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**17**  
countries

**4**  
winners



Erasmus+





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# ABOUT EURODESK

Eurodesk unites a network of over 1000 youth experts in 36 countries under a mission to raise awareness among young people on learning mobility opportunities and to encourage them to become active citizens. As a support organisation to Erasmus+, Eurodesk makes information on learning mobility comprehensive and accessible to young people and those who work with them.

## ABOUT THE EURODESK AWARDS

The Eurodesk Awards started out in 2011 with a mission to collect Eurodesk youth workers' (multipliers) most relevant, innovative, empowering and impactful projects from the local level and highlight them as a source of inspiration for their peers, and towards decision-makers at national and European level.

In 2019, the initiative received 44 projects from 17 countries in 3 main categories:

- **Mobility awareness:** Activities/projects aimed at promoting mobility and its benefits to European young people.
- **Active citizenship:** Activities/projects organised for raising awareness on the importance of active citizenship.
- **Solidarity actions:** Activities/projects carried out to help young people with fewer opportunities, including NEETs, young refugees, in accessing youth opportunities and learning about their rights.

Additionally, all projects competed for the **Eurodesk Network Prize** that was selected by national coordinators for the most inspiring project from the entries.

The winners of the 3 categories were decided by a jury panel:

- Tijana Stojanović, Vice-President, Erasmus Student Network
- Diana Bologova, Board Member, European Youth Press
- Michail Moschovakos, Policy Officer, DG EAC, European Commission
- Claire Conlon, Eurodesk Executive Committee Member

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**ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**

The Young Volunteers in Action is a project by Youth and Civil Initiatives in the Rose Valley, an NGO based in Karlovo, Bulgaria. They run the Youth Information Centre of Karlovo, which is a Eurodesk multiplier, providing information, training and coaching services to the young people of all the 27 settlements in our municipality. The project aimed to foster youth volunteering and active citizenship among local and European young people.

For International Youth Day 2018 the NGO hosted 180 French volunteers from the Europ'Raid initiative who came to Karlovo in 60 Peugeot 206 cars bringing 6 tons of school and stationery materials for the local children. A sports day was organised at the stadium where the local children and youth met the French volunteers. After that the local youth worked during the summer to distribute the donation to 21 kindergartens and 2 social centres from the 27 settlements of the Municipality. The project involved over 200 young people among whom it fostered European and active citizenship, solidarity and youth volunteering. 180 French volunteers got involved in a social mobility across Europe (as they had to cross 12 countries to reach Bulgaria) and 50 local young people took part in the solidarity action. Over 1500 local children were supported by the donation. Over 3000 indirect beneficiaries were reached by the social media posts promoting the project and the solidarity action. Over seven media posts were published about the event.

The French volunteers trained their fundraising skills (as they had to find sponsors for their solidarity action and materials for the donation) and experienced the perks of solidarity and youth volunteering. The local young people were trained in event management (as they had to prepare the welcoming event and sport activities), youth volunteering and social inclusion (as they had to distribute and donate the materials to the kindergartens and social centres for disadvantaged children). The local community was given an example of active citizenship and youth volunteering and it was inspired by French and local volunteers on how they can also help the people around them.



# A01

## YOUNG VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

"Youth and Civil Initiatives in the Rose Valley" NGO  
Bulgaria

The Young citizens and MEPS (de)construct modern democracy: Join the talk! project by Europe Direct Information Centre of Komotini, Greece consisted of three live streamings on YouTube and Facebook, during which young people from all over Greece had the opportunity to discuss with Greek MEPS. The aims and objectives were to bring young (and first) voters in direct communication with current MEPS, to have their questions asked and influence others in order to vote. For this reason, on the one hand the information centre published an open call for youth who wanted to participate and on the other hand it sent invitations to all Greek MEPS.

The project's goals and methodology were based on the principles set by the EU Youth Strategies (2010 - 2018 and 2019 - 2027) and the Hellenic Youth Strategy "Youth '17 - '27: Strategic framework for the empowerment of youth". Specifically, for Greece, the empowerment of youth in order to vote is considered critical, as the country was a "champion" in the number of absentees and elements such as civic literacy and active citizenship are not among its priorities. During a survey, the vast majority of respondents replied that they had no idea what the MEP work on, what their duties are and how the European Parliament affects their daily lives.

Social media platforms were of great value, as they helped bring together 20-year-old voters and directly elected policy makers, in three discussions that were broadcasted live (in which the viewers could also ask the MEPS) and remain online for anyone interested to watch. The streamings have been watched (either live or recorded) 510 times. The young people participating either in the chat room or by watching the talk on youtube, could actively participate by posting their questions on the relevant facebook event. As a result, every single question was answered by the MEPS.



17 - 19 Οκτωβρίου 2018  
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**A03**

**EYA - EUROPEAN YOUTH AJÒ!**  
Centro Eurodesk Regione Sardegna  
Italy

The project European Youth Ajò aimed to encourage active and democratic participation of young Sardinian people, informing them about the opportunities provided to citizens by the European Union, and involving them directly in activities of youth empowerment and active participation.

