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Background

As part of the implementation of the STOP (Small Touches for Our Planet) project, one of whose activities is to produce newsletters, the NGO AVES has produced this document to provide information on the actions carried out during the last six months of the project.

The activities carried out during the last six months of the project consisted of

- *Raising awareness among young people about eco-citizenship and the achievements of the STOP project through sport,*
- *Training community leaders and NGOs through a capacity-building workshop on the development approach based on climate change*
- *Celebrating Arbor Day in Togo.*
- *Online participation in the final and closing meeting of the STOP project in Turkey.*

Purpose of the fourth bulletin

As a reminder, this STOP project is co-financed by the European Commission with reference 618798-EPP-1-2020-1-TR-EPPKA2-CBY-ACPALA.

The overall aim is to raise society's awareness of the threat posed by climate change to our future and to encourage people to take personal responsibility by focusing on climate-gas, climate-forest, climate-energy, climate-water and climate-recycling.

The involved partners in the project



Raising awareness among young people about eco-citizenship and the achievements of the STOP project through sport

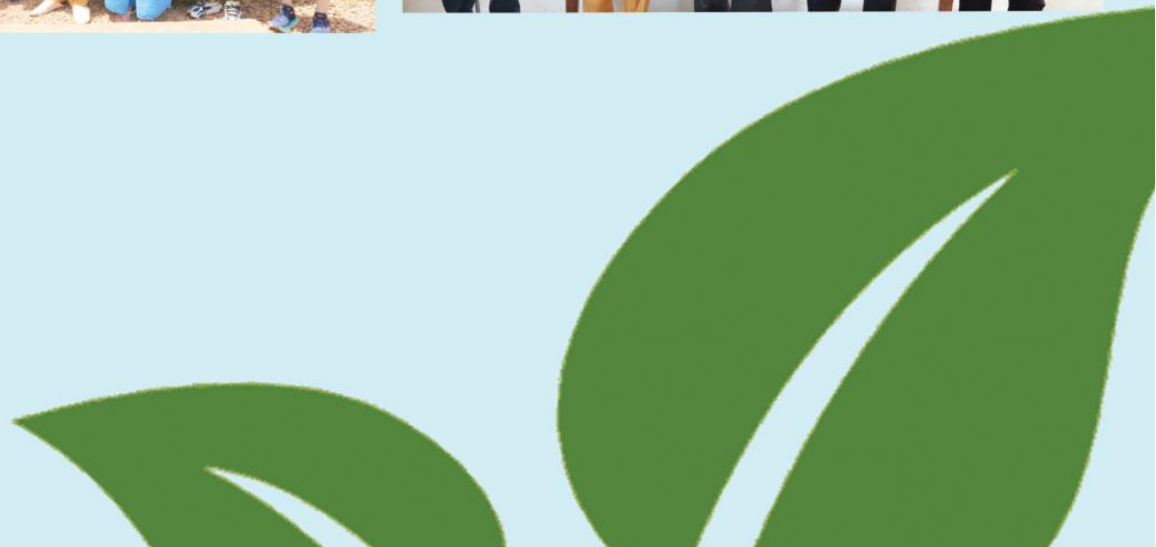
This activity consisted on involving young people for training session. The aim was to raise awareness on the harmful effects of climate change and environmental loss. This activity passes through sport in order to mobilise these young people for be more attentive and interested. The eco-acts themes were discussed and identified as main topic for educating the youth with a view to adopt eco-responsible behaviour in their daily lives.



More than 50 young people are mobilized and subdivized in 6 teams of players

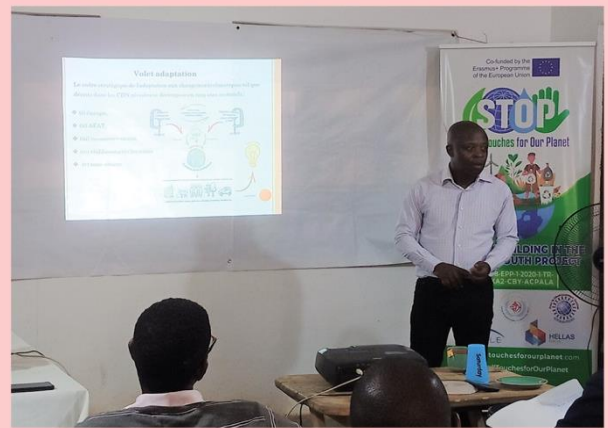
Training community leaders and NGOs on the development approach based on climate change

The civil society meeting was set up by NGO AVES on behalf of STOP project. Some actors come from civil society and local authorities have met themselves to be informed and to raise their awareness for the issues surrounding climate change and the challenges each player faces in implementing appropriate adaptation and mitigation measures... During this meeting, a citizens' watch committee was set up to advise on eco-citizenship actions.



Capacity building workshop for local development NGOs responsible on NDCs definition and settlement for adaptation and mitigation program

This workshop brought together NGOs and associations involved in local development. The theme of the seminar was the climate change approach to development planning. During this session, participants were also aware on the best mastering of NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) in order to proceed to it implementation.



Celebrating National Arbor Day in Togo.

The first of June each year is dedicated to Arbor Day in Togo. To mark the day, everyone, big or small, is encouraged to plant a tree.

With this in mind, the NGO AVES has targeted its reforestation campaign on this day. NGO AVES is renowned for its community reforestation projects.

To this end, it has a nursery containing more than seven thousand woody tree species that are in danger of extinction. During the STOP project, it initiated actions to plant young trees to restore plant biodiversity. Native species such as *kaya senegalensis*, *albizzia*, *afzelia* and *terminalia superba*... are being promoted for planting.



The final seminar of the STOP project in Turkey

To bring the Small Touches for Our Planet project to a close, a meeting of the partners was held at the coordinating organisation in Turkey. The aim was to capitalise on the actions carried out during the two-year project. The NGO AVES was able to take part in all the activities online. During the meeting, several activities targeting young people, community leaders and other stakeholders were led by Kirgen Klub.



Dissemination and information campaigns on the project

Throughout the STOP project, AVES has always published information about the project's activities. The various social media platforms have been used to provide information on the various local and international activities carried out.

<https://www.facebook.com/SmallTouchesforOurPlanet>

<https://twitter.com/OngAves>

<https://www.instagram.com/selomagbavito/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/selom-koku-68bb125b/>

Often during the project realization, NGO AVES has hosted press agencies and radio broadcast for interviews and reporting on done activities

