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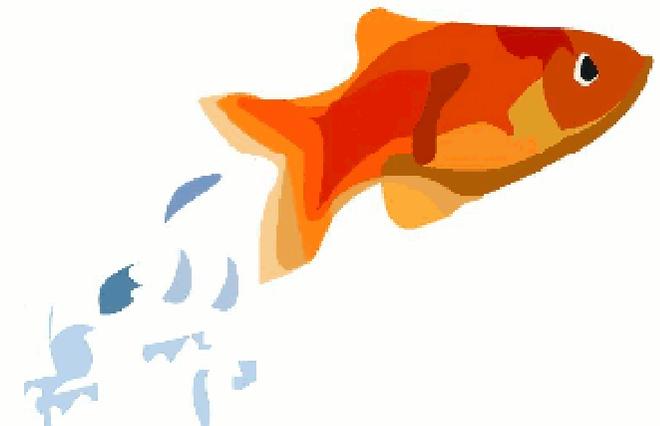
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CLIMATE-FRIENDLY
MANAGEMENT IN
EUROPEAN SCHOOLS





CLIMES Rationale

Climate change represents one of the greatest environmental, social and economic threats facing the planet. Especially the younger generation needs to learn to live sustainably in order to counteract climate change and subsequent environmental problems.

By now approaches for introducing climate change issues in the educational field are still scattered in different European countries. However in most of the cases the climate issue is approached as climate mitigation – the issue of climate adaptation is still unknown territory in school education.

CLIMES builds on the experience gathered in the EU-funded project JEM!, Joint Environmental Management, that clearly showed that an integrated approach involving students in curricular and extra-curricular activities in the practical development processes achieves very good results in terms of competence development and acceptance.

CLIMES Target Groups

The CLIMES project seeks to involve teachers and pupils in European schools as well as relevant regional, national and European stakeholders.

In the long run CLIMES will have ripple effects within the whole school community and the civic society.

CLIMES Project Objectives

CLIMES has two main objectives: It will develop a systematic approach to introduce the topic of climate change mitigation and adaptation in European schools and at the same time promote key competences in innovative learning environments.

More concretely, CLIMES aims at:

- developing a concept to tackle the issue of climate change and climate change adaptation;
- reducing the “climate footprints”;
- combining climate change adaptation with the JEM! Environmental Management Approach;
- improving social and civic competences of European pupils.

CLIMES Project Activities

- collecting existing approaches for introducing climate change issues in European schools;
- developing and piloting the CLIMES Management System for climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- developing and piloting teaching and learning material and media;
- exchanging experience and good practice among participating schools and external stakeholders.

CLIMES Project Outputs

In the 2-year project the CLIMES partners will develop:

- CLIMES management approach focusing on climate-friendly management in European Schools;
- CLIMES action plan to reduce carbon emissions in European schools.
- Web based guidelines for introducing climate change issues in schools.

CLIMES European Award

The CLIMES partnership will organise a European school competition where innovative ideas and projects in the field of climate mitigation and adaptation will be awarded. Pupils of the age between 14 and 19 years as groups or classes living in the EU will be invited to take part by presenting their innovative projects in an inventive way.

The best project ideas will be chosen by an international jury and the winners will be invited to an award ceremony in one of the European partner cities.