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Objectives

‘European Youth Together’ projects build on the experience of the ‘New Narrative for Europe’ initiative, as well as on other youth initiatives that promote young people’s participation in European public life, cross-border exchanges, and mobility activities. European Youth Together is an action in the Erasmus+ 2019 Work Programme. This leaflet presents the projects selected in 2018.

Main Characteristics

European Youth Together aims to create networks that promote regional partnerships, and is intended to be run in close cooperation with young people across Europe. The priorities are active citizenship, network-building, European values and European citizenship, democratic participation, democratic resilience, and social inclusion related to young people. The projects aim to contribute to the overall EU policy agenda by improving the involvement of young people in democratic life and their engagement with decision makers. The projects also aim to improve the capacity of the youth sector to work transnationally, such as by promoting transnational learning and cooperation between young people and decision makers. Selected projects will have a duration of between 9 and 24 months, starting in late 2018.

Target organisations

European Youth Together is aimed at youth NGOs, public bodies, as well as informal groups of young people. Projects must involve at least five partners who have the capacity to mobilise young people in partnerships across different countries and regions in Europe.
Eligible Activities

- Mobility exercises including large scale youth exchanges;
- Activities facilitating young people’s access to and participation in the EU policy agenda;
- Initiatives and events for developing European NGOs, Civil Society organisations and EU-wide networks;
- Awareness-raising, information, dissemination and promotion activities on EU policy priorities in the field of youth.

Country Coverage

Erasmus+ programme countries: EU Member States, EFTA countries as well as candidate countries (Turkey and North Macedonia).

Budget

€ 5 000 000 in total.
The financial contribution from the EU by project is a minimum of € 100 000 and cannot exceed € 500 000.

Participation

Altogether, 32 countries are represented in the European Youth Together 2018 projects, including all current EU Member States, two EFTA countries – Norway and Iceland – and two EU Candidate countries – North Macedonia and Turkey. A total of 173 organisations will take part in 14 different projects.
Active Citizens Living European Values (ACLEV)

Today more than ever, young Europeans need to be empowered to act as responsible and engaged citizens, who can support the advancement and strengthening of the European project and its common values. This project will involve around 5000 young people from across Europe in various activities. It aims to inspire reflection and encourage critical thinking about European values and the European project, to create a sense of belonging to a unified Europe, inspire enthusiasm and concrete forms of active citizenship in Europe, and advance the creation of transnational networks for mutual learning and development. This will be achieved through workshops on active citizenship and European values based on the non-formal educational methodology known as ‘Coloured Glasses’, (targeting young people from different backgrounds), youth exchanges, outreach initiatives and an online platform that will connect the facilitators and encourage transnational networking beyond the project itself.

EYCA Youth Activation Campaign

EYCA is designed to be a pan-European, politically neutral, youth-driven initiative aiming to encourage young people to vote in the upcoming European elections. The campaign is aimed particularly at disenfranchised youths. Drawing from a pool of 7 million EYCA cardholders from across Europe, the European Youth Card infrastructure will be used to inform young people about the EU institutions, train them for active participation, and empower them to encourage voting during the European elections. The project will create a network of Youth Activists whose task will be to promote a politically neutral campaign together with their peers. These Activists will be encouraged to attend key events at national and local level, implement grass-roots actions to inform and mobilise young people to vote, engage directly with European Parliament candidates, and maintain a significant online presence. The project will also organise a European high-level meeting where Youth Activists will be given the opportunity to ask candidates and elected officials from all political backgrounds to make pledges regarding various areas of interest for youth policy. There will also be a series of local actions designed to multiply and disseminate information related to EU institutions and encourage young people to show up to the polls, as well as to directly engage with EP candidates from their country.
Raising Awareness of Youth Europeans of Second Generation with migration background (RAYSE)

The organisations involved in RAYSE all strive to raise awareness of second generation European citizens – to improve general understanding of these people’s backgrounds and the challenges they face. This is especially pertinent considering contemporary problems of European integration. RAYSE will champion storytelling as the primary means to achieve greater understanding, using blogs to share people’s narratives with the media and other Europeans. A special focus will be placed on why second generation citizens often feel distanced from the concept of Europe and its values. Second generation young people will be helped to engage more with local policymakers, specifically through local events set up by each organisation, as well as via an international workshop. At the same time, RAYSE will create a broad network of organisations to support Youth Ambassadors by supplying them the tools they need to promote active citizenship among the second generation. The project will involve second generation youth in specific awareness-raising and training activities, as well as meetings with policy makers, with the objective of having an impact on the future policies of the European Union.

