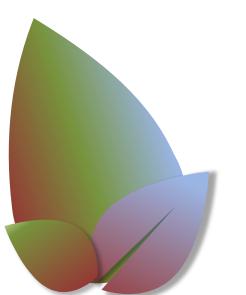


A knowledge Alliance in Eco-Innovation Entrepreneurship to Boost SMEs Competitiveness"

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The SMecoMP project Tools





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The Scope of the project

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The SMecoMP project scope was to establish a new knowledge alliance among Higher Education Institutes (HEIs), SMEs and Labor market actors, in the Balkan Med area, aiming to improve quality of education and support education modernization.

The SMecoMP partners succeeded to develop an innovative learning framework, achieving to bring together and collaborate HEIs, VET centers and SMEs, for the joint development of an academic curricula, its contents and four representative training modules. All of them are based on the identified SMEs professionals' cognitive and training needs.

The curricula and the training modules are referred to eco-entrepreneurship, eco-innovation and environmental management issues.



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- 1. The Knowledge Alliance Network
- 2. The Eco-Innovation & Entrepreneurship Laboratories
- 3. The SMecoMP Communication Platform https://smecomp.uom.gr/com
- 4. The SMecoMP Training Platform https://smecomp.uom.gr/moodle
- 5. The SMecoMP Knowledge Toolkit https://smecomp.uom.gr/know
- 6. The pre-Incubator Mentoring and Counselling Actions
- 7. The SMecoMP website Social Media https://www.smecomp.eu

The Knowledge Alliance Network

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The Knowledge Alliance Network – https://www.smecomp.eu/Knowledge-Alliance-Network includes academics, vocational trainers, researchers, mentors, professionals, SMEs' owners / staff members. A mixture of education, research and business experts to improve entrepreneurship education, support ecoentrepreneurial lifelong learning in the Balkan Med Area.

It is open to new members, both during and after the SMecoMP project's lifetime.

The alliance may be the basis for further and more focused co-operation schemes, in the future, for the joint development of other curricula and training modules on eco-innovation entrepreneurship and other educational topics.



The Eco-Innovation & Entrepreneurship Labs

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The Eco-Innovation & Entrepreneurship Laboratories (EIE Labs) were established in order, the members of Knowledge Alliance Network to be able to meet (in live) and

- ✓ discuss the findings and results of Training Needs' Surveys,
- exchange opinions, share experiences and
- ✓ finally recommend and define the contents of the Eco-Innovation Entrepreneurship Curricula and Training Activities (part of the learning framework).

The real objective was to facilitate and initiate collaboration among academics from HEIs, Labor Market Actors, SMEs managers and other staff, etc.



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Some results

- SMEs have no strategy in eco-innovation due to limited knowledge on the issue and time to spare
- Environmental Accounting & Reporting is not a well-know but a very interesting topic when used as a decision making tool
- Energy, water and resources management should be included in the training material contents



- Environmental Marketing and Circular Economy are topics of limited knowledge but of high interest among SMEs staff
- SMEs staff is getting more and more interested in Environmental Management,
 Corporate Social Responsibility & the foreseen benefits (Environmental, Financial,
 Cocial) gained from their implementation
- Training material to include a lot of case studies



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At SMecoMP Communication Platform & Forum - https://smecomp.uom.gr/com registration and access is not free for any user. It is done upon a request to project partners.

