



# IMPROVE PROJECT

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## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Literacy Trust's recent data reveals an alarming drop in reading habits among today's youth, with a mere 26% of those under 18 engaging in daily reading - the lowest in over a decade. Spearheading efforts to combat this trend is the Erasmus+ 'Improve' project, spanning seven European nations.

Aiming to influence key stakeholders capable of reversing this decline, the project provides recommendations tailored for schools, local municipalities, and ministries of education in each associated country.

In collaboration with our esteemed partners, we've crafted **ten policy recommendations** to bolster reading engagement among youth. These insights, rooted in two years of dedicated research within the IMPROVE initiative, are accessible on our project website and have been translated into seven languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Macedonian, Italian, Belgian, Turkish, and Slovenian.

Check out our website and read online and download for offline use: <https://improveproject.org/policy-recommendations/>



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## TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING, MACEDONIA

The project's partners recently gathered in Tetovo, Macedonia, for the concluding meeting of "IMPROVE: Preventing low reading interest." At this gathering, hosted by Gjumnazija 7 Marsi, we reflected on the project's achievements and made preparations for the upcoming final conference. During our visit, we also had the privilege to explore the school's facilities and engage with some of its dedicated teachers and students.

As our project approaches its culmination, we recognize the potential for its further expansion and impact. United in our vision, we've unanimously resolved to pursue its continuation, with plans to apply for the Erasmus+ call for proposals in March 2024.



## FINAL CONFERENCE

A pivotal component of our project was the final conference, adeptly organized by our partner, Gjumnazi 7 Marsi. This gathering saw enthusiastic participation from all project collaborators.

The conference's primary focus was to showcase strategies to enhance students' reading skills and amplify the applicability and longevity of these results nationally and across Europe. In attendance were a diverse mix of stakeholders: from schools, both public and private, to teachers, trainers, parents, and others committed to advancing youth reading.

One of the conference's chief objectives was to spotlight our tangible results, readily adaptable in educational settings since they've been translated into the native languages of the partner countries (encompassing seven languages).

The overwhelming interest and attendance at the conference underscored a shared sentiment among educators: the pressing urgency to address the contemporary challenges of reading literacy among the youth.

**With conviction, by collectively moving forward, even with incremental steps, we are poised for success in our mission.**



# PHOTOS FROM FINAL CONFERENCE



# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

As our project concludes, each partner will curate significant local events in their respective countries. The unified objective of these gatherings will be to spotlight the project's achievements in enhancing students' reading capabilities.

These insightful events will unfold in **Spain, Slovenia, Belgium, Portugal, Turkey, and Italy.**

