

LEARN BY TRAVELING AND EXPLORING - LET'S GO TO FAROE ISLANDS!

LEARN BY TRAVELING AND
UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESSES OF
HUMAN-NATURE INTERACTION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT!



“Promoting Young Peoples' Environmental Awareness for Sustainable Development by Traveling and Understanding the Processes of Human-Nature Interaction in the Northern European Region”

The project received financial support from Nordplus in 2021.

The goal of the project is to promote young peoples' understanding of human-nature interactions, environmentally friendly behavior, solving problems in changing real life situations, improving knowledge, personal and social skills, attitudes, making justified decisions for sustainable development that will improve the quality of life now and future generations, thus promoting the development of quality, creativity and innovation in education, using the latest technological advances, strengthening and developing cooperation between schools.

Each era includes different societal goals and it's characteristics also shape the **education**, because in order to make **sustainable decisions** and find solutions to many environmental problems, it is necessary to understand **sustainable development**, to understand how natural, economic and social systems work, see how they interact, to change our thinking, so that in the future the new generation could think about sustainable development and not about increasing consumption. Thus, **education for sustainable development** can also be called one of the action options for solutions to the “anthropogenic crisis”, which is obtained in the process of finding solutions to modern environmental challenges and sustainable development.



Why do we need **sustainable development**? Why are we talking about it so much today?

Nowadays, the consumption of natural resources is 25% higher than nature can regenerate and create new resources, because by using more of the planet's natural resources than we need, we are creating this over-consumption. For example, we cut down trees relatively more often than we plant them, we catch a lot more fish than they regenerate. Consequently, **sustainable development** requires the timely participation and commitment of every individual, especially the young people who will have to live in this future society. It is, therefore, essential to ensure sustainable development, to improve, especially young peoples', knowledge of human-natural interaction processes, to develop the skills to take responsibility and operational competences for **sustainable development** and to be active citizens.

Taking into account the information described previously and realizing the necessity and importance of environmental topic, we want to realize the project called **"Promoting Young Peoples' Environmental Awareness for Sustainable Development by Traveling and Understanding the Processes of Human-Nature Interaction in the Northern European Region"** by organizing exploratory trips in Faroe Islands and Latvia- in countries located in different climatic zones - subarctic and temperate - with different **natural environments** - climates, terrain, flora and fauna, **economic environment, cultural environment** and population to create **unusual conditions** for young people to develop deep understanding and develop skills and competences in **different contexts**, situations that raise awareness of human-nature interactions, environmentally friendly practices, environmental ethics at global, regional, national and local levels, and for young people to find answers to questions such as how global processes affect people's lifestyles, conditions, occupation in the Faroe Islands and Latvia? How to balance the relationship between man and nature in the Faroe Islands and Latvia? How to combine economic, environmental and social opportunities for a sustainable future.

All activities - **exploratory trips, creative workshops, creative competitions, poster making, presentations, video production, seminars, workshops, games** - aim to raise environmental awareness among young people and society to understand the importance of saving resources to change behavior, learn to act, seek solutions, critically evaluate their actions and encourage them to live in a more environmentally friendly way, as **awareness** and **education** can have a significant impact on attitudes and actions, as it is only possible to talk about **sustainable development** if they understand and participate in society. **Education is the key to sustainable development.**