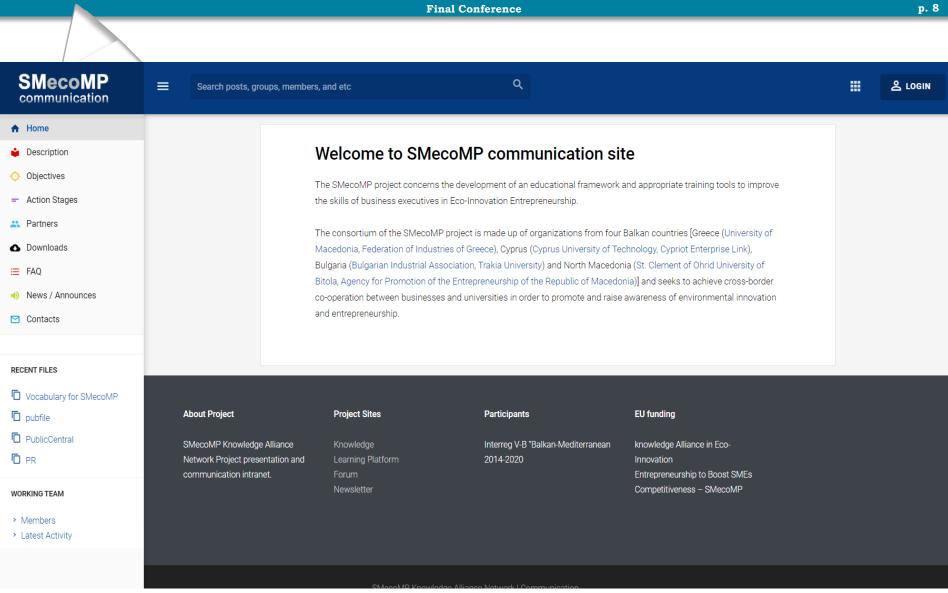
An e-tool (platform) which will be used for real and valuable knowledge and information exchange on issues of environment and entrepreneurship.

The registered users have their own accounts, which can be customized (profiles and settings) according to user's preferences and the activities, which each user would be interested to follow and attend.

It is important users to acts as donors of knowledge and actively participate in matters of interest.

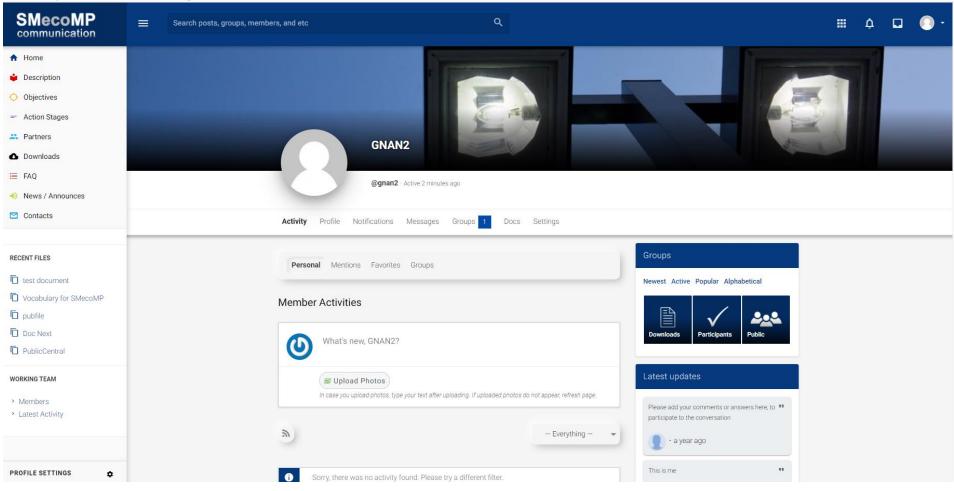
Inactive users, for longtime, can be excluded from group's activities.