In Italy, and especially in Sardinia – an island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea which presents one of the highest percentages of youth unemployment and early school leaving in Italy and suffers from emigration, little involvement in associations and low youth participation – young people feel remote from public life and show reluctance to take on an active role in society.

Created and financed by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia and coordinated by the Eurodesk Center (which coordinates the Sardinian net of Eurodesk Local Points), the project European Youth Ajò has involved 7 Eurodesk Local Points (Cagliari, Sestu, S. Antioco, S. Anna Arresi, Iglesias, Dorgali and Sassari), 8 Eurodesk operators, the students of 11 classes of 8 senior High Schools, and 15 of their teachers. It engaged 200 students and about 300 people during the final presentation event.

Non-formal education methods explained the opportunities that the EU offers to young people. For example, students took part in an activity entitled “Caro Juncker ti scrivo...” (“Dear Juncker, I’m writing to you...”) in which the boys and girls illustrated the needs they felt as citizens of the EU.

Overall 2.000 brochures were distributed about opportunities of transnational mobility, about Eurodesk, European Youth Portal and Erasmus+, but the number of people indirectly reached at family and friends level through word of mouth is certainly greater, considering the renewed interest in the Eurodesk Local Points. 10 young students of the involved high schools had the opportunity to participate in the European Youth Event EYE 2018, which took place in Strasbourg in June. The students have been involved in activities of storytelling and in the Human Library activity, organised by Eurodesk.



The event "InformaGiovani ritorna in piazza: Art wars!" was created by "Infomagiovani del Comune di Sassari", part of Educational, Sport and Youth Activities Sector in Italy and local Eurodesk agency since 2007. The idea was born from the assumption that art, in every form, is a stimulating and synergistic element, most of all in the youth world. It can convey a message of inclusion, relation and confrontation.

This year (5th edition of the initiative), inspired by the cult saga of "Star Wars", a musical contest took place (informaGiovani Music contest 2018) in which the finalists, after a few days of pre-selection, competed in front of the whole square Santa Caterina. A few experts in the field (in collaboration with the staff) evaluated the participants. The best won a promotional videoclip, the chance to record a single, several articles in the local news and the chance to perform during the commercial sponsor's activities. The winners of the photography contest #SASSARIFORCULTURE (deadline 18th of June) were also awarded during the event.

Many artists performed on the stage: young musicians, actors, singers, poets and multifaceted artists. Also present on the street were youth associations, student and cultural unions that, using games and animations, promoted their mission and activities. The evening ended, before the announcement of the winners of the InformaGiovani Music Contest, with a concert by a musical group. The event is an opportunity to "show" the work that takes place in everyday life, both within the Youth Center and at the InformaGiovani / Eurodesk, through the network of known cultural associations, youth, informal groups, student associations. But it is also an opportunity to create new meetings and opportunities with other associations, groups or individual young people.

Participants featured the University of Sassari (with the Student Orientation Office, the Technology Transfer Office and the Laboratory of Communication Sciences), 11 Student, Cultural and Social Inclusion Associations, 1 Non-Governmental Organization. Moreover, the artistic event saw 8 singers/musicians take part, 1 choral, 14 graphic artists, painters and sculptors, 3 writers and 1 poet and a group of young people who participated in "Students got talent", the show for integration and against bullying. Approximately 1,500 young people participated as spectators.



**A04**

Italy  
Comune di Sassari

**INFORMAGIOVANI RITORNA IN PIAZZA: ART WARS!**

"Idee in Comune" is a Municipality of Sarezzo (Italy) structured dialogue initiative involving four Eurodesk contact points. Its aim was to strengthen the collaboration between young people and decision makers. The goal of the organisers (Eurodesk officers) was to work together with different groups of young people and open a new communication channel with local administrators, involving them and bringing them closer to decision-making processes and initiatives promoted by the territory. Apart from schools, youth organisations, municipalities and local stakeholders, the project particularly involved youngsters coming from rural areas and peripherals, NEETs and second generation immigrants, making them work together with town administrators and political referents. 2 events of 3 days each were organised and a final one after 5 months. As a result of the project, Advisory Committees were created such as a permanent local youth forum that now openly operates for their communities.

The project was certainly the driving force to increase the capacity to cooperate between Eurodesk points and with other public and private bodies operating in the youth sector. The impact it has had on politicians has been remarkable. At the regional Lombard level, the project was taken as an example of good practice by the Mayor of Sarezzo Diego Toscani on the occasion of the Conference on Youth Work organised by Eurodesk Italy on 12 June 2018 and hosted at the offices of the Italian Representation of the Commission, in the presence of numerous representatives of the European and national institutions. At European level it was presented by the referent of the Informagiovani of Sarezzo to others international teams at the LTTC "Democracy Reloaded" which took place from 5 to 11 November 2018.



