

European Cooperation for Social Responsibility SHOUTOUT4SDGs

SDGs and Cork Oak Montado



This badge recognises the completion of the e-learning course "SDGs and Cork Oak Montado" and a 4-day intensive study program in Coruche, Portugal, lead by the partners of the Erasmus+ Project SOUTOUT4SDGs "European Cooperation for Social Responsibility" (Ambios Ltd, Ambios Portugal, University of Évora, University of Padova, The Barn Owl Foundation) and five local partners (Municipality of Coruche, Observatório do Sobreiro e da Cortiça, Municipal Museum of Coruche, Amorim Florestal, A Apicultora).

You have achieved the following learning objectives:

- 1. Explored the story of Cork Oak: biodiversity, ecosystem services and commercial production
- 2. Engaged in the creative co-production and signposting of learning materials
- 3. Come together as a group from 4 EU countries and engage with virtual mobilities.















THE STORY OF CORK OAK PART 1

biodiversity, ecosystem services, and local economy

UNDERSTANDING THE ECOSSYSTEM

The Municipal Museum of Coruche was founded in 2001 and currently holds a long-term exhibition about the history of this region, from the prehistoric to the recent. During our visit, we highlighted the connection of the people of this region through the years to the montado ecosystem, and showed how they have depended on its richness to survive.

The Concelhos Farm is an area of montado mixed with pine forest, near the village of Coruche. Here, we explored the biodiversity, spoke of ecosystem services provided, and heard about specifically local economy, surrounding beekeeping in the montado.

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THE STORY OF CORK OAK PART 2 cork transformation, use, and products

UNDERSTANDING THE USES AND PRODUCTS

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

The Observatory of Cork Oak and Cork was founded in 2009, as a building in which the high value of cork could be emphasized to its full potential. Here, we learned about cork and its many uses, from creating decorative pieces and clothes, to elements of construction such as flooring and isolation.

Amorim is one of the largest multinational business in Portugal. Its inception lies in the cork industry, and dates back to 1870. Here, we observed the processes of transformation that the cork goes through, from the stripping of it off the tree, to the end product, which can be highly varied in application and aspect.

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THE STORY OF CORK OAK PART 3 creative co-production and signposting of learning materials

UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTIONS

The UN Sustainable Development Goals and the case study of the montado: how do they interconnect and what applies where? A workshop was fulfilled for the consolidation for information gleaned in past days, and for the co-creation of new materials that can be used moving forward, to help make the link of the Sustainable Development Goals more explicit in Higher Education and the world of work. Also, this was a chance for the mobility students to pass their new-found knowledge to other students from the 4 EU countries (Portugal, Italy, Hungary, and the UK) participating in a virtual mobility.

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