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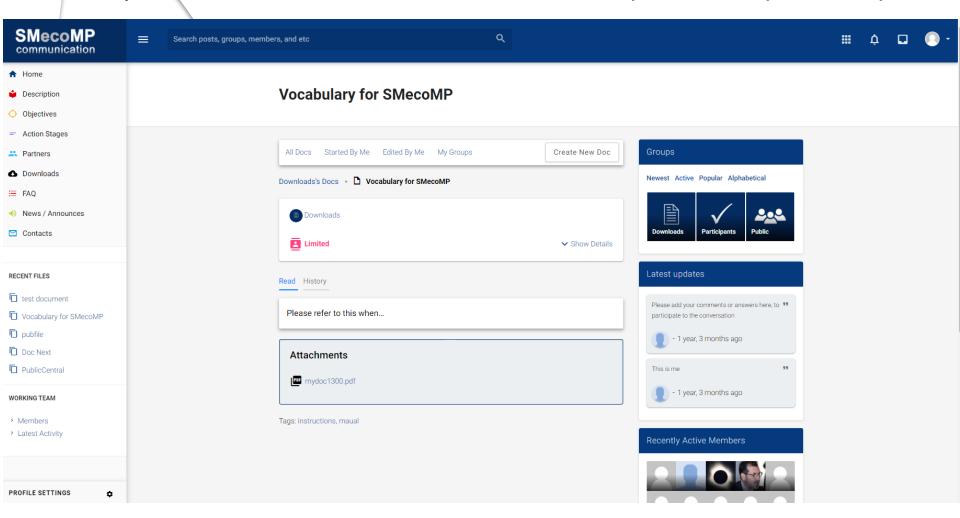
Each user may join a group, communicate and exchange information and knowledge on a specific topic of common interest – Further development of new collaborations.





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Updates on the SMecoMP project, and / or other similar projects of common interest. Vocabulary of terms for environment & sustainable development, entrepreneurship, etc.



The SMecoMP Training Platform

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The SMecoMP Training Platform - https://smecomp.uom.gr/moodle can be used for the delivery of both asynchronous and synchronous (BigBlueButton platform - BBB) training courses.

- It includes all required tools (hardware and software) for courses and tests development.
- Vocational Training based on Blended Learning. Complete interaction between trainers and trainees.
- ➤ It was customized and used for all training activities during project lifetime. It will also be used after SMecoMP project conclusion.

The SMecoMP Training Platform



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SMecoMP Training (e-Learning) Activities

SMecoMP Learning You are not logged in. (Log in) Balkan-Mediterranean **SMecoMP** The SMecoMP project is co-funded by the European Union and National Funds of the participating countries **SMecoMP** LIVE PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE Click on the dates below, to visit Live Presentations of the program: 17:00-17:30 Introduction and presentation of the training framework Natural Resource Management - Energy 17:30-18:30 Monday 16/11/2020 **Environmental Economics** 18:30-20:00 Cost-Benefit Analysis 17:00-18:30 Tuesday 17/11/2020 **Environmental Accounting** 18:30-20:00 17:00-18:30 **Eco-Innovation** Wednesday 18/11/2020 **Technology Transfer** 18:30-20:00 **Environmental Management-Environmental Impact Reports** 17:00-18:30 Thurday 19/11/2020 Corporate Social Responsibility 18:30-20:00 17:00-18:30 From a green idea to a sustainable business Friday 20/11/2020 18:30-20:00 12:00-13:30 Introduction to Lean Startup for experiment-driven business model discovery Saturday 21/11/2020 13:30-15:00

