



THE ECO-SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CREATE
A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Eco-Schools - Sustainability makes its way into schools



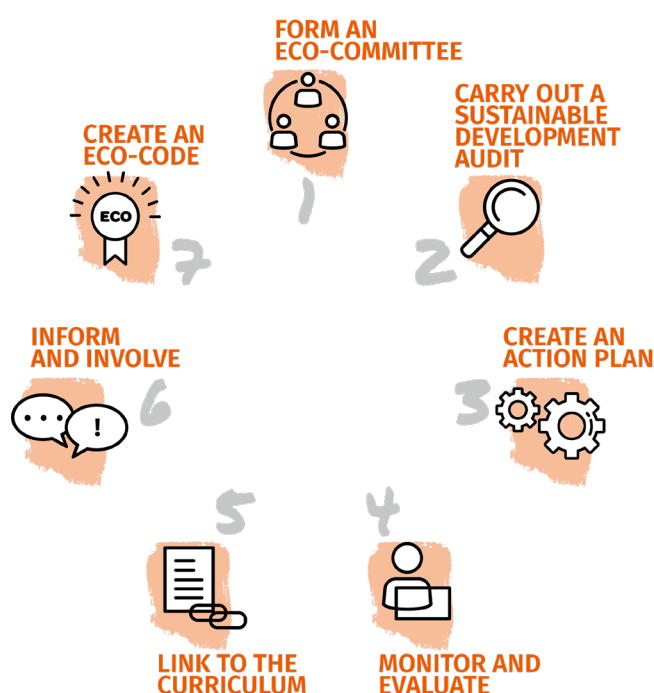
Eco-Schools is an educational programme for schools willing to make a commitment to sustainability and a more environmentally-friendly school life. It supports the school community in integrating “Education for Sustainable Development” (ESD) into everyday school life and helps schools to reduce their ecological footprint.

The goal: to give young people the power to take action to build the world of tomorrow.



How does it work?

The school community chooses a theme for one or two school years and follows the Eco-Schools Seven Steps methodology to improve practices and knowledge related to the chosen theme.



Sustainable food



Biodiversity



Citizenship



Litter and waste



Water



Energy

Students, teachers, technical staff, school administration, external partners and even parents work together to achieve a common goal.

Once the project has been successfully completed, schools receive the internationally recognised Eco-Schools award, which acknowledges their continuous and progressive dedication to the environment and sustainability.





Eco-Schools in practice...

Water - the blue gold

Did you know that it takes 10,000 litres of water to make a pair of jeans? That is one of the questions asked by the young members of the Eco-Committee at Les Creusets secondary school (Valais) to their fellow students at the start of their Eco-Schools project. The aim was to raise the school community's awareness on the importance of water.

The highlight of the project was the organisation of a "water week" combining debates moderated by the students, film screenings, guest speakers and conferences to learn more about this resource and the issues surrounding it. Throughout the week, the canteen offered a vegetarian menu, drawing the attention of the school community to water consumption linked to food. Students, teachers, management and canteen staff were all involved in organising this multi-faceted week.

"Eco-Schools proved to the young people who took charge of the Eco-Committee that they can build a project that has a real impact and goes much further than their individual actions."

*Yannick, teacher
Les Creusets secondary school*

... a few examples

«We base our work on the idea that in order to protect nature, you first need to know and love it.»

*Marlène, Eco-Schools coordinator
Ecole primaire de Glovelier*

When the school blooms again

That is the motto of the first Eco-Schools project at Glovelier primary school (Jura), which focused on the Eco-Schools theme of biodiversity.

Like real researchers, the students surveyed the fauna and mapped the vegetation around the school, before taking part in the planting of native and perennial plant species. During several "bush days", all the students created birdhouses and insect hotels.

The school community established a vegetable garden and installed a forest sofa. In addition to the ecological enhancement of the school's surroundings, the project also aimed to promote outdoor education and give children an opportunity to experience nature.





Our support for schools at all levels

J'aime ma Planète offers personalised support, including:

INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOPS

for students and teachers

REGULAR FOLLOW-UP

with advice for the school team

MATERIALS

for a thematic and methodological approach

SUPPORT

during the award procedure

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

with other Eco-Schools through a national and international network

Committed schools around the world

Eco-Schools is an international programme. It was created by the Foundation for Environmental Education, the world's largest environmental education network, and is recognised by UNESCO. The association J'aime ma Planète has been developing Eco-Schools in Switzerland since 2016. Through this programme, it is strengthening the implementation of Education for Sustainable Development based on the regional curricula for primary and secondary schools.



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