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ABOUT EURODESK

Eurodesk aims to create bridges in Europe and open up international opportunities to all young people, no matter your background or your life situation. We see that not enough of you are aware of the various programmes out there - from a paid internship abroad to taking part in volunteering projects, all costs covered. An experience abroad can have a massive positive impact on your life, and we believe Europe needs the involvement of young people.

This is why we operate with a network of youth workers all over Europe to reach out and provide you with neutral, free of charge and verified information on all financial support programmes to go abroad and have a voice in Europe.

Eurodesk in numbers

- 4000+ multipliers and ambassadors
- 38 Eurodesk centres in 36 countries
- 277.000 youth enquiries handled each year
- 7.000 public events
- 611.000 followers on social media
- 599.000 young people reached through face-to-face activities.

ABOUT THE EURODESK AWARDS

The Eurodesk Awards were established in 2011 to celebrate the day-to-day work of Eurodesk's local Multipliers, who are helping young people discover and seize the numerous opportunities Europe has to offer.

By collecting youth (information) work best practices, the aim of the initiative is to bring Multipliers' projects to the fore and introduce them to stakeholders at European level. The organiser of the Eurodesk Awards 2024 initiative, on behalf of the Eurodesk network, is Eurodesk Brussels Link (EBL). In 2024 the organiser received 54 applications from 20 countries.

The projects competed for four awards:



Creative and innovative activities and projects that show an out-of-the-box approach, using interactive or game-based learning methods to raise awareness about European opportunities.

Inclusive and accessible activities and projects targeting a wide range of young people, including those from marginalised or underrepresented groups, as well as people who have never heard or participated into Erasmus+ or the European Solidarity Corps before.





Activities and projects that effectively engage young people by encouraging different forms of active participation in decision-making processes and help foster a sense of solidarity while embracing European democratic values.

The Eurodesk Network Prize was selected by Eurodesk National Coordinators. The prize was awarded to Eurodesk initiatives that showcase a strong community impact despite a lack of EU financial support.



The winners of the first three thematic category were decided by a jury panel:

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Eurodesk Executive Committee Member

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Secretary General, European Youth Forum

Day Full of Local Volunteering Activities - 2nd edition

To highlight international opportunities, the project included a stand presenting Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps, DiscoverEU, and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. A student from Litomyšl, with experience in youth exchanges, shared her story. The goal was to connect local and international volunteering paths, showing that both can complement each other.



Listen To The Sound of My Hands

The project aimed to address communication barriers faced by deaf individuals, focusing on the need for sign language education and awareness. A 10-day youth exchange involved 40 participants aged 18-30 from five countries, highlighting the challenges faced by the deaf community and advocating for curriculum and workspace changes to support sign language learning.



Movidas Erasmus

Movidas Erasmus is a podcast by Asociación Ingalicia, a local Eurodesk centre, designed to introduce young people to Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps opportunities. The podcast stands out by blending storytelling with information, presenting each episode as a thrilling mystery or horror story set during European exchanges, volunteering, and internships. As the narrative unfolds with supernatural elements, listeners are introduced to various mobility programs in an engaging way.

Youth4Europe

The Youth4Europe project aims to foster European citizenship, active participation, and awareness among young people in Reggio Emilia Province, with a focus on the 2024 European elections. Designed by young people, the project is divided into two phases. From January to May, it targeted students aged 17 to 19 through workshops and training sessions in high schools, reaching around 600 students.





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CREATIVE YOUTH INFORMATION AWARD



Day Full of Local Volunteering Activities - 2nd Edition

Farní charita Litomyšl - Volunteer Centre Czech Republic

We organised the second edition of the Day Full of Local Volunteering Activities, expanding and improving it from the previous year. Nine organisations participated, each offering a fun, short activity to introduce young people to their work and the role of volunteers. These were led by staff or young volunteers.

To highlight international opportunities, we included a stand presenting Erasmus+, ESC, DiscoverEU, and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.



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Thanks to collaboration with local schools, 160 secondary students attended. They were divided into groups, each with a "playing card" to track visits to all organisations, where they took part in games or quizzes and received themed prizes.

The event was co-organised with Eurocentrum Pardubice (Eurodesk multiplier), and included a fun city route in the Actionbound app, guiding participants to key volunteering-related spots in Litomyšl. Three winners were drawn from completed entries.

Posters featured the Eurodesk logo, and the network was promoted through the app, social media (Facebook, Instagram), and articles on our website and in the local newspaper.



We believe the event had a strong impact on young people, most of whom were unaware of local or international volunteering opportunities. We reached them directly, answered questions, and also informed teachers, building long-term school partnerships. For those unable or unwilling to attend in person, the Actionbound app provided a comfortable alternative.

In total, we reached approximately 210 young people aged 15–17–160 through the event and 50 via the app. The event took place in Litomyšl, a town of about 10,000 inhabitants, located 150 km east of Prague, with 4 elementary schools and 4 high schools.





Movidas Erasmus

Ingalicia Spain

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Movidas Erasmus has effectively engaged young people by making European opportunities more accessible and relatable through a youth-friendly, digital podcast format.

Traditional Erasmus+ content can feel formal, but this podcast uses humour, suspense, and storytelling to capture attention while educating listeners about mobility programs.

It reaches young people on platforms they already use, making learning about exchanges, volunteering, and scholarships easy and enjoyable. The podcast sparks curiosity and inspires action, with many listeners reaching out to learn more about opportunities.

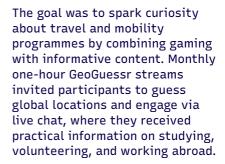
Movidas Erasmus makes European mobility feel exciting, inclusive, and accessible to all, turning information into an invitation for adventure.



Eurodesk Goes Twitch

Eurodesk & Europe Direct Oldenburg (MCON GmbH), Eurodesk & Europe Direct Rostock (EIZ e.V.) Germany

In 2022, Eurodesk Oldenburg and Eurodesk Rostock launched a Twitch-based project under the rausvonzuhaus brand to engage young people in learning about international opportunities through interactive GeoGuessr sessions.





The initiative promoted the German Eurodesk platform (www.rausvonzuhaus.de) and aimed to reach young people active on Twitch. Viewers learned about funding opportunities, DiscoverEU, and other mobility programmes while interacting in real time. The project built a community where gaming and information-sharing merged.

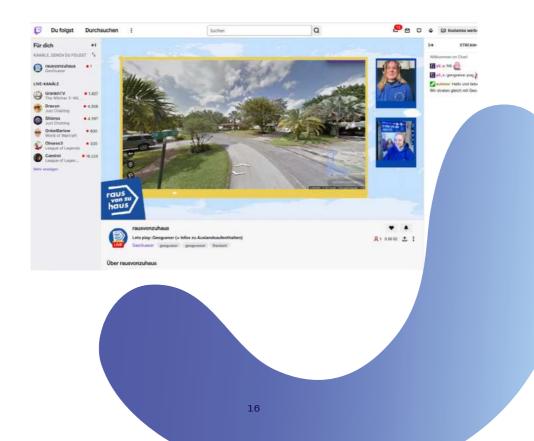
It was promoted at the Eurodesk national meeting, coordinated with Eurodesk Brussels Link, and supported by consistent branding and Eurodesk materials. Visibility was further enhanced through social media and the distribution of brochures directing audiences to relevant resources.

This project successfully connected gaming culture with international opportunities, using interactive GeoGuessr sessions on Twitch to engage young people in learning about geography, cultures, and mobility programmes.

Instead of passively receiving information, participants actively engaged through live chats, asking personalised questions and sharing experiences.

The initiative introduced Eurodesk resources to a digital-native audience, increasing visibility and sparking interest in studying, working, or volunteering abroad.

It created a peer-to-peer learning environment and highlighted the educational value of gaming. With 273 views and 21 followers, the project overcame technical challenges and laid the groundwork for future expansion and broader digital outreach.



Story2Go

Baltic Regional Fund Latvia

During the "story2go" event, participants hiked from Mangaļsala to Vecāķi along the beach and through the surrounding forest.

Although initially planned for 15 participants, 20 young people aged 16 to 23 joined, all interested in European opportunities such as Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps.

The group included young people of various nationalities living or studying in Riga, most of whom had no prior experience but were eager to learn. Some participants with experience shared their stories. Five international volunteers also helped with the event. The hike had five stages, each combining official information with experience sharing and reflection.





More than half of the participants had no previous experience or knowledge, but after the event they felt inspired and determined to take part in mobility activities and the Time to Move competitions. During the hike, physical activities and informal conversations about experiences, benefits, and project results helped to enhance young people's understanding of European opportunities.

The event offered a chance for young people to spend active and meaningful time with peers, broaden their horizons regarding various opportunities, and exchange experiences and recommendations. This informal and engaging format proved effective in encouraging interest in European mobility programmes.



Creative Storytelling in the Land of Ice and Fire - Erasmus+ Youth Exchange Photo Exhibtion

Foundation for the Development of Education and Tourism Rysy Poland

"Creative Storytelling in the Land of Ice and Fire" was a project involving 16 young people from Poland and Iceland, aimed at developing digital skills such as social media management, photography, videography, and campaign planning. Its focus was raising awareness about climate change and environmental protection through creative digital storytelling.

Participants later organised dissemination activities, including a social media campaign, a three-month photography exhibition in Swarzędz, and a radio interview on Radio Emaus. They also took part in a public pre-election session during the Local Trends conference in Poznań, promoting Erasmus+, Eurodesk, and EU environmental opportunities for youth.



The project explored storytelling as a tool to share impactful messages on climate issues. Participants from Poland and Iceland developed digital content—social media campaigns, videos, photos, and infographics—through hands-on workshops aimed at educating local communities.

They gained valuable skills in social media management, photography, videography, and campaign planning, enhancing their employability. By focusing on environmental themes, they deepened their understanding and were empowered to advocate for change. Participants led key activities, such as a photography exhibition and a radio interview, boosting leadership and confidence.

These efforts engaged the Swarzędz community, encouraging sustainable practices and promoting EU-funded opportunities like Erasmus+.



To the World in Search of Progress: International Day

Eurocentrum LiberecCzech Republic

The event aimed to introduce young people, especially final-year secondary school and university students, to EU opportunities related to foreign affairs and to motivate them to get involved.

