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GIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE ENVIRONMENT IN NETWORK

Environmental Education Network

- An environmental education project that involves children and young people aged 8 to 18.
- It aims to raise awareness about respecting the environment and promote sustainable behaviour from a global perspective.
- The project provides an interactive learning path that involves active participation from young people.
- It uses digital and multimedia tools to make learning more engaging and stimulating.
- It helps build a more sustainable and environmentally friendly society at both the national and international levels.

- The project teaches the interconnectedness of the Earth's ecosystem. Energy waste contributes to climate change, which impacts the environment and people, leading to natural disasters, poverty, and migration.

The project involves families and informs them from the start about their children's participation.

The EcoGive Project is inspired by the United Nations 2030 Agenda, focusing on three key goals:
Goal 13: Climate Action
Goal 2: Zero Hunger
Goal 4: Quality Education

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

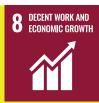|		
1 NO POVERTY	2 ZERO HUNGER	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION	14 LIFE BELOW WATER	15 LIFE ON LAND
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

PLEDGE TO SAVE ENERGY AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

At the heart of the project is the "Energy and Environmental Savings Pledge," where each student commits to carrying out at least 200 actions in five key areas:

a. Saving electricity
b. Saving water
c. Saving gas
d. Recycling and reusing
e. Reducing food waste

Students log their actions in the EcoGive app (see pages 4-5).

Each area is explained through fact sheets based on scientific studies, to highlight the value of each action and how savings can be measured. (See the Educational Materials brochure.)

The educational path

It can be integrated into almost any school subject,
It promotes the development of cross-disciplinary skills, such as active citizenship, critical thinking, and problem-solving. The program aims to highlight that small energy-saving actions, when performed by many, can make a difference. Through the energy savings pledge, the educational path should make students aware of the value of personal commitment and 'giving' within an interdependent system.

Teachers are encouraged to highlight:

• The relationship between humans and nature, as well as environmental degradation, poverty, development, and sustainability.

• Explore in depth some of the following topics:

1. Everything in the world is intimately connected.
2. Humans and the environment.
3. The relationship between human poverty and the planet's fragility.
4. Technology as a new paradigm.
5. The economy and progress in safeguarding the environment.
6. The responsibility of international and local politics.
7. A new way of life?

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The EcoGive 'Give to Safeguard' App is a new tool for energy saving and environmental protection, with a systemic approach and a global perspective. EcoGive is an app specifically developed and made available for free on all app stores.

How it works

- Each student joins a group (class or school) created by a teacher or student via the app (My Profile/Create Group).
- Minors will need to get parental permission through an email.
- As per GDPR regulations 679/2016, and our ethical choice, children under 14 need parental authorisation to access the app.
- During registration, the student must provide one parent's email, who will immediately receive a consent form.
- One of the parents must sign the form, scan it, and send it back via email with a copy of their ID.
- The parent must also confirm that the couple is not separated or divorced. If they are, both parents must sign the consent form and attach their IDs.
- Registration for children under 14 will only be completed once the association receives the signed consent form and attached documents from one or both parents (if separated or divorced).
- Once registered, children will be able to access the EcoGive app.
- Children aged 14-16 must provide a parent's email to keep the parent informed, but no explicit permission is required.

Acts of Energy Saving and Environmental Safeguarding

In the 5 focus areas (electricity, water, gas, recycling/reuse, and food waste), each participant can log their actions by selecting from a list in the app for each area. The app has a database of good practices that gives users tips on how to live more sustainably. Each participant is expected to complete at least 200 actions. With every action completed, one of the 3 meters (CO2, KwH, or water) will show the savings made by that action up to that point. You can then track the savings made by yourself, your group, and the overall savings of all users registered in the EcoGive App.

Solidarity activities

Each group chooses a solidarity project to support, and the economic savings from the students' actions are donated to this project. A recent study suggests the average value of individual actions is around €0.10. For example, completing 200 actions can generate €20 in savings. The boy or girl who freely makes the donation will typically be supported by a sponsor, parents, or a relative

Donations

The donations, corresponding to the actions performed, are given to the solidarity project partnered with the group to which each participant belongs. Donations can be made:
- via electronic payments (PayPal, etc.) for parents and private app users;
- via a crowdfunding platform for companies, foundations, and others.

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Giving' implies a cultural shift that influences everyone's daily decisions and actions.

The meters show the energy savings that can be achieved even through small actions, encouraging people to multiply them in their daily lives.

The app helps create a cultural change by teaching people to save energy. It's not possible to check if every action is done honestly, so the meters can't show the exact savings in carbon dioxide, water, or electricity. But they do give an idea of how small actions from many people add up.

It will be part of the teacher's role to help students understand the importance of integrity.

EcoGive's goal will only be achieved if the energy-saving action is followed by a donation, matching the economic value of the action, to the chosen solidarity project.

Programma PCTO (Pathways for Transversal Skills and Orientation)

In collaboration with the Department of Earth Sciences, Sapienza University of Rome. IN-MUST is an educational program aimed at highlighting the importance of global sustainable development for planet Earth and the need to create an inclusive and open society for all.

ITALIA

PAKISTAN

INDIA

HAITI

REPUBBLICA DOMENICANA

BENIN

KENIA

COLOMBIA

BURUNDI

BRASILE

MADACASCAR

ECOGIVE HISTORY

The project began in 2008 at the Ascione Institute in Palermo, initiated by chemistry teacher Prof. Elena Pace. In 2012, the project received the national 'Green School' award from the Ministry of Education and the Interuniversity Consortium of Chemistry for the Environment.

