p>



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<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SGDs in particular</p>	<p>As an NGO dedicated to landscape protection, the Foundation for Landscape Protection (FOK) is deeply committed to promoting sustainability at every level. We recognize the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a comprehensive framework to address pressing global challenges. Our organization strives to enhance awareness and understanding of sustainability among our stakeholders, both internally and externally. Through our initiatives, projects, and partnerships, we actively contribute to the dissemination and implementation of the SDGs in our region and beyond.</p> <p>Internal Awareness: Within our organization, sustainability is an important value that permeates our activities and decision-making processes. Our staff members are aware on sustainability issues and informed about the latest developments and best practices. They also possess the knowledge and skills necessary to integrate sustainability into their work.</p> <p>Furthermore, we actively foster a culture of sustainability within our organization by encouraging staff engagement and participation in various sustainability-related initiatives.</p> <p>External Awareness: The Foundation for Landscape Protection plays a pivotal role in raising awareness of sustainability and the 2030 Agenda within our local community and at the EU level. Through our diverse projects, we engage a wide range of stakeholders, including citizens, local and regional authorities, policymakers, and research institutions. We organize workshops and events to inform and educate our stakeholders about the importance of sustainability. These events bring together experts, community leaders, and representatives from various sectors to foster dialogue, exchange ideas, and collaborate on sustainable initiatives. By</p>	

	<p>facilitating knowledge-sharing and networking opportunities at EU level, we contribute to building a strong network of individuals and organizations committed to sustainable development. Moreover, we actively leverage various communication channels, such as social media, to disseminate information about the project conducted by our organisation.</p> <p>Through our comprehensive approach, we aim to contribute to the broader implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, creating a sustainable future for our region and beyond. By partnering with like-minded organizations and individuals, we believe that together we can make a significant and lasting impact on the path towards a more sustainable world.</p>	
<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Partner's specific context at local and/or national level</p>		<p>Poland has been increasingly recognizing the importance of sustainability and the need to address global challenges outlined in the 2030 Agenda. Over the past years, there has been a growing awareness among the public, civil society organizations, businesses, and government institutions regarding sustainability-related issues.</p> <p>Poland has actively participated in international discussions and commitments related to sustainable development, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>Poland's SDG actions focus on the '5ps' in the 2030 Agenda (people, planet, prosperity, peace, partnership). Across the country, SDG action is supported by national strategies, with a formal procedure for concluding and adopting them. From an environmental perspective, the country strives to improve the state of the environment and sustainable management of resources.</p> <p>Improving air quality in Polish cities remains a priority (SDGs 3, 11). Objectives also include achieving high water quality (SDG 6); protecting the soil against degradation (SDG 15); reducing the impact of noise and electromagnetic fields on society (SDG 3); as well as increasing available water resources (SDG 6); the sustainable management of terrestrial resources (SDG 15); and ensuring efficient waste management (SDG 12) .</p>

		<p>At the grassroots level, there has been a rise in the number of NGOs, community organizations, and grassroots movements that focus on sustainability, environmental protection, and social development. These organizations play a crucial role in raising awareness, implementing sustainable practices, and advocating for the SDGs in Poland.</p> <p>The education sector has also recognized the significance of sustainability and the SDGs. Educational institutions, including universities and schools, are increasingly incorporating sustainability principles into their curricula, research, and campus operations. This helps to foster a generation of young people who are more aware and engaged in sustainable practices.</p> <p>However, still more efforts are needed to ensure that the general population, businesses, and policymakers have a comprehensive understanding of sustainability and the specific targets outlined in the SDGs.</p>
<p>needs in terms of human or of other kind of resources, to raise awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs, within your organization as well as of targeted audiences and recipients of provided activities</p>	<p>The following needs have been identified by FOK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expertise and knowledge exchange, for example expertise in designing and implementing educational programmes and campaigns focused on sustainability. • Partnerships: cooperation with other organisations (local and regional authorities, NGOs, research institutions) in EU projects. • Funding and Resources: apply to EU funds and get the project approved to have the financial resources to conduct activities related to SDGs. • Capacity Building: building the capacity of the organization's staff members is essential to ensure they have the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively engage in projects focused on sustainability. <p>Concrete Actions by other organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of various projects for achieving the SDGs in Poland (Eco-regeneration, Eco-city, Climate leadership, 	

