GreenSCENT at ITACA: Combining XR, Accessibility & Sustainability

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GreenVerse application

- **GreenVerse** is an interactive digital storytelling platform

- **Upload and share multimedia content**, combining images and videos (3D and 2D) as well as text and audio

- **Ability to integrate accessibility features**, such as **audio description**, **subtitles** and **captions**

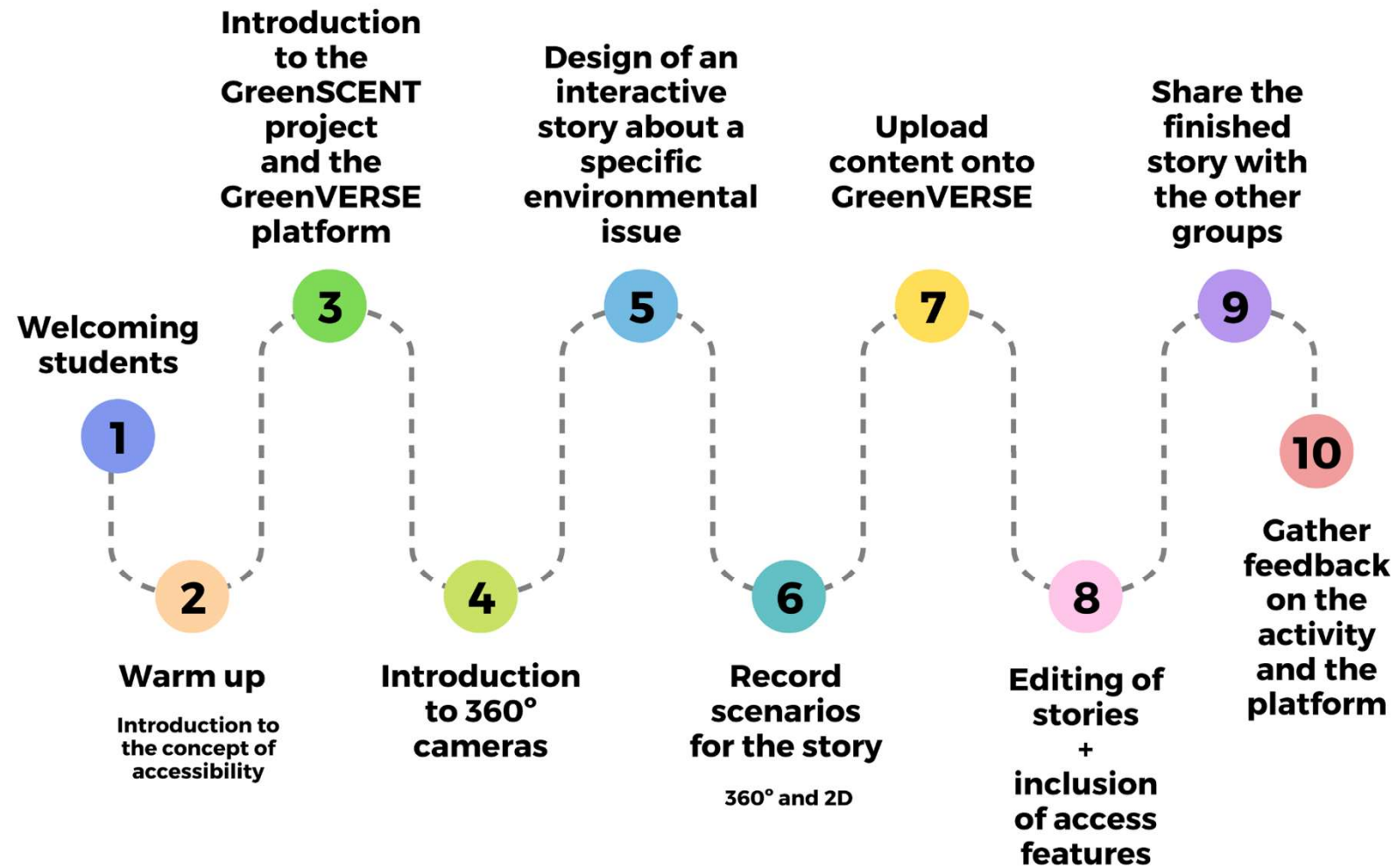# SMART CITIZEN EDUCATION FOR A GREEN FUTURE
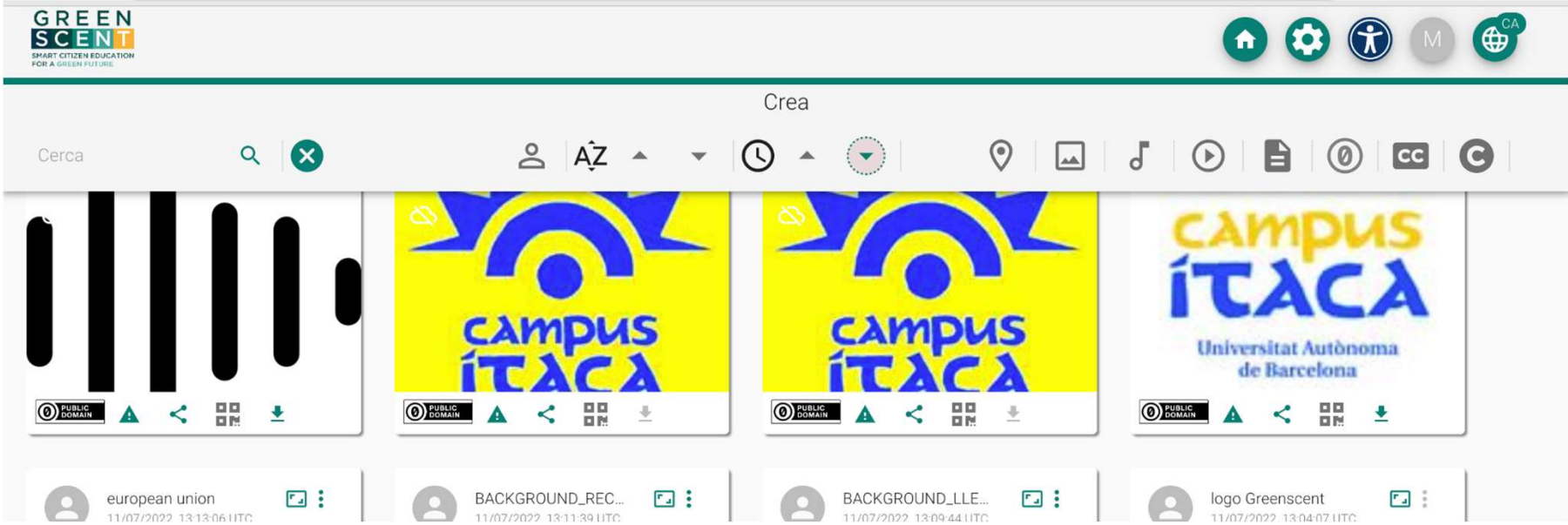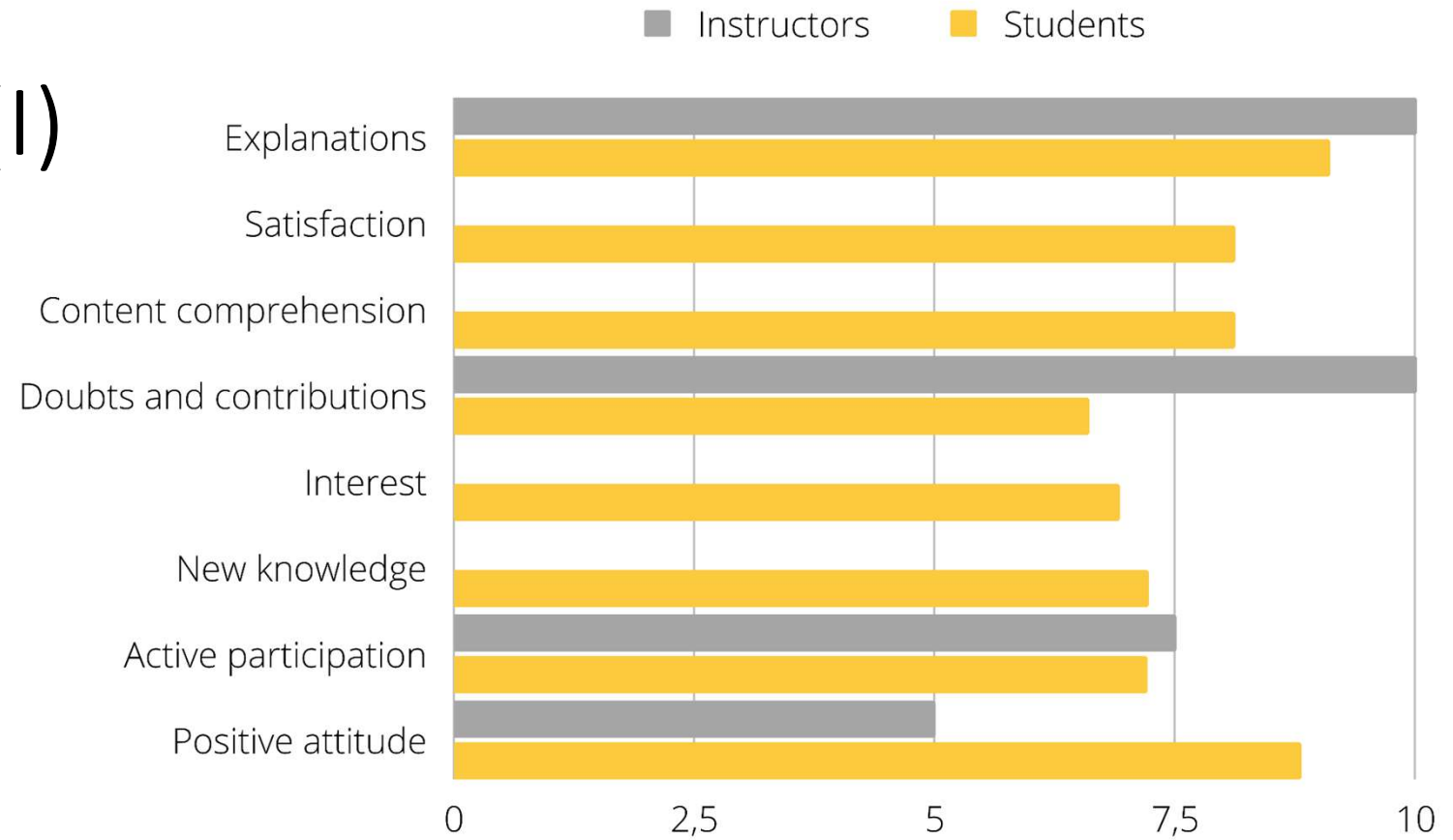

CREATE

EXPLORE

LIBRARY

Workshop procedure

Welcoming students

1

Warm up

Introduction to the concept of accessibility

2

Introduction to the GreenSCENT project and the GreenVERSE platform

3

Introduction to 360° cameras

4

Design of an interactive story about a specific environmental issue

5

Record scenarios for the story

360° and 2D

6

Upload content onto GreenVERSE

7

Editing of stories + inclusion of access features

8

Share the finished story with the other groups

9

Gather feedback on the activity and the platform

10

Student's stories from ITACA Campus

Results
from ITACA (I)

Results from ITACA (II)

- ✓ Students were **able to use** the GreenVerse platform
- ✓ Students worked together to **co-create** their own digital stories, with added accessibility features
- ✓ Students **applied their knowledge of sustainability** to solve common environmental issues around the UAB campus
- ✓ XR technology made environmental issues **less abstract**

Preliminary conclusions

Benefits of a more **hands-on approach to learning**

Use of technology as an **educational tool, specifically XR**

Students applied their **knowledge** and **creative skills** to address common environmental problems

Coming soon…

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Thank you for listening!

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