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Transformative Learning in the Heart of Romania 🌿🇷🇴

This March, I embarked on a journey that was as much about personal growth as it was about sustainability. The "Be Sustainable - Make a Difference!" training course held in Busteni, Romania, was facilitated by the dynamic A.R.T. Fusion Association and supported by the Erasmus+ Program through the Romanian National Agency.

Throughout this 8-day experience, we tackled complex concepts like the carbon footprint, e-waste management, and responsible consumption. Not just in theory, but in engaging, hands-on sessions that have redefined my approach to sustainability.

I've met incredible souls from across Europe, each bringing unique insights and a shared passion for a greener future. We shared stories, challenges, and laughed, all within the Carpathian Mountains.

We're all part of this global ecosystem, and every small change contributes to a massive impact.

Here's to sustainable living and the countless possibilities that come when we dare to be the difference!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSyp1-FIVcU>

During the training course taking place in March, "Be Sustainable - Make a Difference!", youth workers had the chance to think about how they could integrate sustainable principles and values in their organisations and work, in addition to the necessary changes at the individual level, thus contributing to the transformation of our communities into green ones.

↓ Among the changes at the organisational level, the most frequently mentioned were:

- ✓ the development of a sustainability strategy, with clear objectives, principles and steps;
- ✓ developing partnerships with other organisations working in the field of sustainable development;
- ✓ implementation of some projects on the topic of sustainable development;
- ✓ collaboration with sustainable suppliers for the organisation of local, national and international events;
- ✓ encouraging green travel.

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