



**Newsletter - April 2017**

## **EELLSS at a glance**

EELLSS stands for European Experiential Learning Lab on Soil Science and is a 2-year project (01-09-2015 - 31-08-2017) funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme. The EELLSS consortium aims to develop a comprehensive, versatile and extendable approach to integrate soils as a substantial learning field in European school education.

Soils and the connected soil sciences offer rich and contextualised learning environments for basic and science education, for practical and problem based learning and for interdisciplinary learning projects. They also differ from region to region, influence and shape the local and regional environment and climate and offer an interesting field for practical comparative research for students. Despite their interdisciplinary and practical potentials, soils have hardly ever been thoroughly introduced in school education, except maybe in vocational agricultural schools. EELLSS aims to include soils and soil science in curricular and extracurricular activities and will do this by applying a competence oriented learning approach.

EELLSS addresses teachers and educational professionals, pupils and students, schools, education institutes and informal learning providers, European stakeholders dealing with school and environmental policies and course providers.

## **European EELLSS-Award**

Have you ever carried out a soil related project or do you have a project idea but have simply lacked the opportunity to carry it out? Then here is the chance to tell us about it and even win a prize!

## **We are looking for your soil related project**

The EELLSS project consortium invites you to submit projects, concepts or ideas on practical and problem based soil projects in European schools.

You can describe a project that has already been carried out or is still in the planning process. You can also describe a concept or idea that could potentially be carried out if you had the chance to do so.

In any case, you should:

- describe the problem or challenge related to soils that you want to investigate;
- follow enquiry based principles (creating a need to know, using data, making sense, reflecting ...),
- describe the solution of your project or idea.



## Who can participate?

The competition is targeted towards 14-19 year-old students currently attending a school in Europe. Competition entries can be submitted by individuals, small groups or school classes. Up to four people per winning team (three students + one teacher) will be invited to an award ceremony in Kassel, Germany.

## How to participate?

The seven steps to Kassel:

1. read all information on the website (<http://eellss.eu/award/>) and the FAQs
2. describe your project or idea by using the **submission sheet**
3. illustrate your project or idea by means of a 2-minute video
4. upload the video on You Tube
5. insert the link in the submission sheet
6. submit
7. maybe win?

## When is the closing date?

The competition entries are to be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## And the award goes to...

Your project will be evaluated by an independent jury according to the following criteria:

- Scientific approach
- Impact
- Feasibility
- Transferability
- Innovation

The best projects and ideas will be published on our GREEN / EELLSS Facebook page. The public vote (50%) and the jury's vote (50%) will decide on the winners. The more likes your project gets the more likely it is that it wins!

## What can you win?

The winners will be invited to present their project at the EELLSS-conference in Kassel, Germany, in October, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## Further Information

For more information please visit our website [www.eellss.eu/award](http://www.eellss.eu/award) or contact us at our award office [award@EELLSS.eu](mailto:award@EELLSS.eu)

By submitting your project you agree to have it published on the EELLSS website and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GREEN.Europe/>.



## The EELSS final conference

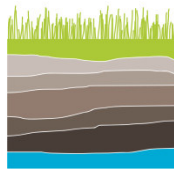


The EELLSS-conference will be held in October, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in Kassel, Germany.

The conference will include the award ceremony as well as seminars and workshops. It will give all winners the opportunity to present their projects and meet students from the European partner schools. Furthermore, appreciative awards and certificates of participation will be assigned.

**We wish you great enjoyment and success!**

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