The day focused on sharing personal stories, with most speakers being young people who spoke about their experiences abroad. The programme was partly in English, including an introduction in both Czech and English.

Activities included a lecture on Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, and DiscoverEU, followed by "5+1 stories from the world of progress" where six speakers presented photo-based talks. Over 1,500 attendees from 12 secondary schools and universities participated.





The event received great feedback from both teachers and young people, with 12 secondary schools from the region signing up. The 400-person capacity was filled within 24 hours. Efforts were made to include technical and apprenticeship schools, and schools unable to attend were later visited. Most other attendees were students from the Technical University of Liberec. Young people discovered programs they had not previously known about, including the Discover EU application deadline on 16 October. Many 18-year-olds completed their applications on the spot. The event showcased specific Erasmus+ youth exchange projects, motivating attendees and helping them overcome fears about participating abroad.

Ljubljana ESC

Zavod Nefiks Slovenia

In the project Sloving it!
Emilie, European Solidarity Corps
volunteer, created the website.
This platform is designed for
all volunteers in Ljubljana
and Slovenia, offering useful
information, resources, and
insights into the "Ljubljana"
experience.



IMPACT

The project is primarily aimed at young people who are already volunteering in Ljubljana or Slovenia through the European Solidarity Corps. The website serves as a valuable resource for young volunteers, helping them navigate life in Slovenia while fostering a sense of belonging and community.

It provides practical information, inspiration, and opportunities for engagement, making it easier for volunteers to integrate into their new environment. By highlighting diverse experiences and creative projects, the platform encourages personal growth, cross-cultural exchange, and a deeper connection to the local community. Ultimately, it empowers young people to make the most of their volunteering journey and leave a meaningful impact.

Cooltour

Rõuge Youth Work Center Estonia

The Cooltour project aimed to build future skills in young people by using cultural heritage as a learning tool. Activities included training, visits, a hackathon, and a youth exchange, resulting in a practical toolkit with printed materials. It involved youth, youth workers, and educators, encouraging new uses of traditional culture.

Run by Rõuge Noorsootöö Keskus, the project promoted youth participation and international engagement. Green practices were followed throughout. Supported by Erasmus+, it also raised awareness of Eurodesk and brought fresh tools and methods to youth work, increasing motivation and initiative among young people.

IMPACT

Cooltour had a broad impact, benefiting young people, youth workers, and the wider community. Young participants gained new perspectives on cultural heritage, developed key skills, and became more active in decision-making. Youth workers received practical resources, improving their programmes and fostering greater collaboration.

The wider community saw increased awareness of international youth initiatives and innovative uses of cultural heritage. Overall, the project bridged traditional and modern youth work, empowering youth with valuable skills and opportunities.



International Day at the Youth Centre

Kohila Youth Centre Estonia

On April 19, 2024, Kohila Avatud Noortekeskus hosted an international-themed day to introduce young people to European cultures.

The event featured guest Greta from Europeers, who guided participants in preparing traditional Austrian cuisine. Before the cooking session, each participant selected a European country, researched it, and presented a poster to the group.

The day concluded with a Kahoot quiz about European countries. The activities enhanced teamwork, presentation skills, and cultural knowledge while promoting eco-friendly practices.

Funded by Eurodesk, the event highlighted Erasmus+ opportunities. Impressions and insights were shared on Kohila Avatud Noortekeskus' social media to increase engagement.





The project had a significant impact, enhancing participants' global awareness and knowledge of European cultures.

The interactive, peer-led activities boosted their confidence, particularly in teamwork and presentations. Many were inspired to explore Erasmus+ and Europeers programmes, broadening their view of international opportunities.

The project encouraged cultural exchange, fostering a more inclusive atmosphere in the local community and motivating young people to engage in educational initiatives. Sharing the event on social media extended its reach, raising awareness of youth mobility programmes. Overall, the event empowered young people, promoted international learning, and deepened their sense of community engagement.

GreenGen: EcoShaping Mindsets

VIHASOO MTÜ Estonia

The project aimed to raise awareness among youth about environmental issues and sustainability, fostering responsibility and empowerment to drive change in their communities. It enhanced participants' knowledge of climate change, pollution, and deforestation while promoting key skills such as socialisation, entrepreneurship, and intercultural communication. Activities included lectures, workshops, games, and reflections.

A presentation on Eurodesk introduced young people to European opportunities. Participants from Italy, Austria, Portugal, Spain, and Estonia shared sustainable practices, discussed environmental challenges, and raised awareness. The project targeted active, open-minded individuals aged 15-19, interested in solving ecological problems and learning about environmental sustainability.



The project aimed to inspire young people to embrace sustainable lifestyles and raise awareness of environmental issues such as climate change, deforestation, and pollution. Participants developed skills in sustainable living and strategies to inspire their communities to take action.

They also gained practical skills, including digital literacy with tools like Google Forms, Canva, and Mentimeter, and improved their English proficiency. Many adopted eco-friendly habits, such as using reusable bags and reducing carbon footprints.

The project fostered responsibility, collaboration, and problem-solving, while emphasising the importance of sustainability in both businesses and everyday life. It also covered all 8 Erasmus+ key competences.



Youth on The ROAD

Municipality of Santa Maria da Feira Portugal

A project aimed at bringing the Youth Office closer to the local youth community by promoting the dissemination of various programs and initiatives.

Youth on The Road is based on an informal and dynamic approach that leverages the element of surprise to spark young people's interest in the Youth Office.

A tour concept was created, reflected in the logo, the project name, and the promotional poster for the initiative. This initiative draws inspiration from summer festivals and small traveling performances that used to visit remote parishes away from urban centers.

IMPACT

This project promotes greater equality of opportunities by connecting young people with the Youth Office and the various projects and programs it develops. More than 7,000 young people receive a themed giveaway associated with the Youth on The Road project, generating anticipation and curiosity through the immersive experience created.

Better-informed and more knowledgeable young people will be more actively engaged, and this impact is later reflected in the various projects led by the Youth Office.



Europe on the Same Train!

Creative Minds for Culture Latvia

On 10 October 2024, Creative Minds for Culture organised the "Europe on the same train!" activity for young people from Sēja Primary School as part of the Eurodesk "Time To Move" campaign.

The event aimed to explore EU programmes and promote European ownership through gamification.

Participants engaged in team-building activities before playing an adapted version of the Ticket To Ride: Europe board game, designed to teach them about Europe and youth opportunities. After the game, the group reflected on their experience, discussed youth involvement in European initiatives, and enjoyed snacks, with prizes awarded to the best players.

IMPACT

The activity took place in a rural school, where youth rarely have access to external activities and information. It was well-received, with young people learning about youth opportunities they were previously unaware of. Some were motivated to apply for youth exchange projects.

The event increased awareness of active citizenship and the importance of using available opportunities.

Participants understood that such opportunities could be life-changing and beneficial for their community. The group also became more open to sharing personal experiences, with one participant sharing her Erasmus+ story, inspiring others and showing how easy it is to get involved.



Info Mobile Tour

Alfa Albona Croatia

The project aimed to empower rural youth in Istria, Croatia, by providing accurate and timely information to support their education, employment, health, and social development. A mobile info tour using a retro Fiat 126 visited villages including Salakovci, Bartići, Gora Glušići, and Tunarica, offering on-the-spot youth information.

Through storytelling, visuals, and interactive activities, the initiative encouraged independence, critical thinking, and active citizenship. Targeting 15- to 30-year-olds, especially those with fewer opportunities, the project promoted personal and professional growth.

Eurodesk visibility was ensured via media coverage, promotional materials, and a prominently branded vehicle, strengthening awareness of available youth opportunities.

IMPACT

By fostering an environment that values creativity, collaboration, and information on the spot in rural places, our approach impacts young people to discover all ranges of opportunities for them to take and participate, thus aiming on developing their skills. We supported the development of informed, responsible, and proactive individuals.



Inspiring Youth Stories: International Learning Experiences

NGO Vitatiim Estonia



As part of European Youth Week in April 2024, VitaTiim shared stories from young people who had participated in international mobility programmes like Erasmus+, volunteering, and youth exchanges. The project aimed to inspire young people, particularly those with limited knowledge of such opportunities, by making international experiences more relatable. The initiative reached over 12,500 people online and engaged 20 participants in a local event. It highlighted personal growth, cultural adaptation, and the skills gained through international experiences. VitaTiim, based in Estonia, motivated young people to consider global opportunities and take an active role in shaping their futures.

IMPACT

The project had a lasting impact on young people by reducing barriers to international mobility and raising awareness of Erasmus+ and other opportunities. By sharing authentic personal stories, it made these experiences more relatable and achievable. With an online reach of over 12,500 people, many young people gained awareness of the accessibility of these opportunities. A local event with 20 participants provided direct interaction, boosting confidence and encouraging them to apply for mobility programs. The stories highlighted personal growth and new skills, shifting mindsets and making international opportunities feel more inclusive and attainable.

Creative Youth Information

Paikuse Open Youth Centre PaNoKe Estonia

The "Creative Youth Information" project, organised by Paikuse Avatud Noortekeskus PaNoKe on October 18, 2024, aimed to combine adventure education with youth information dissemination for young people aged 16-18. The project introduced international learning opportunities through role-playing games that taught group dynamics and cultural barriers in youth exchanges. It also enhanced skills like teamwork and collaboration. Eurodesk's visibility was increased through informational materials, and the project adhered to green principles by using reusable materials in a natural environment. Participants gained knowledge about international opportunities and were inspired to engage in future mobility programmes.

IMPACT

The project positively impacted young participants by providing knowledge about international opportunities and fostering key life skills. Through adventure-based learning, participants enhanced their teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills.

They gained a deeper understanding of mobility programmes like Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, with many expressing interest in applying for future exchanges. The event also strengthened the local community by increasing youth engagement with global opportunities. The knowledge and experiences gained will serve as a foundation for future international collaborations, benefiting both the individuals involved and the broader community.



European Youth Week - Join the Game!

Stowarzyszenie "Europa Iuvenis" / Europa Iuvenis AssociationPoland

The "European Youth Week – Join the Game!" project marked European Youth Week and the 20th anniversary of Poland's EU membership, targeting young people aged 13 to 25 from the Opolskie region. The project aimed to raise awareness about the European Parliament elections, promote EU integration, and highlight the benefits of EU membership.