	<p>Sustainable Leaders' Hub) by UNEP/GRID Poland - https://www.gridw.pl/pl/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGDs sustainability campaign by CSR Consulting - https://kampania17celow.pl/the-17-goals-campaign/, https://dobrecele.pl/ • Sustainable Development Goals Academies by different organisations, e.g. by Fundacja Sendzimir https://sendzimir.org.pl/projekty/akademia-wyzwania-zrownowazonego-rozwoju-w-polsce/ • Partnership for Sustainable Development promoted by the Polish national authorities to involve different sectors and partners for achieving the SDGs. - https://www.gov.pl/web/rozwoj-technologie/partnerstwo-na-rzecz-realizacji-celow-zrownowazonego-rozwoju-w-polsce • Organisation of workshops, publications, studies and analyses on issues related to sustainability by the Institute for Sustainable Development. - https://www.pine.org.pl/english/ • Multi-functional heritage trails developed along natural corridors, rivers, historical trade routes and railways by Greenways Poland. - https://www.greenways.org.pl/en/ 	
<p>existing OER - Open Educational Resources at Partner's national/local level for the training of human resources on the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs; experience on the used of said resources</p>		<p>Open Educational Resources are educational materials that are freely available for use, reuse, adaptation, and sharing. We are aware of the UNESCO Open Educational Resources (OER), https://www.unesco.org/en/open-educational-resources Also, there is a Poland's National Repository of Open Educational Resources, https://www.repozytorium.uni.wroc.pl Some interesting materials on SDGs are available on Polish universities websites who have developed specific OER materials or have recommendations for resources related to sustainability and SDGs in Poland.</p>

		https://amu.edu.pl/wspolpraca/relacje-z-otoczeniem/akademia-zrownowazonego-rozwoju
<p>Existence of national/local funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs, in Partner’s sector and or in the culture & creative industry</p>		<p>Yes, there are many EU/national/regional and local funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs. This is one of the priorities for the EU for the coming years.</p> <p>Various initiatives, practices, projects to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or awareness and alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGD in the cultural and creative sector are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Culture (for) sustainable development” – programme organised by the Centre for Sustainable Development within the University of Gdansk. The programme conducts research related to the culture (for) sustainable development, initiates discussions on relevant challenges of today's world, creates a virtual bookshelf related to the SDG goals, undertakes activities to promote the vision of building a better world for the benefit of the people of the planet and its repair, focusing on the 5 areas known from Agenda 2030: people, planet, prosperity, peace, partnership. • “Creative climate leadership” – This project, funded by the Creative Europe programme, helps artists and cultural professionals to explore the cultural aspects of climate change. Artistic and cultural communities have a unique and crucial role to play: they influence the way we are, act and think. The Creative Climate Leadership programme supports cultural professionals to apply new skills to the challenges of climate change. • SHELTER project – Sustainable Historic Environments holistic reconstruction through Technological Enhancement and community-based Resilience is an EU-funded project, that aims at developing a data-driven and community-based resilience improvement of historic areas. Project funded by European

		<p>Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heracles project – heritage resilience against climate events on site. Main objective of the project is to design, validate and promote responsive systems/solutions for effective resilience of CH against climate change effects, considering as a mandatory premise an holistic, multidisciplinary approach through the involvement of different expertise (end-users, industry/SMEs, scientists, conservators/restorators and social experts, decision, and policy makers). Project funded by European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.
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STATE OF THE ART	Within Partner Organization	Within Local/National context
<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SGDs in particular</p>	<p>The Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative (CSTI) is a non-profit nongovernmental organization. It was established in 2006, and our vision is to make Cyprus the Leading Sustainable Destination of the Mediterranean. We want to engage all the stakeholders in the tourism industry to embrace sustainability for the benefits of the environment, society & the economy. CSTI is the leader on sustainable tourism in Cyprus and all staff and Board Members are aware of the concept of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SGDs. Most of us have many years of experience in the tourism industry including hotels, tour operating and academia. We are affiliated with the Travel Foundation, a UK Charity promoting sustainable tourism, and we are connected with big tour operators such as TUI (the biggest tour operator in the world) and have done projects with International Organizations promoting sustainability such as IUCN, UNEP, Prince Albert II Foundation, Tui Care Foundation and also the Deputy Ministry Of Tourism and the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Cyprus. This network gives us the leverage within the tourism industry to promote</p>	