Growing Together (GROWTH)

The way that food is produced, consumed and distributed is a major issue facing Europe – one that directly impacts the lives of young people across the continent. ‘Growing Together’ will provide a voice for young people – particularly those from rural areas directly impacted by the food system – enabling them to engage in crucial debates on the future of food production as well as wider debates on the future of Europe. The project aims to increase civic engagement and democratic participation among young people who are at risk of marginalisation as a result of unsustainable agricultural development and policy-making. It will increase cooperation between young people from rural communities and decision-making institutions. High-quality and innovative transnational training courses will be provided for young people from six countries. The goal of this training will be to develop skills and knowledge required for effective organisation of issues on food policy, including practical solutions to address issues at local, national and international levels.
ROOF – Roots of our Future (ROOF)

ROOF intends to disseminate information about the EU and the European institutions and to encourage citizens to participate in the 2019 European elections. It will promote structured dialogue activities on the subject of mobility actions – youth exchanges – in order to stimulate active participation in political life, create networks and increase involvement in international mobility projects. The project also aims to gather citizens’ opinions on the future of the Union, create new networks and reinforce those already existing and to place the theme of sustainable mobility and environmental issues and heritage protection at the centre of the political agenda. The programme will include a series of four youth exchanges taking place simultaneously by combining cycling routes with train journeys. Each exchange will involve the participation of young people starting from four different corners of Europe (France, Italy, Sweden and Bulgaria) with the common destination of Prague. Here, a meeting will take place with all participants and a representative from each organisation in order to evaluate mobility actions and initiate the dissemination of results.

Road to the Future

Building on a strong coalition of youth- and volunteer-led civil society organisations as well as a network of political stakeholders and regional authorities, the project ‘Road to the Future’ aims to encourage and strengthen European-oriented youth participation, treating the elections to the European Parliament in May 2019 as a specific democratic milestone. The campaign will be officially launched by a large-scale youth event in Paris gathering approximately 2000 young people. Prior to the elections, youth multipliers will be trained and provided with newly-developed tools to engage youth in debates about Europe during local activities and encourage them to vote. The ideas collected as part of the campaign will be featured on an online interactive platform addressed to politicians, including MEP candidates. Following the EP elections, the second phase will begin with a high-visibility event for 600 young participants near Berlin, seeking to use the created momentum and ensure a long-term European-oriented youth participation.

www.roofeurope.eu

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Red: GLOW

This initiative aims to strengthen a network of seven like-minded NGOs across the EU in order to promote active citizenship among young women through training in skills and attitudes linked to citizenship and active participation. Close to 1000 young women – with a special focus on those from underprivileged backgrounds – will be activated across six EU countries for developing and disseminating knowledge on the positive impact of civic engagement of young women. This will be achieved through activities such as leadership training, volunteer support, youth exchanges involving young women and training to build the capacity of the seven project partners. The outcomes are expected to contribute to the EU Policy Agenda by improving participants’ citizenship activity, skills and attitudes as well as engagement with decision-makers and improving the capacity of seven NGOs to work transnationally.

Youth Democracy Academy (YDA)

This is a project that focuses on engaging the first voters, meaning young people aged between 17-20 from 12 different EU countries in moving towards a Europe that is closer to its citizens. YDA seeks to support the participation of young people in the coming European elections by developing an innovative approach where young people take the leading role in the process of designing the campaign and training their peers to develop local initiatives. Our project will also contribute to build dynamic and positive European societies by supporting the development of youth programmes based on values such as solidarity, citizenship, democracy and respect for diversity, where young people develop their sense of critical thinking and of ownership to the European Project. In light of the upcoming European elections in May 2019, YDA will raise awareness amongst young people about the importance of being involved in policy-making at European level and will prioritize the engagement of first-time voters in a dialogue about the future of Europe and their role therein.
This project will be implemented by a consortium led by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement – Bureau Européen du Scoutisme. The consortium includes 49 scouting and guiding organisations across Europe. The main component of the project will be a 4-month transnational campaign – ‘Yvote: My Europe, My Say’ – which will engage a large number of young people from all across the continent to spread awareness about the importance of participating in the 2019 EU elections. The campaign will nourish a sense of belonging to an integrated European vision and will capitalise on the positive feelings previously invigorated during the New Narrative for Europe Initiative. On a more general level, the project will strengthen the capacities of youth organisations to offer activities which enhance youth participation, civic competences and political awareness and to increase outreach to more vulnerable and socio-economically disadvantaged young people.