Activities included board game tournaments, Eurolessons, workshops, a European cultural evening, an Open Space conference, an open-air concert, and a city game on Europe Day. Around 800 participants engaged in 40 activities, fostering dialogue and spreading knowledge about European initiatives for youth.

IMPACT

The project significantly increased young people's interest in European issues, particularly in the Opolskie region, where international cooperation is still developing. It showed that Europe is not distant, but an adventure full of cooperation, diversity, and opportunities.

The Open Space debate and game demonstrated the importance of youth voices in decision-making on key issues. The project motivated participants to explore Europe, with some even using tournament tasks as inspiration for family trips. Additionally, it encouraged youth to engage with European opportunities, with several groups now preparing for Erasmus+ youth exchanges.



KİTAIP

Rokiskio jaunimo centras Lithuania

In the small Lithuanian town of Rokiskis, a group of young people took the initiative to create engaging leisure activities, developing a project to empower themselves with valuable skills.

They revived the tradition of fire juggling, incorporating modern LED elements, and learned new skills while seeking information on relevant opportunities.

The project also built a partnership network, culminating in an International Youth Day performance at an elderly care home, spreading joy and showcasing their talents. With Eurodesk's support, the project helped young people discover volunteering and funding opportunities, fostering a positive community perception of youth and their potential.



The project had a transformative impact on both young people and the local community. By empowering youth to create their own engaging activities, it demonstrated their potential to lead initiatives regardless of location. Fire juggling performances and workshops spread information about youth opportunities, with over 20 public performances raising awareness.





The project grew youth participation, inspiring new groups and building essential skills like teamwork, leadership, and event organisation. Two groups secured funding for future initiatives. The community's perception of youth improved, showcasing their creativity and value, while the project ensured long-term engagement and sustainability for the youth community.

Representing European Youth Values in Graffiti Art

MJIC "Kvartāls"

Latvia

The project engaged young people aged 13 to 25 in Līvāni through a survey on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps priorities. It aimed to gather insights into youth values, encourage reflection, and create a graffiti mural based on survey responses. The mural featured "emoji" representations of the priorities, with Eurodesk's visibility integrated.

The project also included collaboration with a professional artist to design a logo for the Latvian Youth International Programs Agency. Sports activities promoted teamwork, while digital elements, such as an online survey and digital mural sketch, demonstrated environmental awareness and digital transformation. The project empowered youth and connected the community.



The project had a significant impact on young people and the broader Līvāni community by fostering creativity and engagement with European opportunities. Young people voiced their views on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programs through a survey, which inspired a graffiti mural at the MJIC Kvartāls Youth Center.

This artwork, featuring stylized "emoji" graphics, became a community symbol, sparking pride and conversations.
Participants also collaborated with a professional artist to design a logo for the Latvian Youth International Programs Agency. Sports activities promoted teamwork.

The project raised awareness of European initiatives and empowered youth, leaving a lasting cultural impact.



Time to Move Traveller Personality Quiz

Udruga mladih "Mladi u Europskoj uniji" Croatia

The Traveller Personality Quiz, created for TTM2024, engages young people with European opportunities in a fun and interactive way. Participants answer questions to match with one of four traveller personality types: The Adventurer, The Social Butterfly, The Passionate Pursuer, or The Lone Wolf. Each type is linked to relevant programmes like Erasmus+, DiscoverEU, and European Solidarity Corps.

The quiz, designed with gamification principles, was developed by young international volunteers with input from psychologists and sociologists.



Accessible via QR code, the digital tool reached a wider audience through online promotion and collaboration with Eurodesk, boosting visibility and engagement.

IMPACT

The activity successfully connected EU opportunities with youth through gamification and a digital approach, making information accessible, engaging, and fun. By offering personalised results based on participants' interests, it increased motivation to engage with European programmes. The initiative not only empowered youth but also expanded community involvement, strengthening cooperation with local stakeholders in the youth field.

The project's impact was long-term, as it led to increasing invitations for informative events, spreading quality youth information. Supported by international partners and Eurodesk, the activity enhanced the organisation's capacity and ensured adaptability for both local and online communities, reaching a wider audience.

How I Experienced Europe!

Eurocentrum PardubiceCzech Republic

The project aims to share experiences from various European mobility programmes through a literary competition for young participants aged 16-35. The competition focuses on projects like Erasmus+ Youth Exchange, DiscoverEU, European Solidarity Corps, and traineeships in EU institutions. Participants are invited to share personal stories of their experiences abroad in any written form.

Three winners receive open train tickets to Europe and Eurodesk prizes. The event, part of European Youth Week 2024 and celebrating the Czech Republic's 20th EU membership anniversary, includes a reading session and is supported by Eurodesk, Eurocentrum Hradec Králové, and Europe Direct Hradec Králové.

IMPACT

The project has significantly impacted young people and the local community by encouraging reflection on European opportunities and motivating future participation. It has influenced the Pardubice and Hradec Králové regions and the entire Czech Republic.

The author's reading event at Café NOTA Pardubice fostered debate and experience sharing, leading participants to present their stories in schools and universities nationwide.

This inspired others to engage with European Union opportunities, increasing awareness of Eurodesk. The project successfully promoted Eurodesk through various channels, including social media, schools, universities, and the national Eurodesk network, fostering broader participation in European initiatives.



Time To Move Paragliding Activity

Siirt Governorship European Union and Foreign Relations Office

Türkiye

Our activity includes an innovative method to introduce European opportunities to young people.

In this context, a paragliding event, which is one of the extreme sports that young people show great interest in, has been chosen. Participants were taken away from the boring office environment and hosted in a location with plenty of oxygen and great natural scenery.

Before the event, information was provided about Eurodesk, European opportunities, and European culture.

After the briefing, participants were enabled to join the paragliding flight watching activity.

IMPACT

The young people attended the event with the idea of watching a visual feast, and with this Eurodesk information that we hid in the activity, they learned that there were suitable European opportunities where they could carry out the activities they dreamed of.



Time to Move! Pubquiz

WIENXTRA-JugendinfoAustria

During the Eurodesk action period of "Time to Move" we organized a pub quiz for young people around the topics of travelling, Europe and mobility.

The event was held at the Gleisgarten in Vienna together with Quizmanufaktur, who provided the questions for the quiz and also the moderation for the event.

The main prize for the winning group was a voucher for an escape room.

IMPACT

24 young people came to our pub quiz and took part in it. Before the quiz started, we greeted all the participants and also introduced the ESC opportunities for young people shortly. During the quiz the groups were very involved in thinking about the questions together and finding the correct answers.

We invited all of them to non-alcoholic drinks while the quiz was going on, also to make the event more accessible to young people in difficult economic situations.



Escape the Rojc

Association ZUM Croatia

Escape the Rojc, designed and led by young volunteers, combined escape room and treasure hunt elements to create an engaging, educational experience. Held at the Rojc Community Center, the activity involved solving puzzles and completing tasks across seven organisations.

It aimed to foster teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking, while educating participants about the European Parliament and active citizenship. Targeting youth aged 15 to 30, the activity was inclusive and accessible.

Eurodesk's visibility was enhanced through informational materials and social media promotion. The event empowered youth, promoting skills, European awareness, and opportunities, while highlighting the value of youth-led initiatives.



Escape the Rojc had a significant impact on both young participants and the community. Led by young volunteers, the activity encouraged creativity, skill development, and ownership, with volunteers designing puzzles and props.

Participants gained knowledge about the European Parliament, EU programmes, and active citizenship while improving their teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills. The activity raised awareness of Eurodesk and other EU opportunities.



It also showcased the Rojc Community Center's diverse spaces and strengthened community ties. Feedback was positive, inspiring further activities. The success of the event led to additional sessions due to growing interest and demand.



Book Festival

Eurocentrum Karlovy Vary Czech Republic

The 3rd annual Book Festival, organised by Eurocentrum Karlovy Vary in collaboration with the Karlovy Vary Library, took place in October. The festival, divided into two parts, focused on literature, history, and education.

The morning session for schools featured a lecture and discussion with author Štěpán Javůrek on Czech-German relations, along with a performance by Vladimír Kalný and Teodor Kravál.

Students participated in quizzes and lectures about Erasmus+, Time to Move, and DiscoverEU. The afternoon included an eco-workshop on creative recycling and a Eurodesk lecture, promoting youth mobility, volunteering, and international exchange opportunities.



Students were introduced to the culture and literature of Germany, their neighboring country.

The renowned writer Štěpán Javůrek, who explores Czech-German relations and the post-war history of the Sudetenland in his books, shared the stories he captured in his works. Students learned that the coexistence of these nations was not always smooth and that today's opportunities for freedom and travel are exceptional.

As part of the Time to Move campaign, we organised a lecture, aimed at presenting opportunities for young people, particularly of the European Solidarity Corps and the Erasmus+ programmes, and motivating them to engage in such activities.



Get in the Game

ES061 - ES050 (Joint application) (Ayuntamiento de Cáceres e Instituto de la Juventud de Extremadura) Spain

On 17 April 2024, the Get in the game! activity took place in Cáceres and Badajoz, organised by Eurodesk multiplier points in Extremadura.

Aimed at young people aged 18-30, the event raised awareness about the importance of voting in the European elections on 9 June 2024. Combining sports activities like cycling, walking, and rowing with interactive learning, participants addressed key issues like mental health, climate change, and employment.



The event included a photocall, information stands on mobility programmes, and promotional materials, encouraging youth democratic participation and connecting them to European opportunities.

IMPACT

The action, held on 17 April for European Youth Information Day, took information to the streets, engaging young people directly and showing them how their participation can influence policies affecting their lives.

This initiative highlighted the importance of access to quality information and free media, empowering youth to take an active role in society. By involving organisations like Europe-Direct and reaching out through schools, the event reinforced the dissemination of information on European elections and opportunities. Local media coverage generated wider community impact, ensuring sustainability by encouraging young people to share what they learned with others in their environment.

"Voice Your Vision" & "Discover Ways to Explore Europe"

In Sync Youth Information Service Ireland

We organised an interactive social media poll competition to engage young people, increase followers, and promote EU opportunities like ESC and DiscoverEU.