	<p>sustainability through our projects.</p> <p>Some of our projects which we implemented or are in progress and related to the SDGs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic Free Beach Project-Bring Your Cup (CEF) • SDGCultHeritage • SIEQUA-CERT • HoReCa 5.0 • Plastic Waste Free Islands Med IUCN • Domagnostics+ • Plastic Free Entertainment Cruises and Water Sport Activities – BeMed Project • Keep our Sand and Sea Plastic Free, Destination Zero Plastic Waste • Prevent Plastic in the Mediterranean Sea – BeMed Project • Optimising all inclusive customer spend in the Paphos economy • Water, Energy and Waste • Make Hotels Greener • Cyprus Village Routes • Sustainable Hotel Gardens in Cyprus • Minimum Standards for Sustainability • Greening Cyprus Beaches • Waste Mapping • Cyprus Breakfast <p>We are committed to promote the development of sustainable approach to tourism in Cyprus through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensible preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources; 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of the impact of our carbon footprint as a result of all our activities related to tourism; • Improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantage communities due to tourism; • Promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration; • Research and education 	
<p>level of awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability in general and to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Partner’s specific context at local and/or national level</p>		<p>Even though sustainability is a trend there is a lot to be done for the industry to understand its importance. CSTI during the last 17 years had organized awareness campaigns and events addressed to the tourism sector to promote sustainability in general and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related SDGs. The level of awareness has increased over the last years through our projects which engage tourism businesses where they can see the financial benefits from introducing sustainability in their operations. The fact that we are working with Tour Operators and especially TUI it is an incentive especially for the hotels to participate in projects involving Food Waste or Plastic Pollution etc.</p> <p>To increase awareness, we work very closely with the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of the Environment and all the professional associations such as the Cyprus Hotel Association and the Cyprus Hotel Managers Association. In addition, we give presentations on sustainability and the SDGs on their annual conferences.</p> <p>We continuously communicate with hotels and other tourism businesses where we share with them best practices on sustainability both in Cyprus and abroad We strongly believe that incentives from the government can have a positive result on promoting sustainability. The tourism industry also needs help to be able to absorb all the funds available from the European Union in relation with the Green Transition</p>
<p>needs in terms of human or of other kind of resources, to raise awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for</p>	<p>We are currently employing 6 people and now we focus having a higher exposure on social media to raise awareness in connection to the theme of sustainability,</p>	

<p>Sustainable Development and SGDs, within your organization as well as of targeted audiences and recipients of provided activities</p>	<p>the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs. For this reason, we try to improve our knowledge and skills on social media and just recently we had a 2-day seminar on social media. We might hire a new person responsible for social media with the appropriate knowledge and experience. We have taken many actions in the past to achieve our goal such as high profile events, interviews on national TV. Promote our projects on sustainability at the two International Airports of Cyprus from where the 4 million tourists come to Cyprus.</p>	
<p>existing OER - Open Educational Resources at Partner's national/local level for the training of human resources on the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs; experience on the used of said resources</p>		<p>In Cyprus we have the Industrial training Authority which provides different courses on the theme of sustainability, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs and all the employees of CSTI can participate at no extra charge. In addition, our team provides training to hotel employees on similar subjects. We also participate on online course provided by our International Partners such as Travel Foundation, Tui Care Foundation, IUCN and UNEP</p>
<p>Existence of national/local funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs, in Partner's sector and or in the culture & creative industry</p>		<p>We are aware of national funds to support the implementation of sustainable practices and/or the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs in our sector and or in the culture & creative sector. The Deputy Ministry of Tourism of Cyprus supports CSTI for the implementation of sustainable practices and the awareness and alignment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SGDs in different sectors. The Cyprus Environment Foundation (CEF) is another organization which supports our efforts for specific sustainable practices in the culture and creative sector. We are also exploring the possibilities to get funding from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Environment through the Cyprus National Recovery Plan</p>