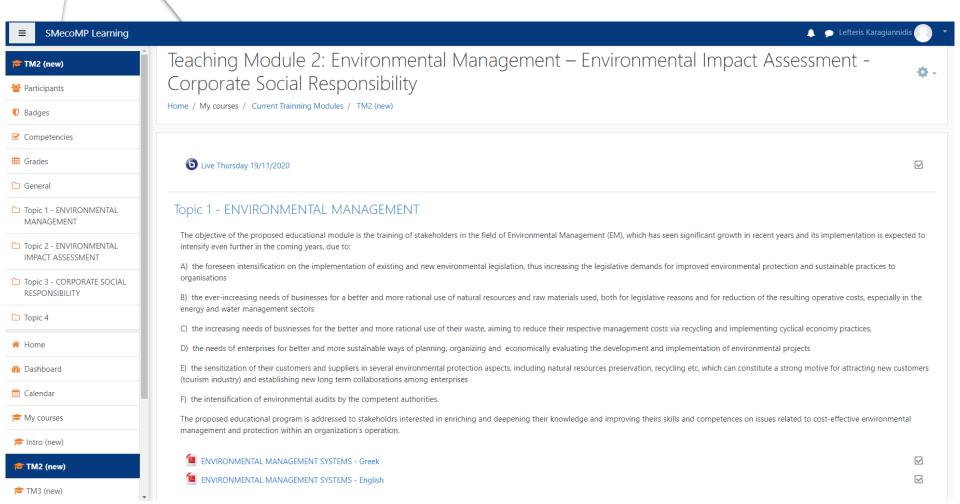
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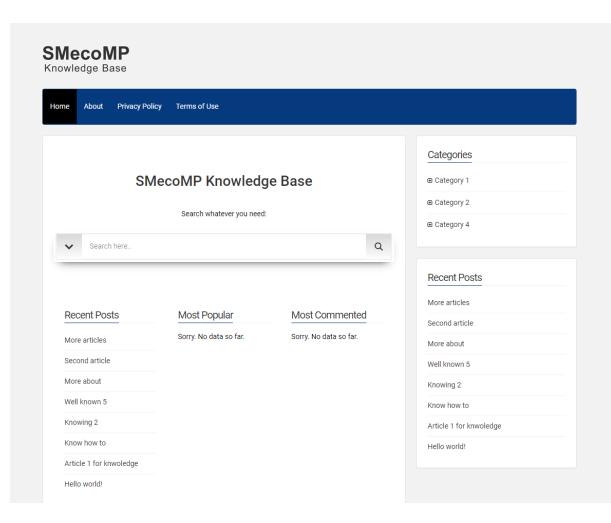
The Knowledge Toolkit



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It is an Open Information
Knowledge Database (Articles, Environmental &
Entrepreneurship Projects)
addressed to all Stakeholders.
A valuable information source
on eco-entrepreneurship, ecoinnovation and environmental
management.

A keywords search engine is built in the toolkit on order the users may have the ability to categorize and trace files easily.



The SMecoMP Training Activities



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Trainers and Trainees		
Trainers	Twenty (20) Academics from Higher Education Institutes	Twenty two (22) Professionals from SMEs, Labor Market actors
	All of them experienced on Blended Learning, Environmental and/or Entrepreneurship issues	
Trainees	Total 135 participants in all training activities conducted in SMecoMP partners' countries – 86% with prior professional experience.	



■ Live Παρασκευή 30/10/2020: Εισαγωγή nterreg I. Introduction: Challanges SMEs dominate economic activity in all countries of the programme area (for example, SMEs account for 72% of added value and 86% of employment in Greece, 76% and 81% in Cyprus, 66% and 77% in FFROM and 61.5% and 76% in Bulgaria) 2014 Small Business Act (SBA) Fact Sheets, DG Enterprise . Despite their, substantially above EU average, contribution to their economies, SMEs in the programme area face strong challenges, especially in the areas of entrepreneurship, innovation and environmental protection, which are exacerbated by the continuing economic crisis that created the biggest brain drain in the region in modern times, depriving SMEs and HEI from young, talented, and well educated personnel. The challenges are due on the one hand to institutional and bureaucratic rigidities, such as the difficulties in the process of starting and closing a business the inadequate incentives to invest in innovative, growth producing projects. On the other hand SMEs in the programme area are predominately family businesses, focusing primarily on generating current family income instead of boosting innovation and generating growth. Furthermore, only a small proportion of SMEs are investing in resourceefficiency measures or produce 'green' products/services. Recorded with BigBlueButtor



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Initially the mentees were asked to submit an application describing their business idea.

Then, mentors have organized internet meetings with the mentees in order to advise them how to further evolve their ideas, both in technical terms and financial issues or trace other potential collaborations

Mentors and mentees analytically discussed on:

- Technical and entrepreneurial issues of the idea Object and objectives
- Keys to Success Competitive points of the innovative business idea
- Brief market analysis Characteristics of the market segment to which the products / services are addressed
- Analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of similar products, other competitors

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Mentoring & Counselling Activities



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