Running the competition during European Youth Week and the Time to Move Campaign, we encouraged participants to follow, share, and answer polls, making them feel heard and involved in democratic action. Each poll included links to relevant information. Questions were related to democracy and exploring Europe, aiming to empower youth and raise awareness of European opportunities.

We targeted disadvantaged young people and used Eurodesk logos, hashtags, and colourful graphics to maximise reach and impact.

IMPACT

The online poll competition was a great success, attracting both new and existing Instagram followers. Many poll results highlighted a lack of awareness among young people, such as with the question on DiscoverEU, where 53% were unaware of it.

Through the provided links, participants could learn more about the topic. The competition helped young people identify where to access information on European opportunities, encouraging participation. The results were saved to Instagram highlights, creating a valuable resource for future reference. Winners were announced and celebrated on social media, allowing friends and family to see their achievements.



Youth Courage - You are Part of the Solution!

Volontariato Torino ETS - Eurodesk Torino Italy

Youth Courage is an Erasmus+ KA220 Youth project led by Volontariato Torino - Eurodesk Torino, in partnership with organisations from Austria, Slovenia, Belgium, and Ireland.

It aimed to support marginalized youth (12-25) affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, using innovative outreach methods to re-engage them. The project focused on active citizenship, social inclusion, and European mobility, with youth-led content creation

Key tools included an online toolkit for youth workers and "Escape the Gloom," a gamified escape game.

Eurodesk Torino ensured visibility of European opportunities through workshops and interactive activities, leaving a lasting impact locally and internationally.





The Youth Courage project had a lasting impact on both young participants and the broader community.

Seventy students from the Peano Institute in Turin developed skills in civic engagement, mental health awareness, and European mobility. Two students from disadvantaged backgrounds attended an international mobility event in Brussels, enhancing their European identity.

The project strengthened relationships between Eurodesk Torino, local schools, and youth organisations, expanding its reach. The open-source toolkit remains a valuable resource.

In 2024, Volontariato Torino launched a mentoring programme, supporting 114 students with over 1,200 mentoring hours, further strengthening youth well-being, career orientation, and civic participation.

EuroQuest

CRIJ Bretagne (Infojeunes Bretagne)

France

EuroQuest is a board game developed by Lucas Allebrod and Hannah Hennings during their European Solidarity Corps volunteering.

Inspired by "Scotland Yard", it promotes sustainable mobility across Europe through eco-friendly transport like buses, trains, and boats. After researching major public transport networks, they designed and tested the game with around 200 players.

It was showcased at ESC events, local workshops, and international forums, and trialled in Brittany's Eurodesk centres.

Featuring the Eurodesk logo, it gained regional media attention and was presented at the national Eurodesk seminar. EuroQuest is downloadable online and submitted to a regional youth project platform.





The EuroQuest project, created by young people for young people and youth professionals, has had a significant impact. Tested with European and French volunteers, the game was trialed at Eurodesk Youth Information structures, local missions, and youth centres. It was introduced by CRIJ Bretagne at regional Eurodesk events and youth mobility gatherings.

Available in French, English, and German, EuroQuest ensures accessibility, with all materials free to download and print from the En Route Pour Le Monde website. It has reached diverse youth audiences, including French-speaking, European, and international participants, promoting youth engagement in mobility and sustainability.

Travelling Exhibition Experience Europe

Eurocentrum Brno Czech Republic



In connection with European Week of Youth 2024, the Eurocenter launched a travelling exhibition, "Experience Europe" ("Zažij Evropu"), showcasing various EU opportunities for young people, such as Youth Exchanges, Discover EU, European Solidarity Corps, and internships.

It featured stories from young people in the South Moravian Region who had benefited from these programmes. The exhibition aimed to inform and inspire high-school and university students about EU opportunities.

The exhibition travelled between schools and universities, starting in Tišnov, where Discover EU travellers shared their experiences. The panels were also displayed at various institutions across the region.

The "Experience Europe" exhibition made EU opportunities more accessible to young people by showcasing real-life examples from peers in the South Moravian Region.

It highlighted that these opportunities are open to all, regardless of whether they come from a big city or a small village.

The exhibition provided information on various EU programmes, with QR codes linking to detailed project pages. Each stop featured brochures, posters, and presentations from Eurocentre or Discover EU travellers.

The exhibition was hosted in five high schools, one university, and the Moravian Library, reaching an estimated 950 students.



The Taste of Europe

Viljandi Municipality Youth Center Estonia

The "Maitsev Euroopa" project, held from April 12–19, 2024, brought together 102 young people from 12 Estonian youth centres to explore European cultures through cooking and learn about Erasmus+ opportunities.

Participants prepared traditional dishes from various European countries, researched cultural aspects, and discussed mobility programs like Erasmus+ and Eurodesk.

The event was coordinated by the Viljandi valla noortekeskus team, with social media engagement extending its reach to 1,839 views. Positive feedback inspired Eurodesk's international team to consider expanding the initiative to a European scale in 2025.

IMPACT

The project had a significant impact on young participants and the wider community. Young people developed cultural awareness through activities like researching and cooking European dishes, discussing the sourcing of traditional ingredients, and learning about Erasmus+ opportunities.

This inspired many to consider international programmes. The project also strengthened collaboration between youth centres, enhancing national and local networks.

Eurodesk visibility increased through social media videos, reaching a broader audience.

Positive feedback and recognition for contributors sparked interest in expanding the initiative to a European level, demonstrating its potential for long-term impact on youth engagement and international cooperation.



Orienteering in Europe

Jurmala Youth initiative center Latvia

The "Orienteering in Europe" event, held at the Jūrmala Youth Initiative Center, allowed young participants to learn about the European Parliament elections, mobility opportunities, and European youth goals and values.

Participants took part in an orienteering activity in Kauguri Park, completing tasks at various checkpoints to test and expand their knowledge.

The event's second part included informative activities, and the winning team was awarded.
Organised as part of the Eurodesk network's "European Youth Week" campaign, the event aimed to promote youth participation in the European Parliament elections through engaging, educational activities.

IMPACT

The project positively impacted young people in Jūrmala by increasing their awareness and engagement with European topics in an interactive way. It empowered youth to explore and reflect on European youth goals and elections, fostering collaboration and critical thinking.

Participants gained a better understanding of the European Parliament, elections, and their role in shaping Europe's future.

The event introduced mobility programs and intercultural exchange opportunities. Through orienteering, participants developed teamwork, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

The project made complex topics accessible and engaging, leaving participants motivated to engage in European initiatives and strengthening connections.



INCLUSIVE YOUTH INFORMATION AWARD



Listen To The Sound of My Hands

GURSU MUNICIPALITY Türkiye

The project aimed to address communication barriers faced by deaf individuals, focusing on the need for sign language education and awareness.

A 10-day youth exchange involved 40 participants aged 18-30 from five countries, highlighting the challenges faced by the deaf community and advocating for curriculum and workspace changes to support sign language learning. The project included video lectures and practical training to help deaf individuals in Europe and Turkey communicate more effectively, especially regarding regional sign language differences.

The initiative also provided motivation for hearing-impaired individuals, boosting their confidence to travel abroad.



Participants, many of whom had never interacted with deaf individuals before, learned about deaf culture and sign language, fostering empathy and social participation.

Additionally, the project made the Eurodesk Contact Point at Gürsu Municipality more accessible by teaching staff sign language, improving signage, and providing Braille materials. Through these efforts, the Eurodesk became more inclusive and better equipped to serve disadvantaged young people.

It also highlighted career opportunities in interpreting and inclusive projects. The initiative reduced prejudices, promoted accessible spaces, and fostered intercultural dialogue.

It encouraged the creation of inclusive policies at municipal and national levels. Feedback from participants showed they were motivated to engage in social responsibility projects in the future, spreading the project's impact throughout society.

IMPACT

The project raised awareness about sign language and the challenges faced by hearing-impaired individuals, helping young people develop empathy and understand the value of diversity. Participants who learned sign language could directly communicate with hearing-impaired individuals, becoming more inclusive in their social and professional lives.

The project increased self-confidence and provided hearing-impaired youth with a stronger sense of belonging.





Futuro Possibile

Informagiovani dell'U.O. Nuove Generazioni del Comune di Ferrara - PLE Eurodesk ITO28 Italy

"Futuro Possibile" was a project by the Municipality of Ferrara, promoted by Eurodesk Local Point Informagiovani, in partnership with Centro Studi Opera Don Calabria, addressing youth unemployment among 15-24-year-olds in Ferrara, where the unemployment rate stands at 15.4%. The project aimed to re-engage NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) aged 18-27 through a tailored training path.

Afterward, participants engaged in a 2-month paid internship at companies or associations, selected in collaboration with Don Calabria Institute's tutors to ensure a match between participants' interests and the needs of the host organisations.

It began with a group meeting using non-formal methods to encourage participation, followed by providing information on European mobility programs.

Participants then completed a 45-hour training course on soft skills, basic computer skills, and customer communication techniques. The training phase included an activity to boost self-efficacy in alignment with the European Year of Skills.



The project engaged 15 young people, equally split between males and females, who were not involved in training, education, or work experience. The participants faced various challenges, including mobility impairment, cognitive disabilities, migration backgrounds, health issues, and social fragility.

The project aimed to reactivate them through a training course and internships tailored to their skills and aspirations, ensuring safe work experiences for personal and professional growth. A key aspect was allowing participants to connect with others in similar situations, fostering motivation.

By the end, participants received guidance on local, regional, national, and European opportunities, gaining an understanding of EU support and Eurodesk services for mobility. They also regained self-confidence and readiness for new experiences.





Map Your Future

Gencsen Club Association Türkiye

"Map Your Future" is an interactive escape room designed to introduce young people, especially refugees and marginalized youth, to European opportunities such as Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, and EU Youth Participation.

Hosted in Türkiye, where social cohesion and integration are key due to the large refugee population, the activity fosters inclusivity by bringing together refugees, locals, and disadvantaged youth.

Participants engage in role-playing, storytelling, and team challenges to explore mobility opportunities. Each receives a "Future Map" to navigate a mobility journey, tackling scenarios like applying for ESC projects or solving travel issues. The project culminates in an information seminar, followed by social activities and mentorship for ongoing support.





"Map Your Future" aims to empower young people with the knowledge and confidence to pursue international opportunities, promoting intercultural understanding, social cohesion, and long-term sustainability through mentorship and collaboration with local partners.