In 2019, the project expanded to four additional institutes with the signing of an Institutional Network Agreement, in accordance with Article 7 (School Networks) of Presidential Decree No. 275 of March 8, 1999, and it was renamed 'Give to Safeguard the Environment in Networks' (D.P.S.A.R.)

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ECOGIVE: AN EDUCATIONAL PROPOSAL THAT GROWS THROUGH NETWORKING

Inspired by Professor Elena Pace, who wanted to instill the "culture of giving" in her students, the idea was born in 2008 in Palermo to make them the protagonists of a necessary cultural change: actively caring for the environment through small daily acts of energy saving and responsible use of resources, which have a positive impact on areas affected by climate change. Ecological commitment, concrete solidarity, and advocacy!

How? Through the EcoGive project!

Today, over 10,000 students across 12 countries on 4 continents, with the guidance of their teachers, are learning to do their part by turning everyday actions into acts of solidarity. The savings in CO_2 emissions, water, and electricity, quantified by researchers from Sapienza University and monetised by the students and sponsors, are recorded in the new EcoGive App. These savings enable social projects aimed at restoring ecosystems and mitigating the effects of indiscriminate human actions on the planet. Since 2021, the initiative has been managed by the association Nuove Vie per un Mondo Unito. In 2023, the project, formerly called "Give to Safeguard the Environment in Network," was renamed "EcoGive," after the new app, which is available for free on the Google Play Store and Apple Store.

The EcoGive Network Today

It is active in schools in
Benin, South Africa, Pakistan, Brazil, Colombia, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, France, and Italy.

It supports projects in:
Benin, Brazil, Burundi, Ecuador, Philippines and Haiti

In partnership with institutions and entities:
Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Earth Sciences

Ministry of Education and Merit – RiGenerazione Scuola Program

Metropolitan City of Rome Capital – Department of Agriculture, Environment and Waste Management, and Department of Education, Training, and Employment

Rome Municipality II
Italian Space Agency (ASI)

Ministry of Environment of the Dominican Republic

Municipality of Priverno (LT)

Third-sector institutions:
Asvis — Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development, Earth Day Italia, EcoOne, AFN Onlus, Gen Rosso, United World Project, AMU, and others.

Companies
Problem Solving Srl and Innovation Lab Srl made the app possible (donation).

Piutrenove Srl produced the merchandise (t-shirts and bags).

In the first 6 months of counting with the App we saved (data as at 17.09.2024)

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Events

School year 2021-22
– Online meeting with experts: "Butterfly Effects.".
– Participation in the RAI Play TV marathon "Villaggio della Terra," organised by Earth Day Italia
– End-of-school-year event in the Aula Magna at Sapienza University, Rome, "Giving a Net to the Planet," with 550 students

School year 2022-23
– Special lessons with experts from the Italian Space Agency (ASI) on-site, with a mixed format (200 in-person, 200 online).
– The Reason concerts by GenRosso in a theatre in Rome: launch of the new app and tutorial with 800 students in attendance
– Official launch of the app organised by the Municipality of Rome – Department of Environment and Department of Education at the Campidoglio
– Stand at the Villaggio della Terra, Villa Borghese, together with 50 students from the Department of Earth Sciences at Sapienza University.
– May 1st in Loppiano: Syria and Gaia from Keplero High School in Rome talked about us, our commitment, and the app to a large audience of young people from around the world gathered in Loppiano and online!
– Meeting of Adherents at the Mariapolis Center in Castel Gandolfo
– End-of-school-year event in the Aula Magna at Sapienza University (650 students)

School year 2023-24
– Teleconference with schools: "In Dialogue with Antonello Pasini, Climate Change Scientist" (Feb. 6).
– End-of-school-year event at the "Village for the Earth" at Villa Borghese in Rome (Earth Day Italia and Focolare Movement, April 18-21), with contributions from EcoGive schools and a stand, all organised together with the Department of Earth Sciences at Sapienza University and the Municipality of Priverno, along with the city's Civil Service youth.

EcoGive in the Media
TGR Lazio RAI 3
La Repubblica
RAI 1—program "A Sua Immagine"
Vatican News in Italian and Spanish.
Radio Vaticana
Radio InBlu
Radio Roma Capitale
TeleAmbiente TV
Catholic.net
...local websites and radio stations

Our Supporters
Grazia Francescato, environmental leader, former president of WWF Italy and the Greens, and former parliamentarian.

Antonello Pasini, climatologist at Roma Tre University

Lorena Bianchetti and Paolo Balduzzi from "A Sua Immagine," RAI 1

Our Partners
Laudato Si' Schools

The Economy of Francesco

Don Bosco Foundation in the World

Green Schools Network

JOIN US TOO! Download the App!

Do your part, and even your small daily actions will make a difference! Help us save the Planet!

"The laws that will regulate the 'cleanup' of orbits full of space debris are yet to be written... Yes, we will need experts, but mostly citizens who will be kinder to Planet Earth and the universe than we have been..."

Maria Libera Battagliere
researcher at the Italian Space Agency

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Three Not to Be Missed Events

December 16, 2024
**Giving a Net to the Earth (Third edition of our Earth Day celebration)
Aula Magna, Sapienza University of Rome.
Teleconference connection with schools from Italy and many other countries.**

February 2025
**Meeting with the Expert: Ermete Realacci, Honorary President of Legambiente and President of the Symbola Foundation.
(To be confirmed)**

April 2025
Village for the Earth, Villa Borghese, Rome: EcoGive events and stands in collaboration with the Department of Earth Sciences at Sapienza University of Rome.

Available Materials

- Educational materials brochure
- Program regulations for remuneration
- Video clips of EcoGive "Give to Safeguard"
- Other materials

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