



TEAM#UP Newsletter, Edition #3, December 2024

This edition of the Newsletter features exciting updates from across the TEAM#UP Consortium as we push forward to 2025, and the next stages of the project! Read on to find out about the concerted efforts from partners to promote and raise the profile of ecological restoration education and training across Europe.

TEAM#UP at SERE2024, Tartu, Estonia

The TEAM#UP project, alongside SER-Europe's Education and Training Working Group (WGET) and the [YOUNG#ER](#) network, showcased its innovative approach to ecological restoration at the SERE2024 conference in Tartu, Estonia.



Co-chairing this hybrid session, Patricia Mariá Rodríguez González (WGET) and Álvaro Roel Bellot (YOUNG#ER) emphasized the integration of education, policy, and practice, particularly in urban ecosystems.

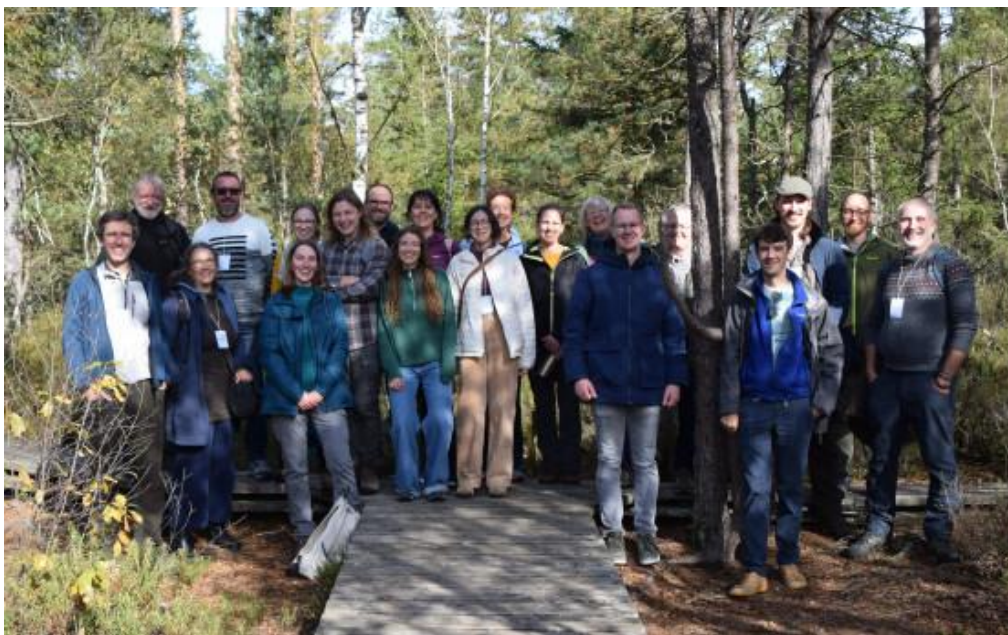
Highlights included presentations from diverse stakeholders, a roundtable addressing early-career challenges, and a workshop on communication strategies for effective restoration.

Attendees also participated in a guided tour of Tartu's urban restoration projects, in collaboration with the [urbanLIFEcircles](#) project, illustrating practical applications. This dynamic platform encouraged multidisciplinary dialogue, collaboration, and solutions to current restoration challenges.

Did you miss out? Watch the session [here](#).

Steering Committee Meets in Budweis, Czech Republic

In October 2024, the TEAM#UP project held its second Steering Committee meeting in Budweis, Czech Republic, focusing on project updates, work progress, and upcoming plans.



Highlights included a virtual documentation tutorial, vibrant discussions, and field excursions to restored natural sites. Participants toured a faculty garden transformed into a biodiversity hub and explored Southern Bohemia's landscape, including the regenerating Červené Blato bog and Dračice sand

pit, both showcasing ecological restoration. The meeting celebrated the project's achievements and set the stage for future milestones.

Learn more [here](#).

Ecological Restoration joins curricula at Norway's Green Vocational School (VEA)



The TEAM#UP initiative has initiated its collaborations with Norway's Green Vocational School (VEA) to integrate ecological restoration into its curriculum, fostering future experts in nature conservation.

The program includes diverse courses, such as flower meadow establishment, watercourse restoration, and peatland restoration, emphasizing both theoretical and practical approaches.

Launching from 2025 onward, these courses aim to equip participants with the skills to restore ecosystems, promote biodiversity, and combat climate change. The initiative reflects TEAM#UP's commitment to sustainable development through education.

More details are available [here](#).

Motivating students and practitioners in the Czech Republic

TEAM#UP hosted a workshop on regional seed mixtures in Benešov, Czech Republic, to engage students and practitioners in ecological restoration.

The event included lectures on seed mixture production and applications, hands-on seed harvesting demonstrations, and discussions on restoration practices.



Participants selected species-rich areas and used various machines for seed collection, laying the groundwork for a demonstration site at an agricultural college. The workshop successfully promoted student projects, practitioner involvement, and the TEAM#UP network.

More details [here](#).

TEAM#UP is looking for Business Model Case Studies

“Whilst we are still in the process of identifying case studies and successful examples of businesses in the field of Ecological Restoration (ER), [we presented](#) an initial selection of inspiring examples in June 2024. At the

beginning of 2025, we will launch another round to gather and showcase new initiatives that may emerge. If you have any interesting experiences, stay tuned to our social media channels so you can share them.”

European Projects Have Much to Offer in the Field of VE

The VET Forum 2024 highlighted the role of Erasmus+ projects in promoting sustainability within vocational education. TEAM#UP and EPLUG were central to discussions, showcasing their work on ecological restoration, green infrastructure, and biodiversity. TEAM#UP demonstrated its seed harvesting and restoration techniques, while EPLUG shared innovative approaches to green roof design and urban greening.



Workshops and student-led presentations provided hands-on insights into implementing sustainability practices in education. Key stakeholders, including schools, ministries, and environmental experts, explored circular economy principles and practical environmental education. This collaborative platform emphasized the potential of European projects like EPLUG and TEAM#UP to inspire transformative educational strategies for sustainability.

The forum not only showcased successful projects but also encouraged dialogue on integrating sustainable practices into curricula and institutional operations, fostering a greener future.

Learn more [here](#).



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