IMPACT

"Map Your Future" has significantly impacted young people, particularly refugees, asylum seekers, and marginalised youth. Many participants, previously unaware of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, now have the knowledge, motivation, and confidence to explore these opportunities.





Interactive activities, QR code challenges, and peer learning transformed them into active learners. Several participants are now interested in applying for mobility programmes.

The project promoted social inclusion, helping refugee youth connect with local peers, practise English, and pursue international experiences.

It strengthened community bonds, created a welcoming environment, and inspired many to take concrete steps towards international mobility and personal growth.

Valga Youth to Europe!

MTÜ Täpne Silm Estonia

The project "Valgamaa noored Euroopasse" (01.07.2023 – 31.12.2024), funded by Erasmus+, aimed to widen DiscoverEU access for young people in Valga County, especially those with fewer opportunities.

Fifteen participants joined three 14-day trips across Europe, enhancing language skills, cultural awareness, and life skills such as budgeting, cooking, and intercultural communication.

Organised by MTÜ Täpne Silm, a Valga County youth organisation, the project boosted confidence, appreciation of diversity, and awareness of Erasmus+ programmes. Environmental sustainability was promoted through public transport use, and visibility increased via social media. Planning included meetings introducing Erasmus+, DiscoverEU, and Eurodesk resources to support young people's participation.



The project's impact reached beyond its participants, benefiting their communities as well. Young participants gained confidence in international communication, enhanced their English and problem-solving skills, and developed essential life skills such as budgeting, meal preparation, and teamwork.

They overcame social and personal barriers, becoming more independent and self-sufficient. In the local community, participants became role models, encouraging others to pursue mobility opportunities. Collaboration between youth organisations and local authorities was strengthened, improving support for young people.

Awareness of Erasmus+ and DiscoverEU increased, helping future participants. Overall, the project broadened perspectives and promoted personal and professional growth.



Fueling Futures

Európa Ifjúsága Egyesület Hungary

The "Fueling Futures" project, delivered by Eurodesk multipliers during Time to Move month, empowered high school students, especially those with fewer opportunities, by providing information about European mobility programmes in an engaging, non-formal way.

In partnership with a local school, sessions combined peer-to-peer learning, interactive methods such as quizzes and group discussions, and personal stories from volunteers and former Erasmus+ and ESC participants.

The project introduced the Eurodesk network as a key support resource and covered youth exchanges, volunteering, and other initiatives. "Fueling Futures" successfully bridged the information gap, fostering inclusion and encouraging students to explore European opportunities.





The project addressed the limited awareness among students, particularly those with fewer opportunities, about Erasmus+ and ESC programmes by providing comprehensive, accessible information.

Through peer-to-peer learning and personal stories, it created an inspiring and relatable atmosphere, showing the positive impact of international experiences.

Interactive activities, discussions, and Q&A sessions helped students develop communication, collaboration, and critical thinking skills, as well as intercultural awareness and active citizenship. The project promoted inclusion, encouraging students to believe in their potential and pursue international opportunities, fostering self-confidence and a sense of fairness that challenged the idea that such experiences are only for a few.

DIAdvocate

Jugendhilfe und Sozialarbeit e.V Germany

The project aimed to unite young people with and without diabetes from Germany, Turkey, and Bosnia-Herzegovina, addressing stigma, promoting advocacy, and raising awareness about diabetes.
Participants, aged 18 to 30, engaged in two youth exchanges—one in Bosnia, focusing on diabetes research, and one in Germany, centred on advocacy and material creation.

Activities included a World Café, a Live Library, fitness training, stop-motion film-making, and workshops on mobility opportunities. A guideline for supporting people with diabetes in international projects was produced. Eurodesk Fürstenwalde acted as project partner, using previous contacts for recruitment and promoting Eurodesk resources throughout the exchanges.





The project brought together young people with and without diabetes from three countries, promoting understanding, empathy, and inclusivity. Participants gained deeper knowledge of diabetes, helping dismantle misconceptions and encouraging informed conversations in their communities. It provided many with their first international experience, with Eurodesk workshops highlighting further mobility opportunities.

Some participants from Turkey have since joined another exchange. The project empowered young people to advocate for diabetes awareness, develop leadership and public speaking skills, and inspire others. A key outcome was the creation of guidelines for organisations to better support individuals with diabetes in international projects and community activities.

Harmony in Diversity: Youth for Integration

ETHOS MTÜ Estonia



The project aimed to create a space for young people from diverse backgrounds to connect, share experiences, and promote inclusivity. It encouraged active participation, addressed social inclusion, and provided equal access to Erasmus+ opportunities for those with fewer opportunities, including linguistic and cultural minorities. Activities included games, discussions, role-playing, immersive theatre, hikes, and country-led sessions.

Participants explored EU opportunities and key competences, including using the Eurodesk website. Thirty participants aged 18–26 from Estonia, Lithuania, Türkiye, Spain, and Cyprus took part, selected for their experience with cultural diversity and regional identities, contributing to the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy.

The project deepened young people's understanding of cultural diversity, empathy, and tolerance, encouraging them to embrace diversity and recognise its value.

It had a lasting impact on participants' attitudes towards inclusion, helping them become more active, empathetic, and responsible citizens.

They developed skills in multicultural communication, active listening, and intercultural dialogue, while self-reflection enhanced their personal growth and self-awareness.

Participants also strengthened leadership, organisation, and teamwork skills, enabling them to advocate for social change. On returning home, they promoted diversity and social togetherness. Partner organisations exchanged knowledge, inspiring new approaches to educating about the importance of diversity.



EUth Voices for Social Change

Youthmakers Hub

Greece

"EUth Voices for Social Change" aims to bridge the information gap for marginalised youth by increasing awareness of European opportunities in education, mobility, and career development.

Recognised as Greece's National Winner at the 2024 European Charlemagne Youth Prize, the project targets young people from rural, disadvantaged, or disabled backgrounds in Greece, Italy, and Spain. Activities included capacity-building webinars, podcast training workshops, and accessible digital resources. Youth were empowered through digital storytelling, and Eurodesk visibility was integrated throughout the project.



Eurodesk Greece's National Coordinator, Kaliopi Dalla, presented Eurodesk services during the first webinar, with the session available on YouTube.

IMPACT

The EUth Voices for Social Change project significantly impacted young participants by enhancing skills, boosting engagement, and fostering a sense of belonging within European opportunities.

154 young people gained digital storytelling skills through podcast workshops. 208 participants developed a greater sense of empowerment and connection to European citizenship.

54 young people improved their understanding of accessing EU programmes like Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps through Capacity Building Webinars and Eurodesk engagement.

86 participants became more engaged in social and environmental issues. The project transformed youth into confident, active individuals ready to embrace EU opportunities and promote inclusivity.

Intervillage European Journey

Izmir Gençlik ve Spor İl Müdürlüğü Bornova Gençlik Merkezi (Izmir Provincial Directorate of Youth and Sports Bornova Youth Center),

Türkiye

The "Köyler Arası Avrupa Yolculuğu" (Intervillage European Journey) project introduces rural youth, many of whom have never travelled beyond their district, to European opportunities while promoting cultural exchange. Events held in villages feature information sessions about Erasmus+, volunteering, and exchange programmes, with international students participating. Activities include storytelling by alumni, live Q&A sessions, and collaborative cultural workshops.

Practical resources and mentorship are also provided. By bringing opportunities directly to the villages, the project overcomes barriers of limited mobility and exposure, inspiring rural youth, fostering mutual understanding, and connecting them with the global community through cultural exchange and educational prospects.

IMPACT

The "Köyler Arası Avrupa Yolculuğu" (Intervillage European Journey) project had a profound impact on rural youth by providing first-time access to international opportunities and cultural exchange.

Through sessions on Erasmus+, volunteering, and cultural projects, young people gained awareness, motivation, and confidence to engage globally. Storytelling and workshops with international students fostered curiosity and broke feelings of isolation. Practical tools and mentorship enabled concrete steps towards European programmes.

The project also strengthened community support and cultural understanding, benefiting both local residents and international visitors. Overall, it broadened horizons, inspired ambition, and fostered a lasting sense of belonging to the global community.

Eurodesk Picnic

Info Zone Croatia

As part of the Time to Move campaign on 16 and 17 October 2024, Eurodesk picnics were organised in two parks in Split to inform young people from surrounding rural areas about free learning and travel opportunities in Europe. The relaxed setting, with refreshments, music, games, and prizes, encouraged informal conversations about volunteering, internships, studies, and mobility programmes.

An info desk, billboards with motivational messages, and QR codes provided further resources. Young people with Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps experience shared their stories, inspiring participants. The event attracted great interest, with lively discussions, experience exchanges, and enthusiastic engagement in the activities.





The project significantly impacted young people and the local community, with around one hundred participants engaging in activities that informed them about Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) opportunities. Participants received vital information and heard inspiring personal experiences from peers, further encouraging their involvement.

It is expected that the knowledge gained will be shared within the community, expanding awareness. Local media played a key role in promoting the opportunities, with several outlets publishing articles and reports, including Dalmatinski Portal, Info Zona, and the City of Split Calendar. A YouTube video also helped broaden the project's visibility and accessibility.

#FeelTheFear&DoItAnyway

Crosscare Youth Information Service (Dun Laoghaire)Ireland



Young people were asked about their fears or barriers that prevented them from availing European opportunities. We developed a set of 'reels' based on the young people's expressed 'fears', e.g. 'I won't know the language', 'I don't have any money', 'I don't have any qualifications', etc.

Each 'fear' was alleviated by providing answers/solutions, and further information was provided about the opportunities open to them. These 'reels' were distributed through social media, primarily Instagram.

IMPACT

Over 1,000 young people watched the reels; they would have realised that other young people have the same fears and barriers as they do. Each 'fear' was alleviated by providing answers and solutions. Young people received information on opportunities open to them and additional support available.

"Cultural Treasures of Pafos" Game Kit

Cross Culture International Foundation Cyprus - CCIF CyprusCyprus

The "Cultural Treasures of Pafos" Game Kit is an interactive educational tool developed by CCIF Cyprus as a Eurodesk initiative to promote cultural exploration, youth engagement, and informal learning.

It invites young participants, including those from marginalised backgrounds, to discover Pafos's heritage through an artistic map, interactive challenges, and storytelling elements. The kit includes a Eurodesk Information Pack introducing Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps opportunities.

