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EVENTS BRIEF

The latest newsletter is dedicated to the various events organized by all of our French, Danish, Turkish partners.

FRANCE EVENTS

Promoting Sustainability Through ArtForward

ArtForward promotes our commitment to the circular economy through a range of outreach activities, including **Open Days** a **sensory exhibition** developed with regional cultural partners, and participation in the **WorldSkills competitions**.

All these initiatives follow eco-responsible principles, encouraging reuse, waste reduction and sustainable resource management while raising awareness of more sustainable practices in the crafts and creative industries.



OPEN DAY EVENT



An **exhibition stand** promoted the ArtForward project, international mobility and eco-responsible practices, while the **Partners** and Alumni Evening strengthened links between the school, companies and former **students**, supporting future **opportunities** for learners.

19 March 2026

OPEN DAY EVENT

During our **Open Days**, students who participated in the mobility at the Green Academy in Copenhagen shared their Erasmus+ experience with visitors.

Through **presentations** and discussions, they highlighted the skills and sustainable practices developed during their five-day mobility.



IMMERSIVE SENSORY EXHIBITION



An immersive sensory exhibition was designed and created by our students exclusively using **recycled** and repurposed materials. Developed in partnership with the **Bordeaux Media Library** and **UNADEV** (National Union of Blind and Visually Impaired People), it invites visitors to explore art through their senses while raising awareness of accessibility and circular economy principles.

This project reflects our school's commitment to sustainable, **inclusive**, and innovative creative practices

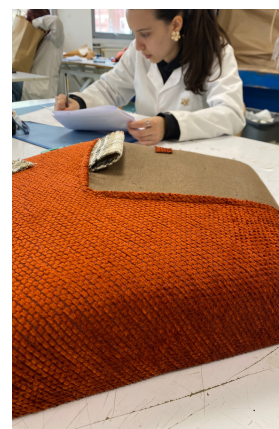
As part of the project, a textile artwork was created during a workshop led by **textile designer** Isabelle Torres, allowing students to explore innovative and sustainable approaches to textile creation.



SKILLS OLYMPICS

As part of an eco-responsible approach, participants worked with a variety of fabrics, including recycled textiles and fabric offcuts. At the end of the competition, five candidates were selected to take part in the regional finals, which will be held from **15 to 17 October 2026**. The remaining participants will help promote the upholstery profession through an exhibition stand dedicated to material reuse, recycling, and the transmission of traditional craftsmanship to a wider audience.

Our school hosted the **regional** pre-selection event for the Upholstery category of the **Skills Olympics**. Eleven candidates from two vocational schools in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region competed in a four-hour challenge that tested key **professional skills**, including brief analysis, sketching, material optimisation, and technical execution.



DANISH EVENTS

GREEN DRINKS COPENHAGEN



On 1 July 2026, the ArtForward project was invited to present its work during Green Drinks Copenhagen, a monthly networking event held at Greencubator that brings together professionals, designers, artists and sustainability advocates to exchange ideas and explore innovative practices.

During the session, Veronica and Isabella introduced the complete ArtForward learning journey, from the educational modules developed at the **Green Academy** to the Business-to-Students events, highlighting how the project supports both students and teachers in embracing innovative and sustainable approaches to creative education.

The presentation revolved around one essential question:
"What kind of designers, artists and architects does the future need?"

To illustrate this reflection, participants discovered students' sketches, drawings and personal notes taken from their learning journals. These authentic documents demonstrated not only the creative process but also the **critical thinking** and environmental awareness developed throughout the project.

The presentation generated strong interest from the audience, made up of professionals from the creative industries. Numerous questions focused on the long-term legacy of **ArtForward**, while many participants praised the quality of the educational approach and the project's ambition to prepare the next generation of creative professionals for a more **sustainable future**.



TURKISH EVENTS

CONFERENCE NEVŞEHİR

ARTFORWARD Multiplier Event Successfully Held in Nevşehir, Türkiye! **On 4 July 2026**, Cappadocia Education and Research Association (CERA) successfully organised the ARTFORWARD Multiplier Event Conference in Nevşehir, Türkiye, bringing together educators, students, NGO representatives and local stakeholders to explore innovative and sustainable approaches in art, architecture and design. Throughout the event, participants were introduced to the project's objectives, consortium and key achievements.

The conference showcased the Learning Modules, **Green Academy** Booklet, Business-to-Students (B2S) Events, Compendium of Sustainable Enterprises, and the multilingual e-learning platform, highlighting how ARTFORWARD connects creativity, sustainability and European cooperation.



The event also provided an excellent opportunity for networking, exchanging experiences and discussing the role of green skills and creative education in preparing young people for future challenges.

Interactive discussions and the evaluation session demonstrated the participants' strong interest in applying the project's educational resources within their own institutions and communities. The successful implementation of the Multiplier Event contributed to increasing the visibility of the **ARTFORWARD** project in Türkiye while strengthening collaboration between education providers, civil society organisations and local stakeholders committed to sustainable development. **Together, we continue shaping a more creative, innovative and sustainable future through European cooperation.**

