

STAR FOREST: Adult training to use the multifunctional forest as a source of employment, sustainability and social inclusion

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***“MULTIFUNCTIONAL FORESTS AND CLIMATE
CHANGE”***

MULTIPLIER EVENT REPORT ***Paphos (CYPRUS)***



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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE MULTIPLIER EVENT

MULTIPLIER EVENT DATA	
TITLE	"MULTIFUNCTIONAL FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE"
ORGANIZE	CCIF CYPRUS
DATE	04/06/2025
LOCATION	Geroskipou (Cyprus)
TYPE	Face-to-face Event
PROJECT RESULTS COVERED	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	26 (including local educators, environmental activists, community members, and youth leaders)

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
The STAR FOREST Multiplier Event was held in Geroskipou, Cyprus, with the objective of raising awareness on the ecological, economic, and social value of multifunctional forests. Emphasis was placed on non-wood forest products (NWFPs) and their role in supporting sustainable livelihoods and environmental stewardship. Participants were introduced to the STAR FOREST initiative and its objectives under the ERASMUS+ framework. The presentation focused on the impact of forests on climate regulation, biodiversity, and community well-being. The event concluded with an interactive dance session celebrating nature and encouraging participants to forge a deeper emotional connection with the forest.

2. AGENDA- PROGRAM

19:00 : registration of participants

19:45 : youth presentation on the exchange to Georgia

20:00 : official welcome and introduction to the STAR FOREST project

20:10 : presentation: The Importance of Multifunctional Forests & Climate Change

20:30 : coffee break

20:45 : dance session

21:10 : evaluation, dinner, and closing remarks

3. PUBLICITY MATERIALS FOR THE EVENT

The event was promoted through local networks and social media :



We are organizing a new star forest event!

It will be at Politistikos Omilos "Ieroi Kipoi Danse school "Pasaros" - Geroskipou, the 4th of June at 7:00

Stay tuned for the photos!

- Instagram (1st post): Announcement with 222 views and 9 interactions
- Facebook (1st post): Announcement with 103 views and 6 interactions
- Instagram & Facebook (2nd post): Post-event highlights and reflections



- Throwback to the workshop (2nd post)

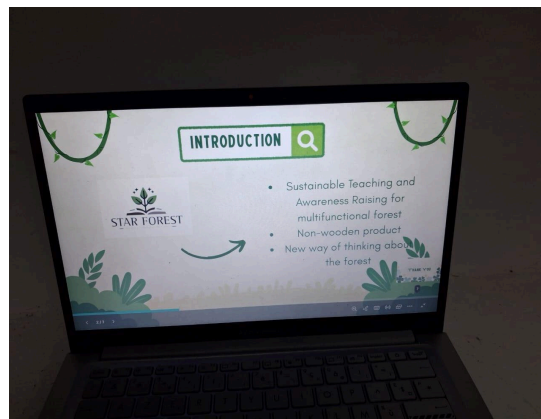
Flyers were distributed at local educational institutions and community centers.

4. PHOTOS

Selected images from the event included:

- Participants engaged during the presentation
- Dance session in progress
- Informal networking moments
- Visuals of non-wood forest products displayed at the venue

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5. EVALUATION

The participants received a link to access the evaluation questionnaire of the Multiplier Event:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0_kqjM92IksyxKljEQ69xL-lki1fxMO7BbyLB6LXybcTlpg/viewform?usp=header

Through this questionnaire, the participants had the opportunity to quantitatively and qualitatively assess different concrete aspects of the event and to make observations and suggestions.

Participants completed a post-event evaluation via an online form. Key metrics are summarized below:

Event Experience (Rated 1–5):

Accessibility: 4.0

Clarity of Presentation: 4.5

Knowledge Gained: 4.3

Interest Level: 4.4

Facilitator Engagement: 4.6

Project Impact (Rated Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree):

Results were presented clearly and engagingly: Agree

Questions were answered effectively: Agree

The event is useful for my professional development: Agree

The STAR FOREST Curriculum is useful for adult education: Not Evaluated

The Adult Education Handbook is useful for learners: Not Evaluated

The Trainers' Handbook is useful for educators: Not Evaluated

Open Feedback Highlights:

- Better preparation of the event space would enhance the experience.
- The dance session was a unique and meaningful way to connect with nature.

- Evaluation of the following aspects of the Multiplier Event from 1 (lowest level) to 5 (highest level):

	1	2	3	4	5
Accessibility level					x
Clarity of the presentation					x
Level of gained knowledge					x
Level of interest					x
Attitude towards participants					x

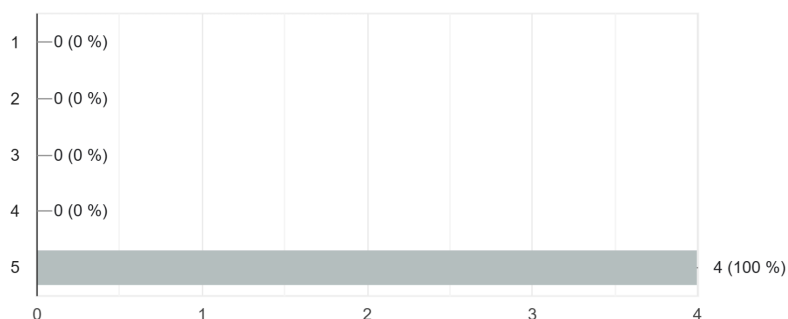
- Evaluation of the following aspects of the Results of the project:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
The presented results have provided information in a logical, structured, dynamic and interesting way				x	
Answers were provided to the participants' questions in a clear way				x	
Participation in this event will be useful in my future professional activity				x	

The STAR-FOREST Curriculum is useful for adult education					
The Adult Education Handbook is useful for students and educational activity					
The Trainers' Handbook is useful for teachers in their educational activity					

How would you rate the overall accessibility of the event ? 5 is the best and 1 is the worst (venue, materials provided, general inclusiveness)

4 réponses



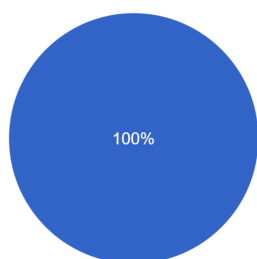
How clear and understandable was the presentation ?

