



Autumn Highlights from ECQA®: News, Updates & Looking Ahead



🍁 Welcome to our autumn newsletter. In this edition, we share the latest news from ECQA®, celebrate recent achievements, and provide a preview of upcoming events, projects, and opportunities. We hope these updates keep you informed, inspired, and connected. 🍁

Exciting New Projects on the Horizon

Several new projects have recently been awarded to consortiums that include **ECQA®**  . The project partners are currently working on the  Grant Agreements and preparing the next steps toward implementation.

 Stay tuned for further updates! As soon as everything is officially in place, we will be happy to share more details about these innovative initiatives, their goals, and the opportunities they will create. ✨

 More information will be coming soon, so keep an eye on our channels for the latest announcements and project highlights! 🌱 



Update Pump-up

  The **PUMP-UP** project is currently in its final stages, and we encourage everyone to visit the project website for the latest updates, resources, and training

materials.

 A series of information events across Europe is currently showcasing the project's objectives, achievements, and strong partnership network. For **HVAC technicians**  and **educators** , the key highlights are a range of free and accessible digital tools designed to modernize vocational education and workforce training:

-  **HVAC MOOC**: Seven online training modules specifically designed to upskill HVAC technicians.
-  **Virtual Application**: An interactive digital tool that simulates real-world HVAC environments and troubleshooting scenarios.
-  **Teacher Resources**: Ready-to-use instructional materials that help VET educators seamlessly integrate PUMP-UP content into their courses.
-  **Standardized Examination Scheme**: A structured assessment framework to validate and certify the skills acquired through the project.

 Through these innovative learning resources, the PUMP-UP project is helping to strengthen the skills needed for Europe's green energy transition and the growing heat pump sector. 

[Find out more](#)



EU Conference on the Future of Heat Pump Skills

 Join the **EU Conference on the Future of Heat Pump Skills**  on **19 October 2026 at 15:00 CEST**. This free online event will bring together  industry representatives,  educators, and key stakeholders to discuss the latest developments in heat pump technologies and the evolving reskilling needs of the HVAC sector.

 The conference will showcase the outcomes of the **PUMP-UP** project, including its free online course,  micro-credential certification scheme, and  practical training resources designed to support the development and recognition of heat pump skills across Europe.

 Open to all interested participants, the event offers an excellent opportunity to engage in discussions about the future workforce needs of the green energy transition, exchange ideas with experts, and explore innovative approaches to skills development.

💡 Join us and be part of the conversation shaping the future of heat pump skills in Europe! 🌍♻️👥

👉 19 October 2026 at 15:00 CEST

📌 Online

[Register here](#)



Ecolution

🌱🌍 **The mastErs COurse on smart sustainability soLUTIONs**

(**ECOLUTION**) project aims to develop an advanced, interactive, and certified MSc programme that equips learners with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the growing field of **Smart Environmental Sustainability**. 🎓♻️

🚀 A new cohort of students has recently arrived at the partner universities, and training activities are now underway. Their journey toward becoming sustainability professionals has officially begun, bringing together ambitious learners from across Europe. 🌍👋

🔬 Research is often associated with data collection, analysis, and academic writing. However, one of the greatest challenges for many Master's students arises later: communicating their work in a way that others can understand, relate to, and remember. 💡📊🧠

This important topic was at the heart of the **SUSOL Prague Thesis Communication Lab**, a two-day workshop held during the ECOLUTION mobility programme in **Prague** in July. 🇨🇪✨ Rather than focusing solely on research content, the Communication Lab encouraged students to develop

effective communication skills, reflect on the real-world relevance of their work, and learn how to engage audiences beyond their immediate academic disciplines. 🎤🎓🌱

Through initiatives like these, the **ECOLUTION** project continues to support the next generation of sustainability experts by combining academic excellence, international collaboration, and practical communication skills. 🌍🚀♻️📖

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Ecoprise

🎉🌱 **The Ecoprise Course** has successfully completed its **second pilot round**, reaching a major milestone with a total of **266 participants** 🙌📈.

💻📖 Interested learners are welcome to join the online **MOOC** through the project website and explore the innovative learning materials available.

Participants can also earn 🏆 **micro-certifications** by completing the individual MOOC modules and demonstrating their acquired skills.

📧 The latest project newsletter was released at the end of **July / beginning of August**, providing updates on project achievements, success stories, and upcoming opportunities. Stay connected and follow the project website for the latest news and developments! 🌍🤝✨

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International Study Visit and Certification Milestones



🌍🇷🇺 From 7–10 September, the international study visit in **Vilnius, Lithuania**, brought together **38 participants** from six countries involved in the Erasmus+ project **Ecoprise: Future Oriented Social Entrepreneurship through Ecovillage Design**. 🌱🤝

Hosted by the Lithuanian partner organisation **MB Žaliasis Judėjimas**, the event offered a unique opportunity to combine knowledge exchange 📚, sustainability-focused learning ♻️, and intercultural experiences 🌍. Participants engaged in expert-led discussions on social entrepreneurship 💡 and environmental advocacy 🌿, visited Lithuanian ecovillages 🏡, a recycling centre ♻️, and local social enterprises 🤝, while also benefiting from extensive networking opportunities 🤝✨.

Alongside these successful mobility activities 🚀, the project achieved significant progress in its certification programme 🏆. During 2026, two rounds of certification examinations ✅ were completed, covering four theoretical online modules 📖 and one practical module 🔧. In total, **436 participants** 🧑🎓 attended the course and pursued certification, resulting in more than **1,800 online examinations** 📝 being processed, including retakes.

These achievements highlight both the strong interest in the programme 📈 and its growing impact on developing sustainability-related competencies across Europe 🌍♻️🌳.

INHABITAT MSc Mobility Week at Kaunas University of Technology



🎓🌍 The new academic year has started with great enthusiasm for the students of the **INHABITAT MSc** programme. Across the partner universities, students have already participated in a variety of engaging training sessions 📚 ✨, demonstrating strong motivation 🚀 and an impressive understanding of their chosen topics 💡.

A particular highlight was the recent **two-week mobility period** at **Kaunas University of Technology (KTU)** in Lithuania 🇱🇹, where students 🧑🎓 and academic staff 👩🎓 from across the consortium came together to learn, collaborate 🤝, and exchange experiences 🌐. The programme provided valuable opportunities to deepen subject knowledge 📖, develop new skills 🔧, and experience the academic and cultural environment of a partner institution 🎓🏛️.

Beyond the academic benefits, the mobility week strengthened connections within the international **INHABITAT** community 🤝💙, fostering collaboration and intercultural exchange 🌐 among students and staff. The successful event reflects the programme's commitment to providing a truly European learning experience 🇪🇺 and preparing future professionals for global challenges 🌱🌍. A special thank you goes to **Kaunas University of Technology** for hosting this inspiring and productive gathering. 🙏🇱🇹💙✨

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