



Macedonia

Projects/Initiatives

The Ministry of Education and Science (MoES), Macedonia initiated the “Youth –for Healthy Living Environment” in 1994. The main objectives of the initiative include:

- Organized and systematic youth work on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) activities at the country level.
- Raising public awareness and carry out activities on specific ESD issues to improve national networking, support interaction, share information and enhance cooperation.
- Involvement and cooperation between the educational institutions at different levels to share responsibilities and establish cooperation with the central and local government. This has positive influence on the further development of the extra-curricular, multidisciplinary and creative ESD work. Organizing this activity also means achieving MDGs through active educational involvement.

The methodology in the first part of the initiative is at the central governmental level, devoted to the local communities. The decentralized educational responsibilities have meant that there is a transfer of power to the local government with initiatives increasingly coming from the local communities. Each year different topics are selected -- Birds, Climate Change etc. This gives a lot of educational possibilities. The stakeholder involvement and the realization of the activity are widely spread. A creative approach in this process is the involvement of cultural and other institutions such as museums and national parks, to carry out educational activities. The MoES collects, compiles and prepares an annual report from the reports submitted by schools, as well as reports received from other stakeholders involved in the activities. An integral part of this report is the review of published textual and illustrative work presented in the children’s and youth magazines, as well as other announcements in the media. The final report of educational activities, approved by high officials in the Ministry, is presented and it becomes an integral part of the National Body Report.