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Current results of pre- and post- training "Ecosystem Awareness Surveys" in schools have revealed that ecosystem education in schools has increased the level of awareness significantly on the ecosystem.

Surveys on the ecosystem awareness level have been conducted 7-16 aged students and their teachers in the schools of four partnering countries before and after the implementation of Ecosystem Education Program (EEP) to measure how effective is the EEP. Current results are very satisfactory.

A total of 3 514 students, 192 teachers and 100 schools were registered in the Integrated Database of EEP in four countries (see Figure 1).

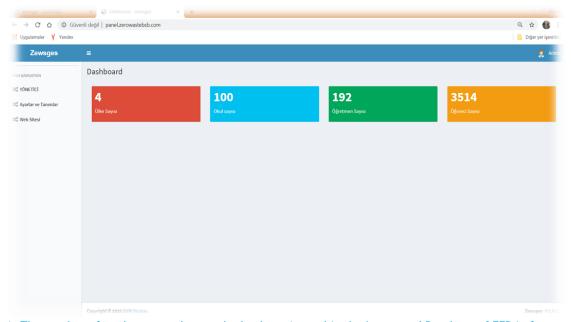


Figure 1. The number of students, teachers and schools registered in the Integrated Database of EEP in four countries

The ecosystem awareness measurement survey consists of three parts:

- i. in the first section (questions 1-4), the participants were identified;
- ii. in the second section (questions 5-17), the ecosystem awareness level was revealed. (The greater the "yes" response, the higher the level of consciousness), and
- iii. in the third section (questions 18-21), how eager the participants were willing to support activities in favour of the ecosystem was measured (The greater the answer "yes", the more willing participants are to protect the ecosystem).

While the number of the "yes" responses in the surveys reflect the level of ecosystem awareness, the increase in the "yes" answer in the post-training survey in comparison to the pre-training survey shows how successful the EEP is. The information on the ecosystem awareness measurement survey can be reached at <a href="http://www.zerowastebsb.com/EEP/">http://www.zerowastebsb.com/EEP/</a>









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Currently, 1 689 students and 89 teachers have participated in the pre-training survey whereas 476 students and 17 teachers have taken part in the post-training survey of ecosystem awareness (see Figure 2).

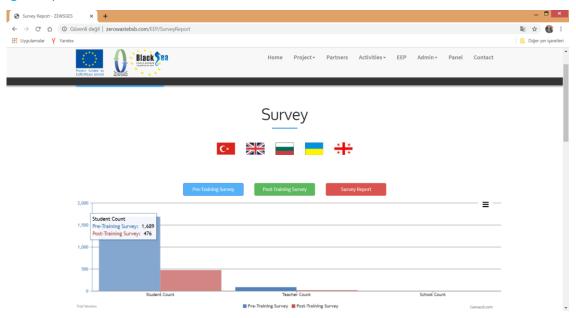


Figure 2. The number of students and teachers participated in the pre-and post-training surveys,

The report obtained from the integrated database revealed that (see Figure 3):

- 94.19% of the participants in the survey are students and 5.22% are teachers and the remaining is the others.
- 58.91% of the participants are women and 41.09% is men.
- Distribution of the participants by age are as: 7-16: 85.56%, 17-30: 8.66%, 30-50: 3.81% and >50:1.97%.
- In pre-training survey, the ratio of "yes (positive)", "sometimes (positive)" "no idea (negative)" and "no (negative)" responses were 50.79%, 15.95%, 6.77% and 26.49, respectively.
- In post-training survey, the ratio of "yes (positive)", "sometimes (positive)" "no idea (negative)" and "no (negative)" responses were 68.92%, 12.47%, 2.08% and 16.53, respectively.
- With the implementation of EEP, the ratio of positive responses increased from 66.74% to 81.38% whereas the ratio of negative responses decreased from 33.26% to 18.61% when pre compared the.
- The awareness level of the students and teachers quite good even before the EEP training is realized.









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In conclusion, current results of pre- and post- training "Ecosystem Awareness Surveys" in schools have revealed that ecosystem education in schools has increased the level of awareness significantly on the ecosystem.

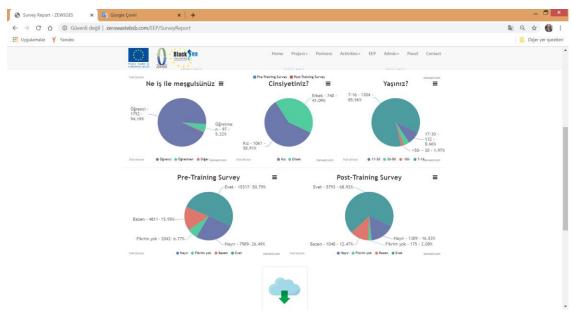


Figure 3. The survey report of the Integrated Database of EEP

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