



Your Guide on

YOUTH-LED PROJECTS for **CHANGE-MAKERS**





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READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Let's turn your passion for a greener
future into concrete action.

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The European Union (EU) recognises the importance of youth participation and offers incredible support through programmes like Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps to empower you.

These programmes can help you turn your passion for climate action (or any other important issue!) into a project that benefits your community and the world. Let's explore three concrete funding programmes to help you make a difference.



ERASMUS+: YOUTH PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES



Erasmus+ “Youth Participation Activities” support youth-driven local, national and transnational participation projects that encourage young people to actively engage in democratic life and society.

This programme is ideal for young people who are **passionate about the environment** and want to take action!



Duration: 3 to 24 months



Eligibility: Informal group of young people between 13 and 30 years old and/or youth organisations



Activities Covered: Organising seminars, policy debates, awareness campaign and hands-on activities related to sustainability



Financial Support: Up to € 60,000!

More information here!



ERASMUS+: YOUTH EXCHANGES

Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges offer an exciting opportunity for young Europeans to connect and learn from each other. These short-term projects bring together participants from at least two countries for a unique non-formal learning experience.

You'll build a network of peers who share your passion for the environment while fostering a sense of European identity. It can empower you to become an active citizen and make a real difference in the **fight against climate change!**



Duration: 5 to 21 days, excluding travel days



Eligibility: The exchange must be organised by youth organisations, an informal group of young people (aged 13-30), or other organisations active in the youth field



Activities Covered: Workshops, discussions, and hands-on activities that focus on the environmental sustainability and eco-friendly practices (e.g. visiting renewable energy facilities, planting trees)



Financial Support: Travel costs as well as practical and activity-related costs necessary for youth exchange are covered

More information here!



Inclusive measures of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps

Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps strive to increase accessibility by facilitating the participation of young people with disabilities or special needs, and put mechanisms and resources at their disposal.

In addition to the grant for travel and accommodation costs, the programmes can cover additional costs such as medical follow-up, payment for a carer, adapted technical and teaching support, special accommodation or transport, etc.

Be careful, you will need to assess all your needs and communicate them to the sending organisation in time. Make sure you don't forget anything, as you won't be able to top it up when you return.



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS: SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

Solidarity projects bring positive change to local communities in line with EU priorities such as inclusion, climate change, democratic engagement, citizenship and gender equality. The possibilities are endless as long as your project focuses on making a positive impact on your community and the environment. Solidarity projects can enable you to bring concrete solutions in your community to tackle climate change!



Duration: 2 to 12 months, mainly part-time



Eligibility: Group of minimum 5 young people (aged 18-30) residing in the same country



Activities Covered: Organising community gardens, repair cafes, environmental protection activities (cleanups, tree planting etc.). These are just a few examples! Think about challenges in your neighbourhood and the causes that matter to you



Financial Support: €630 a month to cover project management and implementation costs, with additional support for a project coach (if needed)

More information here!



By leveraging these EU opportunities, you can turn your ideas into reality, make a lasting impact on your community, and contribute to a more sustainable future!

Remember: National Agencies are in charge of implementing these programmes, providing information and supporting potential candidates. Don't hesitate to contact them!

In addition, Eurodesk is your information network about opportunities to go abroad. Contact us for whatever questions you may have!





HERE'S A SIMPLE GUIDE TO GET STARTED:

1/ What do you care about? Think about the environmental issues you care about most (plastic pollution, climate change, etc.). What can you do about it?

Guiding questions:

- What are the problems you face in your community?
- What concrete change do you want to see as a result of your project?
- Are there existing local environmental organisations you could collaborate with?
- Are there any examples of previous projects funded by the EU that you could build on?

2/ Team Up! There's strength in numbers. Find other young people who share your passion and brainstorm together. Identify the potential supporters of your project.

Guiding questions:

- Who could support you in your project?
How will you approach them?
- Who could benefit from your project (e.g. schools, local businesses, community organisations)?
- What roles and responsibilities will each team member have?

3/ Plan... Now that you have a clear goal and a motivated team, it's time to develop a concrete plan.

Guiding questions:

- What specific objectives do you want to achieve with your project?
- What activities will you implement to reach those objectives (e.g. workshops, awareness campaigns)?
- What resources will you need (e.g. funding, materials, space)?
- How will you measure the success of your project (e.g. number of participants, behaviour change, media coverage)?

4/ Go for it! Don't wait for the perfect plan. Start small and take action.



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