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## CircuWasteVETAfrica Project Drives Green Skills and Circular Economy Education in Africa

The ERASMUS+ programme co-funded by the European Commission, aims to promote Green waste management and Circular Economy skills in Africa through vocational training and capacity-building programmes.

With an ambition to contribute to the Green and Digital Transition (Twin Transition) in line with the ambitious environmental goals of the European Green Deal and the Europe-Africa Strategic Partnership. A vision that will help cities and regions leverage digital tools for a carbon-neutral, sustainable future.

The project will analise the skills gap in the Green waste management and Circular economy sector and take off with a train-the-trainer programme that will equip vocational, education and training managers with relevant skills, including Digital Innovation, Micro-entrepreneurship, and circular business model courses, followed by a learners programme. This detailed training material will be accessible to VET students in Namibia, Ghana, Angola and São Tomé.

The programme will strategically partner with relevant private and public sector organisations to ensure that courses are developed based on industry-relevant skills and that it is replicated in other VET schools.



The project consortium led by <u>AREA</u>, an SME from Italy will work alongside key partners from Europe and Africa. European partners include <u>MUNDUS</u> from Spain, <u>Fondazione CNOS-FAP ETS</u> from Italy, and <u>MQ</u> from Portugal, while its African partners include <u>VIS ANGOLA</u>, <u>Presbyterian Relief Services and Development</u>, <u>Centro de Formação Profissional de São Tomé e Príncipe</u>, and <u>Swakopmund Municipality</u> from Angola, Ghana, São Tomé, and Namibia respectively.

This diverse partnership is integral for EU-Africa collaborations. A collaboration that combines expertise from both continents to drive green skills and Circular Economy education, and foster a unique international exchange of knowledge and resources.

In conclusion, the two-year programme will promote environmental practices and improve the quality and responsiveness of vocational education and training schools to socioeconomic opportunities in the labour market in Africa.

The project's partners:

















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