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The European project Walk the (Global) Walk: mobilizing young Europeans in support of the Sustainable Development Goals has entered the year of the sustainable development objective 13 - Climate Action

In the time when the world stopped, but the global march continued ...

Under the auspices of the Bucharest City Hall and în parthership with the Association for Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development (APSD) - Agenda 21, between February and March 2020, took place the induction and planning workshops on the sustainable development objective 13 - Climate Action within the European Walk the (Global) Walk project: mobilizing young Europeans in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The 3 induction and 3 planning workshops were attended by over 140 students and teachers from the 12 schools in Bucharest participating in the project - "Anghel Saligny" Technical College, "Dante Alighery" Theoretical High School, "Grigore Moisil" National College, "Tudor Vladimirescu" Theoretical High School, "George Coșbuc National Bilingual College, "Mihai Viteazul" National College, "Nicolae Kretzulescu" Commercial High School, "Virgil Madgearu" Economic College, "Viilor" Technological College, General School no. 194, "Emil Racoviță" National College.

In supporting us, were present the local authorities from the 6 districts of Bucharest, representatives of Bucharest Center for Educational and Sports Projects - PROEDUS, Bucharest Youth Center and Environment Department, Department for Relations with NGOs, Trade Unions and Employers, Department of Culture, Education, Tourism within Bucharest City Hall.

The students-ambassador and the teachers had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the theme of the sustainable development objective 13 - Climate Action and they interacted directly with the decision makers from the local administration in order to establish the events that will take place in the local communities during the European Sustainable Development Goals Week.

A conclusion expressed by the students made us deeply think: “We have violated a very important principle - maintaining a balance between needs and resources. We want far too many things that we don't really need.”

The conclusion is all the more devastating since, shortly after, the pandemic broke out with the new coronavirus, which drew a violent attention to man's destructive actions toward natural habitats.

Currently, students, teachers and representatives of local authorities in Bucharest are concerned about identifying new ways to ensure the continuity of the Walk the Global Walk project in the context of the existence of social distance measures adopted to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Walk the (Global) Walk: mobilizing European young people to promote Sustainable Development Goals is a project co-funded by the European Commission through the DEAR LA-Ref EuropeAid / 151103 / ACT / MULTI-4 funding line - Raising awareness of the public opinion on development issues and the promotion of development education in the European Union, and pursues objectives, during the 3 years of implementation (2017-2020), to stimulate partnership and collaboration between Local Public Administrations and actively engaged NGOs The Sustainable Development Objectives (ODD) adopted by UN Member States through Agenda 2030, and creating an innovative educational model in pre-university education on ODD, promoting civic engagement and raising awareness among young people of their global responsibilities.

The project enjoys wide international participation, consisting of a consortium consisting of 19 partners from 11 European countries (Italy, France, Croatia, Cyprus, Wales, Scotland, Portugal, Greece, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania).

For more details on the activities you can find on the educational web platform of the project <https://walktheglobalwalk.eu/ro/> and the main social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube) including local facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/wgw.romania/ and instagram - wgw.bucharest.