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Collodi, [February 13, 2025] – The European Fairy Tales Route will organize and host the 2<sup>nd</sup> partnership meeting of the Green Tales project at its premise in Collodi. The Green Tales Consortium gathers eight partners from European countries and the organizations' representatives from Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Spain, and Turkey meet in Collodi to share expertise and updates from their countries.

On February 14, the partners will continue their work in Florence at the Ospedale degli Innocenti, precisely to emphasize the mission of the project, which promotes inclusive practices for children. The Ospedale degli Innocenti was originally established as a foundling hospital and was built in 1419 based on a design by Filippo Brunelleschi.

The GREEN TALES project, an Innovative Erasmus+ Project Combining Arts, Digital Tools, and Green Awareness for Underprivileged Children funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ program aims to enhance access to green awareness education through the arts and digital tools. This initiative targets primary school-aged children from underprivileged and migrant backgrounds across Europe, fostering creativity and environmental consciousness.

Bringing together 100 children from Spain, Germany, Iceland, and Turkey, GREEN TALES engages them in 15 artistic workshops in each school, led by 12 professional artists and supported by eight dedicated schoolteachers. Throughout the project, participants will create and illustrate eight short stories inspired by the four elements of nature, transforming them into animated digital films with musical accompaniment.

As part of the initiative, a capacity-building residency will be held for artists and green awareness experts. Additionally, four training sessions on green awareness and digital skills will be conducted for teachers in the participating countries. To ensure replicability, the project will also develop a comprehensive toolkit for primary school educators and guidelines for artists.

Furthermore, experts from two partner universities will draft recommendations on integrating artistic practices into green awareness education, promoting social inclusion, and enhancing well-being in primary schools.

The GREEN TALES project introduces an innovative approach to fostering European diversity and talent by producing digital short stories centred on respect for nature, created by children with the support of professional artists.

Led by the International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation (IYMF) (BE), GREEN TALES is a collaborative effort

involving a Consortium of eight partner organisations across Europe:

- World Human Forum (GR)
- Cukurova University (Languages Department) (IS)
- University of Akureyri (Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities)(TR)
- Panodyssey (FR)
- European Fairy Tale Route Association (IT)
- MUS-E Deutschland (DE)
- Fundación Yehudi Menuhin España (ES)



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