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SPARK in Bulgaria: A Successful Mobility for Green Skills and Sustainable Learning

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From 17 February to 26 February 2026, the second group mobility of the SPARK project was successfully implemented in Bulgaria, where 13 older adult learners from Greece took part in a 10-day learning programme hosted by SDRUZHENIE ZA INOVATIVNO MISLENE (AIM). This mobility focused on strengthening green competences and digital engagement through an inclusive non-formal education approach based on the GreenComp framework.

What happened during the mobility:

During the activity, participants explored a wide range of digital environmental tools, platforms and learning methods designed to help them better understand sustainability in everyday life. The programme introduced European environmental resources such as the European Environment Agency, Copernicus, and the INSPIRE Geoportal, helping learners access and interpret real environmental data in a simple and practical way.

Participants also discovered citizen-science and awareness tools such as IQAir and iNaturalist, while learning how digital platforms can support greener habits and more informed decisions. In addition, they explored platforms connected to circular economy practices, including Vinted, Freecycle and OLIO, which showed how digital participation can support reuse, sharing and sustainable consumption.

Another important part of the mobility was the connection between sustainability and culture. Participants were introduced to Europeana and Google Arts & Culture, which opened access to digital cultural heritage and virtual experiences that many had not used before.





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Results and success:

The mobility in Bulgaria produced very positive results for the SPARK participants. The learning outcomes were measured through pre- and post-assessments, and these showed clear progress in environmental awareness, digital engagement and sustainable behaviour among the participants.

The activity also helped participants reflect on their own habits, understand the idea of a digital carbon footprint and identify practical ways to make their daily routines more sustainable. All 13 participants successfully completed the mobility and received recognition for the green and digital competences they developed during the programme.



The Bulgaria mobility was an important milestone for the SPARK project, showing that older adults can actively engage with sustainability, digital tools and European learning opportunities when the right support and educational methods are in place. The experience not only strengthened participants' competences, but also contributed to the wider goals of inclusion, lifelong learning and environmental responsibility promoted by SPARK.