ECOPRISE

Are you passionate about sustainability, social innovation, and entrepreneurship?

Join the Ecoprise course

The first international MOOC that integrates Ecovillage Design Education with social entrepreneurship, bridging knowledge, practice, and innovation across Europe.

About the course

The Ecoprise course equips learners with the skills and mindset to create regenerative and sustainable enterprises. It integrates four dimensions of sustainability—social, ecological, economic, and cultural — through cutting-edge topics such as permaculture ethics, ecovillage design, circular economy, digital and green transitions, and ecopreneurship.

Why join?

• Gain practical knowledge and EU-recognized micro-credentials.
• Access real-world examples of green and social enterprises.
• Network with entrepreneurs, educators, and changemakers across Europe.
• Strengthen your professional profile and employability.
• Be part of shaping a new generation of ecopreneurs driving sustainability

Course objectives

• Develop an ecopreneurial mindset to innovate for sustainability.
• Strengthen transversal and technical skills with Ecovillage Design Education.
• Bridge theory and practice through project-based learning and micro-credentials.
• Foster collaboration among learners, trainers, and experts across Europe.
• Support the green and digital transition with new business models.

Who can apply?

• Entrepreneurs (rural, social, cultural) seeking sustainable business innovation.
• Civil society representatives exploring social economy and new business models.
• Professionals in ecology, permaculture, arts, regenerative design, and education.
• Students and graduates aiming to develop skills for green and digital futures.
• Adult learners and professionals looking to upskill for sustainable careers.
• Trainers and educators (VET & HE) wishing to modernize their teaching.
• Local authorities, planners, and community developers interested in sustainable solutions.

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Key details

- **Format:** Online MOOC + local study visits + international panels
- **Duration:** 12 weeks (approx. 10 teaching hours per week; total 120 teaching hours)
- **Level:** EQF 5 | Certified | 20 ECTS credits (or 4 ECTs micro-credentials per module)
- **Application and participation costs**: <u>free during piloting</u> phases

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Rounds timeline:

Round 1:
November 2025 – January 2026
(completed)

Round 2:
23 February – 19 June 2026

Special opportunity: 4 best projects per country will join the International Study Visit in Lithuania (September 2026).

How to apply

- Application deadline for Round 1: 25 October 2025 (closed)
- Application deadline for Round 2: **13 February 2026**

Applications are submitted online: https://forms.gle/19MrLpWCJfgXdFEBA

Selected participants will be informed via email about the evaluation results and will have an introductory online meeting with the Course Administrator.

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