4 réponses



How much new knowledge or understanding did you gain from the workshop ?

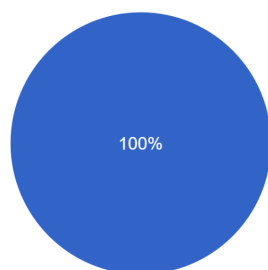
4 réponses



- I learned a lot of new things
- I already knew everything
- I didn't learn anything

How interesting and engaging did you find the event overall ?

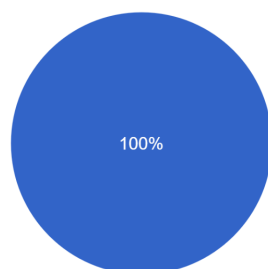
4 réponses



- I think that it was really interesting and engaging
- I think that it wasn't really interesting and engaging

How would you rate the attitude of the presenters towards the participants ?

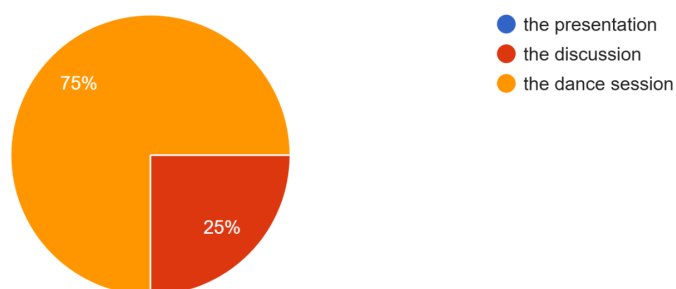
4 réponses



- They were open, respectful, and responsive
- They weren't open nor respectful

What part of the workshop did you find most engaging or inspiring ?

4 réponses



Conclusion:

Participants reported a positive learning experience and a better understanding of the role of forests in combating climate change and supporting sustainable rural economies.

- Description of the event by using a few words

After the participants arrived in Geroskipou, a presentation about the importance of forests and climate change was given. This included an introduction to the STAR Forest project, the importance of forest ecosystems, the impact of climate change, and the value of non-wood forest products such as herbs, berries and pine resin.

Afterwards, the participants were invited to discuss the importance of climate change.

Following the discussion, the participants gathered for a dance session. By dancing for the trees, they celebrated the forest and its qualities.

- Suggestions for improvement

Better preparation of the space

In this way, and thanks to the final debate and the comments received, we can conclude that:

- Participants gained a better understanding of the importance of multifunctional forests in Cyprus.
- The link between forests and climate change has been communicated and understood.
- Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs) were shown to be important for protecting nature and supporting local communities
- The dance has led participants to connect with the forest and learn dance from around the world.
- The feedback of the participants has indicated high satisfaction, and the overall structure of the event was effective.

6. ANNEX 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

(Full list maintained internally for privacy compliance; available upon request.)

1. Evanthia Christodoulou
2. Katerina Kyriacou
3. Rafaella Giallairai
4. Georgi Kochev
5. Cristea Cristina-Marina
6. Coras Zenovia-Mirela
7. Marusca Icana Angeza
8. Suciu Roxana Nicoleta
9. Rafaella Demosthenais
10. Maria Charelambous
11. Boseniva Mxpozei
12. Antria Agapiou
13. Xapalapoos Pajapos
14. Patiresos Luarnni
15. Feopria Patsaroy
16. Diron Maria
17. Maria Christodimou
18. Stelros Christoforou
19. Gianna Miladous
20. Sergio Sleni
21. Filippou Filippou
22. Maria Ztulianon
23. Patsalidou Kyriaki
24. Monika Pridou
25. Katerina Papouri
26. Katerina Palapou

7. ANNEX 2: TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE TOPIC OF THE EVENT

Multifunctional Forests and Climate Change

Overview:

The STAR FOREST workshop explored how multifunctional forests serve as critical tools in addressing climate change and fostering inclusive rural development. The session underscored that forests are not solely valued for timber but also for their ecological functions and non-wood products.

Key Themes Discussed:

- Climate Regulation: Forests in the Paphos region act as significant carbon sinks, helping to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- Biodiversity Conservation: These forests are habitats for diverse flora and fauna, many of which are endemic to Cyprus.
- Threats: Rising temperatures and increased wildfire frequency are placing these ecosystems at risk.
- Non-Wood Forest Products (NWFPs): Items like herbs, berries, and pine resin provide alternative income streams and reduce dependence on traditional timber harvesting.
- Community Engagement: Education and participatory activities, such as the event's dance session, deepen public appreciation and encourage sustainable forest stewardship.

Recommendations:

1. Develop more adult education programs focused on NWFP harvesting and processing.
2. Partner with local authorities to create fire prevention and forest monitoring strategies.
3. Expand awareness campaigns to include youth and marginalized communities.
4. Use artistic and cultural expressions to strengthen emotional ties to nature.

Conclusion:

The event successfully demonstrated how multifunctional forests can be leveraged not just for environmental benefits, but also for social inclusion and economic empowerment in rural settings.

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