Designed to encourage collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving, the project broadens access to youth mobility information and fosters greater participation, offering an innovative model for inclusive and meaningful engagement through cultural heritage.

IMPACT

The "Cultural Treasures of Pafos" Game Kit made a lasting impact by promoting cultural awareness, social inclusion, and access to European opportunities. It engaged a diverse group of young people, including marginalised individuals, fostering teamwork and breaking social barriers.

Through storytelling and exploration, participants developed a deeper appreciation for Pafos's heritage and a stronger sense of identity. The Eurodesk Information Pack introduced many to Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, inspiring interest in mobility opportunities.

The project was praised by teachers and youth workers for its inclusive approach, empowering young people and strengthening community pride and European engagement.

Time to Youth 2024

KAINOTOMIA

Greece

Time to Youth 2024, organised by KAINOTOMIA Lifelong Learning Center in Larissa, Greece, aimed to equip young people with essential career skills, inform them about European opportunities, and strengthen the local youth network. Targeting individuals aged 18-35, the event offered workshops on CV writing, interview techniques, AI tools, female entrepreneurship, and EU opportunities.

A networking session and DJ party encouraged peer-to-peer learning and connections. Eurodesk had strong visibility, promoting Erasmus+ and Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs. The youth-led approach empowered participants, providing valuable resources, expanding networks, and supporting personal and professional growth through an engaging and vibrant experience.





The Time to Youth 2024 event significantly empowered young participants and strengthened the broader community by promoting skills development and European mobility opportunities. Many attendees, previously unaware of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, gained valuable insights and left more confident in pursuing career and educational goals. Workshops on CV writing, interview techniques, and digital tools provided tangible benefits.

The event also enhanced local networks, encouraging future collaborations among young people. Free and accessible, it particularly supported marginalised youth. By raising awareness and providing resources, Time to Youth 2024 fostered a more informed, engaged, and proactive youth community.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION & DEMOCRACY AWARD



Youth4Europe

E35 Foundation for International Projects

The Youth4Europe project, created by and for young people, promotes European citizenship, active participation, and awareness among youth in Reggio Emilia, with a focus on the 2024 EU elections. It aims to improve understanding of EU institutions, encourage critical thinking on European policies, and support youth involvement in democratic life.

In Phase 1, the project began with a youth survey to identify knowledge gaps and tailor the activities accordingly. It included school-based workshops, training sessions with experts, and a gamified treasure hunt on EU topics to enhance learning.

Phase 2 shifted the focus to youth-led initiatives. Young participants promoted discussions about Europe in everyday settings. Activities included a podcast series on EU issues, interviews with journalists, and engagement with the local community, such as interviews at the city market and interactive games.

Public events, including TED-style talks, were held in markets, libraries, and cultural venues.

The Eurodesk Agency of Reggio Emilia, supported by the E35 Foundation and the Youth Department of the Municipality, played a key role in organising the project. It provided resources on European mobility, hosted events, and encouraged young people to explore EU opportunities, both through live activities and digital content, enhancing youth connection with Europe.

The event was co-organised with Eurocentrum Pardubice (Eurodesk multiplier), and included a fun city route in the Actionbound app, guiding participants to key volunteering-related spots in Litomyšl.



Three winners were drawn from completed entries. Posters featured the Eurodesk logo, and the network was promoted through the app, social media (Facebook, Instagram), and articles on our website and in the local newspaper.

IMPACT

The project made a notable impact on young people and the wider community by promoting awareness and participation in European democratic life. It was structured in two phases.

In the first phase, workshops and interactive activities increased students' understanding of the EU and highlighted the value of democratic participation, especially in light of the 2024 European elections. A youth survey ensured the project met young people's actual needs.

The second phase focused on community engagement. Young participants led activities such as interviews with journalists and public interactions at the city market. Using a dice game with EU-related questions, they sparked informal discussions and raised awareness in an accessible, engaging way, which received positive feedback from the public.

Additionally, podcasts and informal discussions in spaces like bars and libraries reached a broader audience. The project deepened ties with the Eurodesk network and empowered young people to become informed, active citizens in their communities.





Euroclasses on Euro Participation at the Museum

Team for Youth AssociationRomania

The workshop aimed to engage young people in understanding the European Parliament elections and the significance of their vote.

It targeted local volunteers aged 18–20 from the County Museum of Archaeology and History in Baia Mare, addressing the challenge of making politics interesting to youth who often perceive it as irrelevant. The two-session workshop began with an introduction to the Eurodesk network and the basics of European elections, using a quiz to stimulate discussion about low youth participation.

In the second session, participants reflected on the EU's influence in areas such as mobility, rights, and education. They created posters, later displayed in a local high school to encourage student engagement, and recorded short videos with messages for EU Parliament candidates. The interactive approach, which included teamwork, debates, and creative activities, fostered discussion and reflection.

Eurodesk resources and materials were integrated throughout, raising awareness of the network and its opportunities.



The project made European democracy more accessible and engaging for young participants and the local community. It marked the first time the History Museum in Baia Mare engaged young people in such activities.

Initially lacking knowledge or interest in European Parliament elections, participants' attitudes shifted positively. By the end of the sessions, they felt more informed and confident, with many now planning to vote in the elections.

The posters created sparked curiosity among other students, encouraging peer-to-peer engagement.

Additionally, the project strengthened collaboration between the Team for Youth Association and the Museum, integrating education with active citizenship.





Euro - Participation Information Campaign

Association for Promoting the Information Liberty into the Community - APLIC Association

Romania

The project aimed to enhance the lives of young people aged 18 in Arges County through education on participation and democracy.

Its main objectives were the personal and professional development of at least 150 young people from Pitesti City and rural communes (Vedea, Mozaceni, Rucar), empowering them to actively engage in their communities.

The initiative included eight Euro-Participation trainings using Eurodesk Euroclasses, where participants discussed European values, ranked their importance, and debated the European Parliament elections and their role in voting.

Participants also explored the benefits of belonging to the together-in.eu community.

The project was carried out in collaboration with Arges County Library, ensuring the visibility of the Eurodesk network through promotional materials and social media channels.



By subscribing to the Romanian Eurodesk newsletter, participants stayed connected to European youth information after the project's completion.

IMPACT

The project targeted youth from terminal years in high schools in Pitesti City and rural communes, where European opportunities were previously unknown. It led to significant impact, as Armand Călinescu Technical College and Ion Rebreanu Highschool from Mozaceni have now joined the Erasmus programme.

Through eight Eurodesk
Euro-Participation workshops, 204
young people gained knowledge
about civic participation, European
values, and democracy, fostering a
proactive attitude towards voting
and European citizenship.

The initiative empowered participants to engage in their communities and challenge misconceptions about European citizenship. The project also enhanced digital outreach, engaging 791 people through social media.



Youth Participation at Local Level

Social Policy and Action organizationCyprus

The project organised two workshops and two Round Table Discussions to empower young people for social and civic participation at the local level, under the Time to Move Campaign. These activities contributed to the early stages of the YouthSocialAct project, co-funded by the EU.

The workshops, "Youth Participation at Local Level", were held in Strovolos and Kokkinotrimithia, engaging 22 young people and volunteers in developing skills to act as Youth Ambassadors.

The Round Table Discussions focused on fostering the participation of young people with ADHD in EU-funded initiatives, involving 25 young people, parents, and health professionals in Nicosia and Limassol.

IMPACT

Despite its short duration, the project had a positive and significant impact on young people, youth workers, and volunteers, as shown by evaluation feedback. Participants, particularly those with fewer opportunities, became familiar with EU-funded initiatives through non-formal education methods. They gained or enhanced knowledge, skills, and competences in co-designing youth-led initiatives, understanding social and civic participation, and appreciating the value of peer-sharing and intergenerational mentoring for personal and professional growth.

Young people with ADHD were informed about EU opportunities supporting their involvement in funded projects. All participants expressed interest in further engagement through the YouthSocialAct project and local activities.



Time to Move - iXplore

Centrum pro pomoc dětem a mládeži, o.p.s. Czech Republic

iXplore was a three-day festival celebrating youth opportunities and travel experiences. Eight guests delivered fifteen lectures across five locations, inspiring 263 attendees through peer-to-peer sharing. The event took place in schools and the historical premises of a public library. Speakers shared personal experiences from Erasmus+ projects, the European Solidarity Corps, and travels across Europe and beyond.

Highlights included Helena's semester in Finland, Iveta's DiscoverEU and Youth Exchange journeys, František's Camino trip, Maty's DiscoverEU travels from Bordeaux to Stockholm, Tadeáš's cycling trip through Africa, Leon's insights from Hungary, and Honza and Barbara's van-living adventure in South America.

IMPACT

It was a very interesting topic for the students attending. They were curious about our guests and asked them about the options and possibilities to follow. They wanted to know more about the Erasmus or ESC programmes, how to apply to DiscoverEU, how to participate, and more.



Don't Pretend! - Gender Equality in Public Places

MJC GraulhetFrance

Built by and for young people, Fais pas genre! (Don't pretend!) is an activist project empowering participants to express themselves on the theme of gender inequalities. Through reflection and learning, they developed a clear message to challenge harassment and inequalities in public spaces.

During a week in Belgium, supported by specialised associations, they explored the history, origins, and impacts of gender inequalities and reflected on their own roles. In France, they deepened their understanding and focused on reducing gender-related insecurity in public spaces, creating a video clip, posters, and a play.

Eurodesk's involvement introduced participants to European opportunities for further engagement.





This project had numerous positive impacts. For participants, it strengthened confidence and autonomy: 94% felt they were actively addressing gender inequalities, 84% felt more comfortable in group settings, and 71% became more confident in approaching others.

They also developed skills in argumentation, civic engagement, and artistic expression, while improving communication and respect for different ideas.

For organisations, although the investment in time and resources was considerable, the benefits were clear. The project motivated other young people to get involved, attracted new audiences, and strengthened professional networks.

Facilitators enriched their practice through shared methods and specialist contributions. External partners also gained a better understanding of youth and Eurodesk centres, encouraging future collaborations.

