TreeVelop Project and Processes
Project Fiche

Category	**:**	**Environment_and_Sustainable_Development**
Project Name	**:**	**Youth for sustainability in Belarus. Awareness raising, capacity building and twinning for sustainable lifestyles through Youth EcoTeams.**
Location	:	Belarus
Beneficiary	:	Belarusian environmental civil society as well as schools and after-school centres in the Vitebsk, Minsk and Magilov oblast
Donor	:	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MATRA)
Period of Project	:	August 2008 - June2011
Topic	:	Introduction of the Eco-Team approach in Belarusian schools through publication of a Youth Eco-Team handbook, teacher manual and worksheets. Training of over 100 EcoTeam coaches. Capacity building of environmental civil society organisations. Small grants scheme for Sustainable Development Initiatives by newly formed Youth Eco-Teams at Belarusian schools and after-school centres.
Part of TreeVelop (%)	:	40
Total Value (€)	:	521.420

Project Description

The project Youth for Sustainability in Belarus aimed at the introduction, promotion, implementation and further distribution of the EcoTeam approach to support sustainable lifestyles of the population. The target population for the project was the youth of Belarus through reaching out to their teachers and after school educators. These teachers were trained to become Youth EcoTeam coaches. A handbook, teacher manual and worksheets were produced specifically for the Belarusian circumstances, in cooperation with the International Sakharov Environmental University (ISEU). In addition the environmental civil society was trained on organisational development, leadership for sustainable development and fundraising (proposal writing & project development). Through a small grants programme the newly formed Youth EcoTeams could kick-off their activities and create roots in their institutions.

TreeVelop Part

Ms.Christy Duijvelaar and TreeVelop associate Ms. Annet van Hoorn were responsible for all project management activities, including supervision of project implementation by the local project team, ensuring timely and high-quality project implementation, teambuilding and coordination. Ms. Duijvelaar provided training for and support to the Youth EcoTeam coaches, as well as active expert involvement in the adaptation process of the Youth EcoTeam material. Ms. van Hoorn ensured the networking among Youth EcoTeam coaches and successful implementation of the Youth EcoTeam implementation cycles. A further key responsibility was the development, implementation and evaluation of the Youth EcoTeam Fund, a competitive small grants programme. For both the Youth EcoTeam coaches and the environmental civil society Ms. Duijvelaar provideds 2-day workshops. The booklet 'Crystals of Sustainability in Belarus' has been written by the TreeVelop team.

Extra Remarks		
Project Numbers	:	TVC030
Executor	:	CD