



FuTour Newsletter 2/07.2023

Dear FuTour Project followers,

we are delighted to present the second edition of our FuTour Project Newsletter, bringing you the latest updates on our project's progress, recent developments, and upcoming plans. In this newsletter, we will provide a structured overview to ensure a clear understanding of our achievements, recent activities, and future steps.

** FuTour aims to enhance the skills and competencies of educators and learners in the field of sustainable tourism, equipping them with the knowledge necessary to navigate the dynamic landscape of the tourism industry.*

FuTour's Impactful Deliverables

Let's delve into the three key results achieved so far, highlighting the significant developments in each area. These results include the comprehensive Training Kit for Trainers, an engaging MOOC for learners, and an innovative Online Matchmaking Platform. Each of these outcomes plays a vital role in promoting effective learning, fostering collaboration, and driving sustainable practices in the tourism sector.

1. Training Kit for Trainers

Since our last update, significant progress has been made in the development of the Training Kit for Trainers.

- The partners have completed education material development, which involved creating and compiling the educational resources. These materials have been meticulously crafted to align with the project's objectives and ensure consistency and relevance.
- Currently, the partners are focused on preparation of content for courses. This crucial step involves organizing and structuring the educational materials into coherent and comprehensive modules or units. By designing the content with a learner-centric approach, trainers will be able to deliver impactful training sessions that foster a deep understanding of sustainable tourism practices.
- Concurrently, consistency checks are being conducted to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Training Kit.

We are pleased to announce that the Training Kit for Trainers is progressing exceptionally well. By the end of August, we anticipate finalizing the kit, providing educators with a comprehensive resource to deliver engaging and impactful training sessions focused on sustainable tourism practices.

2. MOOC Design- Enriching Online Learning

The development of the FuTour MOOC has reached significant milestones, fostering an interactive and enriching online learning experience:





- Our partnership has created and compiled educational materials for the FuTour MOOC, adhering to predefined guidelines. This ensures that the content meets high-quality standards and aligns with the project's objectives.
- MOOC platform is now up and running! Please, surf here: <https://futour.erasmusplus.website/platform/course/index.php#>, to enhance the learning experience.
- We are currently focused on developing detailed content proposals for the remaining units of the FuTour MOOC. These proposals outline the content structure, learning objectives, and instructional design to create a cohesive and impactful curriculum. Regular consistency checks are being conducted to ensure the content's alignment with project objectives and maintain consistency across all units.

MOOC is set to be completely ready by the end of August, offering learners a flexible and interactive learning experience. Join us on this exciting journey of sustainable tourism education and watch as learners around the world become champions of sustainable travel.

3. Online Matchmaking Platform

FuTour also includes the development of an innovative Online Matchmaking Platform, which will serve as a hub for connecting relevant stakeholders in the field of sustainable tourism.

- Since the publication of the first newsletter, we have completed the design phase of the Online Matchmaking Platform.
- Use cases were defined, documenting specific scenarios and functionalities that the platform will support. Additionally, functional specifications were established, outlining the technical requirements, features, and functionalities necessary for successful matchmaking.
- As we approach the completion of Project Result 1 (Training Kit for Trainers) and Project Result 2 (FuTour MOOC), we are delighted to announce that the development of the Online Matchmaking Platform will commence in September. This timeline ensures that the platform can leverage the educational resources and insights gained from the training kit and MOOC, creating a seamless integration between the different project components.

The Online Matchmaking Platform will play a vital role in fostering connections between trainers, learners, tourism organizations, and other relevant stakeholders. It will provide opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaborative initiatives, ultimately driving the adoption of sustainable tourism practices worldwide.

We are enthusiastic about the potential impact of the Online Matchmaking Platform and look forward to its development in the coming months. As we near the completion of Project Result 1 and Project Result 2, we invite you to stay engaged and anticipate the launch of this powerful platform. Together, we will build a sustainable tourism community that thrives on collaboration and shared values.

The interconnectivity of the project results ensures a seamless integration and a holistic approach to promoting sustainable tourism.



Recent Developments

In addition to the project results, we had several noteworthy developments since the previous newsletter,



including our **3rd transnational partner meeting** which was held in Athens, Greece on 19th and 20th April 2023. This meeting marked a significant milestone in our project, bringing together our partner organizations to discuss and advance the implementation of the FuTour project.

During the meeting, fruitful discussions were held, and crucial decisions were made to enhance the project's outcomes. Here are some key highlights:

- Presentation of Training Kit
- Review of the FuTour MOOC
- Progress on Online Matchmaking Platform

The Meeting provided us with invaluable insights, feedback, and a renewed sense of collaboration. The discussions and decisions made during the meeting will significantly contribute to the refinement and advancement of our project's outcomes.

What is next within FuTour

Looking ahead, we have outlined the following next steps:

- Finalizing the Training Kit for Trainers and the FuTour MOOC: Our primary focus in the coming months will be on completing and refining the Training Kit for Trainers and the FuTour MOOC.
- Initiating Learning, Teaching, and Training Activities: With the completion of the Training Kit and the MOOC, we will transition to the next phase of the project, which involves implementing learning, teaching, and training activities for our trainers.
- Commencing the Online Matchmaking Platform: Once the Training Kit and the MOOC are finalized, we will begin the development of the Online Matchmaking Platform.

We are excited about the next phase of our journey and remain dedicated to achieving our project objectives. Together, we are making a significant contribution to the promotion of sustainable tourism practices and shaping a more responsible and resilient tourism industry.

Join us as we explore the noteworthy accomplishments and gain insight into how they contribute to our overarching mission. Let's dive into the exciting world of FuTour and its transformative educational resources.

For more information on the Project, please visit the FuTour Project website: www.futour.erasmusplus.website,