This action has the objective to explore new ways of understanding and addressing discrimination in Europe. Critical theories in social sciences explain – through the concept of intersectionality – how oppressive social beliefs and structures (xenophobia, sexism, homophobia etc.) are interconnected. Systematic oppression cannot be understood or addressed with a single-issue approach as they tend to accentuate a specific group of the target groups’ identities and thus perpetuate otherness. Co-existing multiple identities demand an approach to integration that is holistic and sensitive to varying experiences. To this end, TLO aspires to empower individuals and reinforce marginalised groups by enhancing their representation, raise awareness on the victimization of vulnerable groups in order to foster empathy, and promote positive attitudes towards discriminated groups by embracing inclusion of marginalised people. The analytical framework will be operationalised through non-formal learning and various tools that will be enriched in the course of the project. The project will offer online open access educational material on intersectionality in all partner languages as well as structured policy recommendations for the integration of marginalised groups resulting from deliberation with youngsters, youth professionals, policy makers, local communities and other stakeholders.
This project will build the capacity of youth organisations to use lobbying and policy-making methods such as ‘legislative’ theatre and develop media critical awareness in their communities via ‘newspaper’ theatre. The project will include training and practical work with the goal of enabling young people to get involved in democratic processes, to communicate and cooperate with authorities in order to bring about solutions for problems in their societies. The programme will contribute to the creation of a more active youth community by involving young people in what we refer to as the ‘theatre of the oppressed events’ – focusing on ‘legislative’ and ‘newspaper’ theatre – which will be designed, developed and implemented by young people themselves. This will help them to create links between vulnerable, apathetic or even radical young people and the authorities.

The project has a duration of 24 months, six partners from Norway, Poland, Portugal, Hungary, Romania and Greece and aims to reach at least 4000 young people directly.

The project will raise awareness on EU policies and will foster participation of young people who are not politically active. Over 300 young people will be supported in Youth Exchanges to develop proposals and initiatives to improve EU policies and to create local dissemination events to promote EU citizenship. Youth for Europe will support the capacity of partners to implement advocacy actions, to support young people in mobility activities and to develop raising awareness campaigns through offline and web communication. The project outcomes will be promoted in youthforeurope.eu platform creating a space for young people and youth organisations to find info and to debate on EU policies. The platform will host videos with description of EU policies and young people proposals’ and other areas with mobility opportunities for young. The policy proposals will be promoted and shared with EU, national and local policy makers to make young people voice heard at EU level.
In light of approaching European parliamentary elections, this project will foster a new approach towards the EU as a vehicle for positive change with the belief that European citizens should be engaged to question themselves about the kind of Europe they would like to see in the near future. The project designers believe that young people should be the first ones to be addressed as they can be leaders and multipliers in identifying and fostering innovative ways towards a more democratic, equal and inclusive union. It is therefore fundamental to contribute to young people’s understanding of the EU and its institutions. For this reason, the project will aim to create a roadmap that will allow youth not only to understand how the EU works and what it has been contributing to, but also to reflect on how they can contribute. Operationally, YES! GAM-EU wants to make information and news about the EU available through innovative media channels in multiple languages, by engaging young people through an online simulation gaming platform and app and by creating virtual reality educational tools. It will also provide educational workshops and events for young people and youth workers to know about EU policies and priorities in the field of youth and to become multipliers of EU values among their peers at the local, regional, national and European level.

EEU aspires to make young Europeans reflect together on the idea of European citizenship. It will be carried out by a group of youth who met during various European exchanges in the spirit of creating a project by young people and for young people. The main operational objective consists in making a web series in the form of a docudrama. Six episodes will be made and each episode will take place in a different country within the EU where the participating organisations are located (France, Romania, Greece, Croatia and Estonia). Working sessions and mobility periods will be organised between the partners so that young people can take an active part in the project. It will be broadcast on YouTube and other platforms, and the episodes will be realized in the language of the country where they are shot while being subtitled in English. The web series will contribute to the debate on interculturality and citizenship.
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European Youth Together

This leaflet represents a short overview of the first 14 projects selected under the Erasmus+ European Youth Together action, representing 32 countries and 173 organisations and mobilising young people across many different regions and backgrounds. These projects will run between 2018 and 2020.

A new European Youth Together call will be published in 2019 to invite applicants to propose new projects.

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