Career 4.0 from the Perspective of Young People

Hatay Mustafa Kemal University Türkiye

The project "Career 4.0 from the Perspective of Young People" aimed to enhance awareness of the EU Skill Year in Türkiye and support young people in understanding career planning and 21st-century skills. It promoted active citizenship through Eurodesk opportunities, reduced skill mismatches to prevent NEET rates, and introduced youth to career centres and Eurodesk offices.

Coordinated by Mustafa Kemal University with eight partners, it included seven meetings across Türkiye, engaging 164 young people aged 18–30. Participants became career ambassadors, spreading opportunities and gathering policy suggestions. A final summit in Ankara involved 16 participants and shared a report based on input from 1,830 young people.

IMPACT

Our project, carried out with eight partners, promoted youth participation by using young people as career ambassadors to disseminate youth opportunities through peer education.

It significantly supported career awareness and increased recognition of the EU Skills Year in Türkiye. Despite recent earthquakes, the project successfully reached 1,830 young people across 92% of the country through 164 ambassadors.

Collaborations with stakeholders strengthened, resulting in the acceptance of two ESC and two KA154 projects initiated by young people. Participants benefited from various opportunities, such as Europass CV and entrepreneurship support, and received YouthPass certificates. Sixteen ambassadors met national decision-makers, fostering democratic dialogue.



Bring Youth Closer to Decision Makers and Community

Estonia

Between 1 August 2023 and 30 June 2024, the Emmaste youth group worked to develop civic competencies and promote participatory democracy. Inspired by a Eurodesk partner's school visit, the project involved meetings with decision-makers at both local and European levels, offering young people insight into government structures.

Participants created videos discussing community issues and sharing their experiences, helping to raise awareness of civic engagement in Hiiumaa. The project concluded with a world café event, allowing student councils to express their views. Led by Emmaste Vaba Aja Keskus and supported by Eurodesk and Erasmus+ funding, the project successfully empowered local youth.

IMPACT

The project had a direct impact on young participants by equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed for civic engagement. The core youth group gained a deeper understanding of local and EU governance and now participates more confidently in decision-making, with many joining the Hiiumaa Youth Council.

Beyond the immediate participants, the project fostered wider community discussion on local issues through videos that encourage political participation among Hiiumaa youth. The world café event provided a structured space for young people to voice their views and influence local policies. Overall, the project established a lasting culture of youth participation.



Meeting with the Representatives of Läänemaa County

NGO EstYes Estonia

The project "Kohtumine Läänemaa esindajatega" took place between 29 April and 16 September 2024, aiming to introduce Eurodesk opportunities to youth representatives in Läänemaa.

Organised by EstYES, the initiative facilitated networking, knowledge exchange, and discussions on international youth projects.

It successfully increased awareness of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, strengthening local and international collaboration among youth organisations.

The project also promoted eco-friendly practices through digital communication and local sourcing. Funded by Eurodesk operational support, it enhanced the capacity of youth workers to guide young people towards global learning experiences, while ensuring Eurodesk's visibility through social media promotion and branding.





One of the key outcomes of the project was the increased awareness of Eurodesk and Erasmus+ programmes among youth workers.

Equipped with new knowledge and resources, these professionals are now better prepared to guide young people towards international learning opportunities. The meeting strengthened collaboration among youth organisations and fostered lasting partnerships with decision-makers and international coordinators, aiming to boost mobility opportunities in Läänemaa.

Youth workers were empowered to take a more proactive role in informing young people about global opportunities.

Overall, the project established a strong foundation for long-term benefits, expanding educational and career prospects for Läänemaa youth.

I Vote for Myself

Inter Alia Greece

"I Vote for Myself" was a one-year programme, running from September 2023 to May 2024, aimed at preparing young people for the EU Elections in June 2024. It sought to empower young citizens by promoting informed, critical, and active participation in European political life.

The initiative focused on three main objectives: providing information about the EU Elections and the workings of the European Parliament, encouraging active citizenship beyond traditional political participation, and stimulating debate about the EU's current state and future direction. The project was also part of the EU-wide together.eu initiative and was presented in Brussels during the Leadership Academy.



IMPACT

Through ten online and onsite workshops and debates, "I Vote for Myself" successfully created a community of politically engaged individuals, fostering open conversations among people with diverse views.

A key highlight was the organisation of two debates with young European Parliament candidates from different political parties, which inspired hope for change and boosted youth engagement with EU-related issues. Over one year, Inter Alia collaborated with organisations across the EU, academics, and activists, involving young people in multidisciplinary activities exploring various EU policy areas.

The project encouraged critical thinking about solidarity, migration, disinformation, and youth participation, envisioning a fairer and more sustainable Europe.

Mock Elections and EU Careers Fair

WSTCYSIneland



Europe Direct Waterford, in partnership with Eurodesk Waterford, Waterford Comhairle na nóg, and WSTCYS, organised a European Election simulation for Senior-Cycle Secondary Students on 14 May 2024. As part of European Youth Week, Eurodesk Waterford visited schools to promote the theme "Voice your Vision," encouraging young people to engage in democracy and pre-register to vote.

Students from five schools participated, voting at City Hall using authentic polling booths and procedures.

They also explored stalls from European organisations and learned about the vote-counting process. The event, supported by Waterford's Youth Council, was broadcast on the youth-focused radio station BEAT102103.

IMPACT

The mock election project in Waterford had a notable impact on young people by familiarising them with the voting process, thereby reducing any fear surrounding real elections.

It encouraged civic engagement, helping students understand the importance of their voices in democracy. The event also introduced career opportunities within the EU, broadening students' perspectives on contributing to society.

Learning from a Returning Officer and participating in the mock election boosted their trust in democracy and confidence in making informed choices. Overall, the project made democracy more accessible, inspiring young people to engage in civic life and participate in future elections.

Youth Perspective on Natural Disaster Management

Pendik Municipality Türkiye

The "Youth Perspective on Natural Disaster Management" project was initiated following the earthquake centred in Kahramanmaraş on 6 February 2023. Aimed at young people aged 18 to 30, the project sought to address the low awareness of disaster management in Türkiye, a country prone to frequent natural disasters.

Fifty participants were selected through the TURNA platform, including those with disaster experience and university students from disaster-prone areas. Monthly online meetings and a three-day workshop in October 2024 enabled participants to discuss disaster management issues and propose solutions.

The project aligned with the EU Youth Strategic Objectives, promoting youth participation and democratic engagement.





One of the key outcomes of the project was the increased awareness of Eurodesk and Erasmus+ programmes among youth workers.

The project promoted active participation and democratic involvement among young people through a series of activities. A key event was a three-day workshop where participants voiced their opinions on community-wide disaster issues, identified problems, and engaged in solution-oriented discussions.

Team-building games were also used to enhance empathy, collaboration, and commitment. Young people actively participated in the project's design, presentations, spokesperson roles, organisation, and content creation, strengthening their sense of accountability.

Their involvement in every stage of the project not only empowered them individually but also laid the groundwork for greater youth engagement and benefits in future initiatives.

Together for Dialogue

Fundacja Europejski Instytut Outsourcingu Poland

Together for Dialogue is a movement designed to place young people at the centre of decision-making by empowering them to engage actively in their communities and build meaningful dialogue with policy-makers.

Targeting youth aged 15-30, youth workers, and local decision-makers, the project addressed feelings of disconnection from democracy. Key achievements include a Civic Competence Framework and Digital Self-Assessment Tool, an interactive board game simulating structured dialogue, a photo contest showcasing civic activism, and an e-learning platform promoting civic education.

The project resulted in young people feeling more empowered, prepared, and engaged, with all tools and resources accessible via the project webpage.

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A Productive Start to the Together for Dialogue Training



The first day of the Together for Dialogue training course kicked off with great energy and productivity. Participants from Poland, Moldova, Slovenia, Belgium, Turkey, and Lithuania gathered for the morning session, where they introduced themselves and got to know one another through fun and interactive activities. Using papers that highlighted their country, hobbies, and life mottos, participants shared and learned about each other through engaging icebreaker games.

The afternoon becan with a dynamic session led by trainer.

The afternoon began with a dynamic session led by trainer Mustafa, who guided an outdoor energizer that challenged participants to collaborate on building houses.

Following this, the group engaged in a team-building exercise where they had to navigate a labyrinth together, emphasizing the importance of cooperation and communication. The activity concluded with a debriefing and reflection session. To close the day, participants worked together to establish key values and rules that would guide them throughout the training.

The day ended on a high note, with everyone feeling motivated, excited, and eager to dive into the next stages of the program.



Together for Dialogue acted as a catalyst for change by equipping young people with the confidence, skills, and opportunities to influence their communities.

Participants engaged with local leaders, shaped discussions, and drove initiatives important to them, becoming more active and aware in democratic life.

Key achievements included practical civic engagement through Together for Dialogue – The Game, skills development via the Civic Competence Framework and Self-Assessment Tool, and amplification of youth voices through a photo contest and e-learning platform.

The project fostered structured dialogue between youth, NGOs, and policymakers, leaving a lasting legacy of empowered young changemakers shaping democracy.

Democratic Meeting

Famalicão City Council Portugal

The Democratic Meeting, promoted by the Youth Department of Vila Nova de Famalicão City Council, aimed to bring young people closer to democracy and encourage their active participation.

In 2024, it focused on discussing the 25 April 1974 revolution, freedom, and democratic evolution, stimulating intergenerational dialogue and developing critical thinking. Targeting 18-year-old student representatives and other registered participants, the project included a Speed Meeting with mayors, collaborative school-based proposal development, and a public presentation in a Municipal Assembly format. Celebrating European Youth Week, the initiative also highlighted EU opportunities, reinforcing the connection between democracy, freedom, and youth mobility in Europe.





The Democratic Meeting project empowered young people by demonstrating that their voices are valued in society. Interactions with elected officials during the Speed Meeting and the presentation of proposals strengthened participants' confidence, critical thinking, and civic engagement skills.

Schools became hubs for debate and collaboration, fostering teamwork and creativity. The final phase created a meaningful space for intergenerational dialogue, with local leaders actively listening to youth concerns. Beyond the event, the project increased awareness of national and European opportunities, inspiring greater civic involvement.

With over 100 participants and wider engagement via social media, its impact on youth citizenship was significant.

