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Successful Fashion DIET Multiplier Event, Organised by Trakia University Team, at the “Bezisten”, the Cultural Heart of Yambol

The multiplier event on the European project Fashion DIET project “Sustainable Fashion Curriculum at Textile Universities in Europe-Development, Implementation and Evaluation of a Teaching Module for Educators” was held in the Cultural and Information Centre “Bezisten” of Yambol, Bulgaria on 19 May 2023. The event was organised by the project partner Trakia University through the Faculty of Technics and Technologies of Yambol. Over 60 participants, university professors and lecturers, teachers at vocational and secondary schools and schools of arts, fashion designers and engineers, freelance artists, project experts, PhD candidates and students, etc., attended the event.

Prof. Zlatina Kazlacheva, head of the Bulgarian project team, opened the multiplier event by highlighting the reasons that led to the emergence of sustainable fashion.



Figure 1: Opening of the Multiplier Event at the Bezisten of Yambol by Prof. Dr. Zlatina Kazlacheva.

The guests of the event and the members of the Bulgarian team were greeted by Assoc. Prof. Vanya Stoykova, Dean of the Faculty of Technics and Technologies of Yambol, and Assoc. Prof. Emil Slavov, Vice-Rector of Project Activities of Trakia University of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria.



Figure 2: The Cultural and Information Centre "Bezisten" of Yambol provided a dignified setting for the multiplier event for more than 60 participants. In the front row: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emil Slavov, Vice-Rector of Project Activities of Trakia University of Stara Zagora (at the left); Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanya Stoykova, Dean of the Faculty of Technics and Technologies of Yambol (in the centre); and Mrs. Milena Nikolova, the senior expert responsible for vocational education in Yambol region (at the right).

Prof. Kazlacheva presented the partner universities from Germany and Romania, the members of the Bulgarian team, and the main project goal, activities and results of the project. Her presentation focused on the three intellectual outputs: the further education module (ESD module), the information & e-learning portal and the teaching and learning materials.

Assoc. Prof. Zlatin Zlatev not only introduced the e-learning platform *Glocal Campus* and the information portal *Fashion and Textile Database (F+TD)* but also led a workshop on the information & e-learning portal to show the various information possibilities.

The multiplier event continued with a presentation on "The Slow Fashion" by Krasimira Genova and "Zero Waste Fashion Design" given by Irina Ruseva, respectively, both are PhD students of fashion design and pattern making at the Faculty of Technics and Technologies.

Prof. Zlatina Kazlacheva, Dr. Julieta Ilieva and Dr. Petya Dineva presented various subjects from the ESD module and selected teaching and learning materials. First, Dr. Julieta Ilieva focused on slow fashion design methods such as sustainable silhouettes in womenswear, shaping silhouettes with the help of other sustainable elements, and the application of the golden ratio and Fibonacci geometry in fashion and textile design. Then, Prof. Dr. Zlatina Kazlacheva informed about the long-life sustainable fashion elements, design and pattern making of women's clothes with sustainable fashion element drape, the application of golden geometry and Fibonacci geometry in pattern making, design, pattern designs with minimal consumption of material and minimal leftovers.



Figure 3: Assist. Prof. Dr. Petya Dineva presented the design and pattern making of women's clothes with sustainable fashion elements.

Finally, Dr. Petya Dineva presented the topic of design and pattern making of women's clothes with the sustainable fashion element peplum, designs combining peplums and sustainable three-dimensional elements, and designs created by the shibori technique.

An exhibition of sustainable clothing and fashion accessories was presented during the event. The exposed designs came from a sustainable fashion competition, organised for the celebration day of the Faculty of Technics and Technologies as part of the project.



Figure 4: Fashion DIET team of Trakia University.

The presentations and the exhibition caused great interest, fruitful discussions, exchange of information and ideas for future work.

Presentations from the multiplier event are available online at: <https://youtu.be/QG7KvBACIaU> and <https://youtu.be/pd26I4CK5sg>.

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