

## Press Release n° 1

**Project: Enabling the 2030 Agenda through education for sustainable development  
VIRTUAL Kick-off meeting, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

The kick-off meeting of the project *Enabling the 2030 Agenda through education for sustainable development* ([www.tenforsustainability.eu/AGENDA2030.html](http://www.tenforsustainability.eu/AGENDA2030.html)) was held virtually on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, conceived and promoted by the Italian not-for-profit Cultural Association *Ten For Sustainability* (Project Applicant and Coordinator), along with *Neotalentway* (Spain), *Interfusion Services Limited* (Cyprus), *Vardakeios School of indigent children* (Greece), *Mobilizing Expertise Ab* (Sweden). The project is co-financed by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union.

The project stems from the perspective of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and especially of its Sustainable Development Goal n° 4, targeting inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all, as pivotal in building sustainable, inclusive and resilient societies. While education in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is most explicitly formulated as a standalone goal (SDG4), it also has reciprocal linkages across the board. There are a number of education-related targets and indicators in other Goals, including health and well-being, gender equality, decent work, responsible consumption and growth, and climate change mitigation: that's why, the Partner Organizations share the stance that education is a key enabler for sustainable development and are eager to explore its critical interlinkages with the other goals and targets set within the 2030 Agenda and how can the co-benefits be promoted and tradeoffs reduced. Although progress has been made towards achieving SDG4, the context is rapidly changing with ever new skills demands and many barriers to education access and educational outcomes remain in place, not to mention the negative impact of the current covid-19 health emergency which has literally disrupted the education sector as a whole.

This partnership is convinced this can be a decisive moment to take stock of how to accelerate progress towards SDG 4, and to affirm the significance of education to the rest of the 2030 Agenda; in fact, as education provides the means to transmit knowledge, values and skills across generations, public awareness of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs appear as highly relevant to different spheres of society and communities, fostering sustainable and long-term transformations, recovery and resilience, also in the face of this as well as eventual future pandemic events and other global challenges, for example the negative impacts of global warming on both natural and anthropic eco-systems and consequently on the various production sectors. Education thus presents itself as a tool that can help mitigate the effects of a changing climate as well as adapt to it, also favoring the birth of new work opportunities and entrepreneurial initiatives.

The virtual kick-off meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, besides the exchange of good practices has been the opportunity to plan activities, get started with the project objectives and methodology, facilitate the creation of a collaborative spirit and a common cultural framework among all the participating organizations. The partnership is based on the realization of three transnational project meetings, in Ascoli Piceno (Italy), in Granada (Spain) and in Lund (Sweden), which will be held in the coming months.

### FOLLOWING pictures taken during the virtual meeting

