

About the project



The Surefoot Effect from the UK, Dom Spain from Spain and Ziniu Kodas from Lithuania are developing an Erasmus+ 3-year long project with a focus on communicating solutions to energy issues and climate change at the local, European and national levels.

The project is divided into three parts: adapting the Carbon Conversations programme, successfully rolled-out in the UK over the last 7 years; documenting projects and personal actions that are saving energy and carbon emissions around Europe; and developing a programme to encourage individuals and organisations to replicate some of the stories available in the platform.

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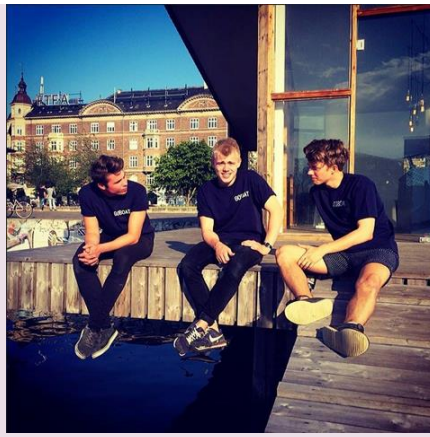
Editorial



The team at 'A Tale of Two Futures' has been busy compiling information about projects and actions that are saving energy and carbon emissions around Europe. The team interview a few promising projects. We now would like to highlight the work of the team at 'GoBoat', a Danish company based in Copenhagen that runs boats powered by solar panels through the canals of the city and the waterfront.

Kasper Eich-Romme, co-founder of the company, has been inspired by how boats contribute to the welcoming and tolerant culture of Copenhagen. In his eyes, it is the maritime spirit with which sailors operate that opens the door to better social relationships and strengthening communities. Embracing the maritime spirit means acknowledging fellow sailors and inviting them to join the experience of navigating on water. Kasper mentioned the idea that it is this spirit that has no consideration for people's differences regarding nationality, skin colour, gender or sexual orientation, and it seems to be one of the core values for which the city of Copenhagen and Denmark at large is known.

The energy for the boats is produced by solar panels that is then transferred to reusable batteries. The boats are designed in Denmark and cater those who want to enjoy a relaxing time navigating around the canals of the city, perhaps an evening picnic or a personal celebration. We have particularly liked their works as the GoBoat team is constantly working to make their operations even more sustainable, from the design of them boats itself, such as by making sure that the products used to make their structure are environmentally friendly, to offering organic wine, to encouraging the passengers to take care of the environment around them while they are sailing: 'trash pirates' are handed a small fishing net and they receive free ice-cream for every collection of floating garbage they collect! You can watch them in this [video](#).

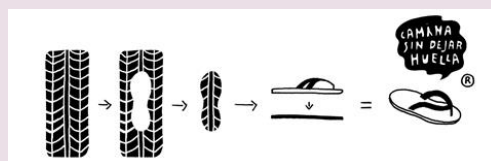


GoBoat has recently opened services in London and Malmo in Sweden and is looking to get their solar-powered boats to other places around Europe. Will it be the canals of Venice? Amsterdam? Or perhaps The Retiro Park in Madrid? From 'A Tale of Two Futures', we wish them the best of luck!

Environmental Actions

Know about existing projects around Europe and a few other industrialised countries such as the United States, Japan or New Zealand, that those saving carbon emissions in the areas of: home energy, food, transport, and consumption and waste.

TIRE-FLOPS



SAN SEBASTIAN (Spain)

Tires are essential to travel safely in cars, as much as a quality footwear to walk through life. But when the print of the tire or shoe rubs off, both elements become a problem for you and for the planet. And this is how Tireflops were conceived: transforming an old tire into a sole so it can stop producing waste and continue doing km under your feet. Create the footwear that doesn't leave trace.

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REMADE IN EDINBURGH



EDINBURGH (UK) The Edinburgh Remakery provides affordable and well-designed creative opportunities for individuals and groups; including workshops, free events, and training. Working in partnership with the University of Edinburgh and CHAI, The Edinburgh Remakery is one of five RE-use and Repair Hubs located throughout Scotland, which has been made possible with funding granted by Zero Waste Scotland.

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ANGLE OF CREATIVITY



KAUNAS (Lithuania)

This social initiative that develops the concepts of sustainable consumption and secondary design, which seeks to create a cleaner and healthier environment. They carry out educational activities by organizing creative events and activities. The space is open for seminars, discussions, film rehearsals, and conservation and sustainable consumption.

FORNELIA



NICOSIA (Cyprus)

This solar cooker can generate up to 15KWh in a day, 4KWh of which can be stored in a heat accumulator that make night cooking with solar power possible. Each heat accumulator retains the heat for up to 8 hours, enough to cook a meal for a family of 10. Currently, 2 billion people in the world depend on wood biomass for cooking. This corresponds to 6 million tons of wood and 10 Million tons of emitted CO2 per meal.

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Events

Transnational Meeting



The Second Transnational Meeting of the project was organised by “Žinių kodas” (Knowledge Code) and it took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, on September 7th and 8th, 2017. The aim was to evaluate the project progress, to analyze examples of best practice of sustainable farm “Alpakų ūkis” in Trakai and organization „Miško istorijos“. Thank our guests and speakers: Vytautas Šliuburyš and Paulo Pereira.

Trainings in Spain & Lithuania



DomSpain and Žinių kodas will organise a Training Course during October, November and December 2017 in Reus, Spain. This course will consist of 6 sessions in Catalan under the name of ‘Història de 2 Futurs’ and it

will be targeted to all citizens who are interested in environmental topics and want to know how to reduce the Carbon Footprint. The Training will take place in our main offices and they will.

Personal stories

Júlia Canals Feliu



In our country, they have been trying to raise awareness about the importance of respecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint. Since we are little, they teach us not to throw food, not to mess up the environment and not to abuse of the resources we have through awareness campaigns and school talks. However, we have reached the point that the government itself is considering imposing fines to those who, still today, do not even recycling. In my family, respect for nature and good consumption is a basic issue. [Read more.](#)

Tania Nedopekina



I grew up in Russia. Russian winter lasts about 5 months of the year .My flat was heated by a central system .The heating was turned on in October and off in April. So, very cold outside (about -20°C), but very hot inside (+25°C). I couldn 't control the temperature, that 's why, when I was hot, I opened the window. Now that I live in Spain, I have changed many of my habits. For example: I

recycle, dry my cloth outdoors, take a short shower instead of a bath, etc. I suppose that we are responsible for the future of our planet, plants, animals,..."

Pam Candea



I remember sitting in a lecture about climate change and feeling overwhelmed. I felt afraid, it seemed surreal, like a Sci-Fi film. It took me several weeks to accept the reality. I didn't want to believe it. I did my own research, hoping I could find something which showed that there was a solution in hand. It was the severity, the scale, the certainty of the impact and the realisation that we weren't doing enough that was so frightening. Coming to terms with it meant thinking about the skills I had which might make a difference - finding a way to do something instead of being overwhelmed.

Paulo Pereira



Since I know myself I was connected to nature. My parents were farmers in the beginning of their lives and they teach me the value of the land and soil. Represents the source of our existence and that there is no life without it. They teach me that the land should be managed with respect because we depend on it for our daily activities. During my childhood, most of my vacations were spent in farm without electricity, but I remember that is where I have my best memories

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