Euro-Participation Euroclasses

Europe Direct Brno at Jiri Mahen Library Czech Republic

The project engaged final-year secondary school students in Brno, aiming to prepare them as first-time voters for the 2024 European elections. Through workshops held at schools and the Jiri Mahen Library, participants gained a deeper understanding of the European Parliament, critical thinking skills, and awareness of political representation.

Activities included Disinformation Bingo, Political Party Simulations, group discussions, and educational presentations on EU democratic processes. Interactive methods such as role-playing and teamwork enhanced student engagement.



Eurodesk's resources and opportunities were also promoted. Overall, the project empowered young people to critically assess information and actively participate in shaping Europe's democratic future.

IMPACT

The project significantly impacted young people by equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to become active citizens and informed voters in the 2024 European elections.

By engaging final-year students, the initiative enhanced their understanding of the European Parliament's role, electoral processes, and the importance of democratic participation. Interactive activities such as Disinformation Bingo, Political Party Simulation, and guizzes developed students' critical thinking and teamwork skills. The project also introduced participants to Eurodesk and EU mobility opportunities like Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps. Positive feedback from teachers highlighted sustained interest in EU topics beyond the workshops.

Eurodesk World Cafe

Jõgeva Youth Centre Estonia

On 8 March 2024, Jõgeva State High School hosted a Maailmakohvik (World Café) event, where 50 students engaged with the Eurodesk table to learn about international opportunities, including Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps.

Many participants discovered these opportunities for the first time. A key outcome was the plan to organise a Eurodesk workshop for middle school students and to develop a youth exchange project with Eurodesk support.

The youth-led event, supported by the Jõgeva Valla Noortekeskus team, promoted active citizenship and participation. Funded by Eurodesk operational support, it encouraged young people to pursue future community and international projects.

IMPACT

The event had a significant impact on young people by introducing them to international mobility opportunities and inspiring them to take initiative. Many students, previously unfamiliar with these programmes, left with a clear understanding of how to participate.

New connections formed between students, school staff, and Eurodesk representatives led to plans for a youth exchange project for middle school students. High school organisers also developed skills in event management, teamwork, and communication.

The project fostered a culture of youth engagement in Jõgeva, empowering young people to explore international experiences and actively participate in decision-making within their communities.



Art of Politics

NGO Youth vlub IZUM Estonia

From 1 to 8 May 2024, the IZUM Learning Center organised the international youth exchange project "Art of Politics" in Tammispea.

Gathering 38 participants from Estonia, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, Serbia, and France, the project aimed to raise political awareness and promote participatory democracy among young people.

Through activities such as a European Parliament simulation, discussions, role-playing, and a museum visit, participants developed critical thinking and political understanding.

A workshop was created for future use in schools and youth centres. Supported by Erasmus+, the project also promoted intercultural communication, ensured Eurodesk visibility, and followed environmentally friendly practices.





The "Art of Politics" project significantly enhanced political awareness, critical thinking, and active citizenship among young people. Participants gained valuable knowledge of political systems, ideologies, and participation methods through practical activities such as simulations, debates, and role-playing.

A workshop on political awareness was created for schools and youth centres, ensuring a lasting educational impact.

Some participants later joined project-writing camps to develop their own initiatives.

The project fostered international collaboration by connecting young people from six countries, promoting tolerance and shared democratic values. Eurodesk activities increased visibility, and sustainability principles were applied through digital materials and waste reduction efforts.

Voice Your Vision

Udruga Impress Croatia

The "Express Your Vision" project, organised by the Impress Association for European Youth Week, provided a platform for young people to creatively express their views on the European Union, democracy, and international cooperation.

Through photography, writing, workshops, and panel discussions, participants shared perspectives, engaged with Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps

experiences, and fostered collaboration across countries. The project also featured an exhibition, performances, and a children's programme.

Visibility was enhanced through social media, media coverage, and international volunteer networks. Over 50 participants were involved, promoting civic activism and encouraging further participation in European programmes and democratic engagement.





The "Express Your Vision" project empowered young people to express their views on democracy, the European Union, and their societal role through photography and writing.

By reflecting on these themes, participants developed a sense of ownership and pride in their voices. Discussions with peers, mentors, and international volunteers enhanced their understanding of collaboration, diversity, and democratic engagement.

Interactive workshops and exhibitions fostered community and solidarity, while exposure to Erasmus+ participants and volunteers broadened their perspective on international cooperation. The project inspired young people to value collective action and motivated them to participate in future European programmes and civic initiatives.

Experience and Shape Europe

Jugendagentur Stuttgart Germany

The project aimed to empower young people by informing them about the EU elections and international mobility opportunities through an interactive online event.

Participants aged 16 to 30 learned about EU-funded programmes such as Erasmus+, DiscoverEU, and the European Solidarity Corps, as well as study and training options abroad. Peer-to-peer storytelling made the information engaging, with speakers sharing personal experiences. The event also highlighted the importance of voting and understanding how EU policies shape youth opportunities.

Eurodesk visibility was ensured through branding, discussions, and promotion on the Eurodesk website and YouTube channel, reaching a wider audience beyond the live event.

IMPACT

The project had a strong impact on young people by raising awareness, motivation, and participation in EU elections and mobility programmes. Many participants, previously unaware of such opportunities, were inspired to explore studying, volunteering, or training abroad.

The peer-to-peer storytelling approach made EU programmes more relatable. The live event engaged 22 devices, with additional viewers, and the recorded session continues to reach a wider audience online.

The project increased inquiries to Eurodesk Stuttgart and motivated applications for DiscoverEU and Erasmus+ programmes. It also strengthened participants' skills, boosted local cooperation, and ensured the event's continuation due to its success.



Kozani Youth Fest 2024

European Initiative for Youth Empowerment, Mindfulness and Wellbeing - GO Alive

Greece

The "Kozani Youth Fest 2024" project successfully engaged young people in organising the Kozani Youth Festival, promoting EU values through non-formal education activities such as workshops and educational games. It empowered 20 Greek and 20 international volunteers to develop skills in project management, leadership, and teamwork while fostering European solidarity and environmental awareness.

The festival addressed digital transformation, sustainability, and social inclusion by engaging vulnerable groups and encouraging intergenerational dialogue. Activities covered topics like human rights, EU elections, wellbeing, and entrepreneurship. Volunteers worked in teams, led their own initiatives, and gained valuable experience in organisation and community engagement.

IMPACT

The Kozani Youth Festival 2024 empowered young people, promoted EU values, and fostered cultural exchange.

It raised awareness about the EU and its elections among the Kozani community through workshops, cultural events, and intergenerational activities. The festival ensured physical and social accessibility, empowering people with disabilities and challenging stereotypes.

It served as a catalyst for social change by promoting solidarity and belonging. Volunteers from Greece and other EU countries gained experience in event planning, teamwork, and communication. Divided into Promotion, Activity, and Runners Teams, they shared knowledge, built friendships, and strengthened their commitment to EU values through non-formal education.



Young Mayor

Municipality of Santa Maria da Feira Portugal

The Young Mayor project, first launched in 2014 in Santa Maria da Feira, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2024, marked by a message from the President of the Republic and a meeting with the Minister of Youth. All past participants were honoured as "Citizenship Ambassadors of Santa Maria da Feira".

The project encourages young people aged 11 to 17 to engage in civic life, culminating in the election of a Young Mayor and two Councillors from 21 candidates.

With nearly 7,000 young voters annually, the elected representatives manage a €10,000 budget, implementing youth-led projects through dialogue and sustainable practices.

IMPACT

Young people aged 11 to 17 can vote in the Young Mayor elections, while those aged 13 to 17 who study and/or live in Santa Maria da Feira can apply. Each year, nearly 7,000 young people participate.



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After their term, participants often continue their civic engagement through associations, political groups, NGOs, and European initiatives.

Projects initiated by the Young Mayor teams include a Financial Literacy Game, school supply distribution, a free municipal youth card, a skate park, and awareness campaigns on gender diversity, animal welfare, and youth support. Graduates are invited to join the Santa Maria da Feira Youth Advisory Council.

Voice that Matters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bulgaria AssociationBulgaria

The "Voice that Matters" project aimed to raise awareness among high school students in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, about the EU's structure, the role of the European Parliament, and the importance of voting in the 2024 European elections.

Led by six trained young volunteers, the campaign delivered ten interactive workshops across five schools, engaging over 300 students aged 17–19. Activities included quizzes, games, and discussions, using accessible language and a fun approach.

The project also promoted the Eurodesk network and its platforms, helping students discover available opportunities. It sought to foster greater civic and political engagement among young people in Bulgaria.

IMPACT

The campaign was launched in response to Bulgaria's historically low voter turnout in EU and general elections, alongside widespread distrust in democratic processes.

With the 2024 EU elections coinciding with parliamentary elections, concerns over even lower participation rates, particularly among first-time voters, were high.

Despite its limited scope, the campaign succeeded in increasing young people's knowledge of the EU, critical thinking skills, and understanding of their rights and responsibilities as EU citizens.

It encouraged a more active civil society, challenged apathy, and promoted political accountability. Voter turnout in Bulgaria slightly increased in 2024, from 32.64% in 2019 to 33.78%.



Capacitating Youth 2024 (Capacita Jovem 2024)

Municipality of Vila Nova de Poiares Portugal

The Capacitating Youth 2024 (Capacita Jovem 2024) project aimed to offer young people in Vila Nova de Poiares, aged 14 to 25, opportunities to experience volunteering linked to future employment prospects.

Responding to student concerns about their career paths, the project enabled short-term experiences with local entities, helping participants gain volunteering experience, acquire knowledge, and make informed educational decisions.

Organised by the Municipality with input from a youth advisory group, placements included veterinary clinics, architecture studios, summer camps, the fire department, and social services. Eurodesk visibility was ensured through promotional materials and publicity throughout the project's implementation.

IMPACT

Building on a history of impactful initiatives like The Young Mayors Programme, youth participation in Vila Nova de Poiares has steadily increased.

Activities led by the Town Hall and Youth Office have encouraged open-mindedness and engagement among young people.

The Capacitating Youth 2024 (Capacita Jovem 2024) project, although operating without European funding, has been warmly received, offering volunteering experiences and preparing youth for both local and international opportunities.

As a Eurodesk Multiplier, the Municipality provides information on mobility and participation opportunities, strengthening active citizenship and promoting European values, while motivating young people to engage in decision-making processes.



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