



Future-oriented social entrepreneurship through Ecovillage Design

266 Participants Certified as Ecoprise Designers

The Ecoprise Course has successfully completed its second pilot round, reaching a major milestone with a total of **266 participants** awarded the **Ecoprise Designer certification**.

Through the two pilot rounds, learners from across Europe completed the Ecoprise Course and obtained a European micro-credential equivalent to 20 ECTS, validating their competences in regenerative ecopreneurship.

The pilot confirmed the value of the Ecoprise Course as a practice-oriented learning pathway, combining theoretical knowledge, practical activities and real-world examples of sustainable entrepreneurship. The course supports the development of green, digital, social and entrepreneurial competences, aligned with the European frameworks **GreenComp, EntreComp, DigComp and LifeComp**.

The growing community of Ecoprise Designers represents a new generation of learners equipped with the knowledge and skills to develop innovative solutions for sustainable and resilient communities.

Building the Ecoprise Community: Launch of Local Ecoprise Incubators

Following the completion of the course, Local Ecoprise Incubators are being established in each participating country, bringing together 10 selected Ecoprise Designers. These local communities will support networking, knowledge exchange and continued collaboration beyond the course. The incubators will strengthen connections between the Ecoprise community and local stakeholders through workshops, discussions and forums. Members will share their experiences, inspire new learners and foster collaboration with educators, entrepreneurs and local communities.

A sneak peek at what's coming next:

- YouPrise Workshops – inspiring students through experience sharing and interactive discussions.
- Policy Hacks – co-creating ideas for sustainable local development with stakeholders.
- Local & International Forums – networking, exchanging good practices and representing the growing Ecoprise community.

International Study Visit in Lithuania: Learning from Regenerative Practices

Following the completion of the two pilot rounds, selected Ecoprise learners will soon take part in an international study visit in Lithuania. This four-day experience will provide participants with the opportunity to expand their knowledge, exchange experiences and connect with inspiring examples of regenerative entrepreneurship.

During the visit, participants will explore social businesses, local initiatives and ecovillages that showcase innovative approaches to sustainable development, circular practices and community-based solutions.

The study visit will offer a valuable opportunity to discover real-life applications of regenerative principles, learn from local good practices and engage with organisations working towards more sustainable and resilient communities. Through field visits, discussions and knowledge exchange, participants will further strengthen their competences in envisioning sustainable futures and acting for sustainability.

ECOPRISE on the Move: Learning from the GEN Gathering 2026

In July 2026, members of the Ecoprise Consortium—LAND and ISCTE—participated in the GEN Gathering 2026 in Germany, joining ecovillages, community initiatives and sustainability practitioners from across Europe. Through workshops on water management, ecosystem restoration and deep ecology, participants explored practical approaches to regenerative living and learned from leading ecovillage initiatives such as Tamera (Portugal). The gathering also showcased innovative community-led housing and sustainable finance models, while strengthening collaboration and reinforcing the Ecoprise vision of building resilient, regenerative communities through entrepreneurship and collective action.



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