**A05**

**IDEE IN COMUNE**  
Informagiovani del comune di Sarezzo  
Italy



PLUSEAST was created in 2016 and as a non-profit cultural association that works on the idea of “from East to West” as a reflection of its mission – the promotion of eastern European contemporary culture and arts in Portugal and abroad. Thus, the project OKNA is a window to the East in Portugal that connects it with the local community, a bridge between the two sides of Europe and enforcing the idea of a real European Identity.

It brings awareness and fights stereotypes that are still linked to Eastern Europe, breaking the barriers through carefully curated cultural activities including exhibitions and film screenings. In the last year, the project managed to involve over 5000 people, from the general public to school and university students, the migrant communities from Eastern Europe in Portugal and their diplomatic representations in the country. The project brought communities together and it has made several East Europeans in Porto and in Portugal visible. It has also made Eastern Europe more visible in Portugal, promoting a contemporary and cosmopolitan perspective. At the same time, it empowered its participants to be a part of the making of the European Union, understand better the impact it has on their daily life and the opportunities it creates for them.

OKNA has constant media coverage (on TV, newspapers and digital media) that allows it to continue pursuing its objectives - being a bridge between the East and the West. It has been covered over 100 times on national and local media and it has reached over 5000 people directly. People were reached through promotion during 20 events including a series of collective exhibitions, the BEAST International Film Festival or the East European book club.

Democratin, a project of County Direction for Sport and Youth Constanta (Romania), was a summer school that aimed to provide information to young people so they could take up an active role in their own communities. The theory modules provided information on the role of local and central institutions in relation to the citizens' needs, the rights we have and the political rights. The role of the European institutions was discussed as well. Practical modules were based on different concepts of non-formal education – including a game and simulation. Another element was to invite different people from NGOs involved in civic projects. For example, the Students' Association in Constanta provided young people with information on how to correctly represent the interests of young people in relation to the leadership of a school institution.

The initiative was born from the need to help young people understand the mechanisms and principles of the rule of law, as well as to encourage them to take active part in the elections. During the national 6-day camp, the project provided 250 young people with information about the good progress of the community, showing patterns of rule of law, setting principles, drawing skills and competencies of the young people to become a factor of progress in their own community.

Another aspect of the information provided were the civic, political and social rights that young people have, issues related to national and community institutions, sources of funding, and opportunities at EURODESK level. All this information has been transposed in playing and simulation while young people understood the legislative mechanisms of national and community institutions or the importance of exercising the right to vote.



**A07**

**DEMOCRATIN**

County Direction for Sport and Youth Constanta County  
Romania



# A08

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND YOUTH REGIONAL TRAININGS AND SUMMIT** Sorgun Kaymakamlığı Turkey

The project Public Administration and Youth Regional Trainings and Summit by the government office in Sorgun, Turkey was designed to increase the participation rates of young people in Turkey's municipal elections to be held on March 31, 2019 and to encourage them to have a voice in local governments. The election age in Turkey was reduced from 25 to 18 years in 2017 which was an important step in order to eliminate the feeling of systemic mistrust in the youth and to enable democratic political representation. It is also very meaningful in terms of the integrity of the right to elect and to be elected and the dynamics of political representation.

In Turkey, young people's participation in decision-making bodies of local administrations and their participation in decisions on urban services are very weak. The biggest reason for this is that local governments do not consider young people to be equals and do not include youth decisions and youth policies in the city administration. The project - implemented within the scope of Erasmus + Structural Dialogue KA3 programme - aimed to create a positive change in the knowledge, skills and attitudes of young people concerning the participation in local governments. Its goal is to support active participation and active citizenship concepts among the youth and to enable young people to reach the policymakers themselves.

Within the scope of the project, trainings on active citizenship, advocacy and campaign management were given to young people in Karaman on December 1-2, in Yozgat on December 8-9 and in İzmir on 22-23 December. In this context, campaigns were initiated to disseminate and implement the project within the framework of the trainings given in Karaman, Yozgat and İzmir. After that a gathering of 120 young people who participated in the training in Ankara 'Youth Summit' was held.

As a result of the activities, participation of young people in Turkey's local elections in March 31 2019 increased. Within the scope of the project the elections gained five young candidates, seven young council members and three young people were nominated for mayors.

Natural Life Association (Doğal Yaşam Derneği), founded in 2006, is a Turkish association which aims to organise activities related to nature, culture, education, tourism, environment, social, and health. Its project ALO Eurodesk face-to-face Contact Point was started with a goal to reach out to young people who engaged with the organisation to promote awareness at local and international level on available EU youth opportunities.

The main barrier in reaching people at national and international level is the language barrier, so the organisation prepared a notebook in which people can write information, thoughts and expectations on European opportunities in their own mother language. It has collected around 200 pages of information from 15 countries in 6 languages (mostly in Turkish and English) in 11 months. This project expects young people to be informed about active citizenship within Europe and to be informed about the right ways to apply for European opportunities.

The number of participants has increased by butterfly effect. By informing young people face-to-face instead of informing them electronically, the project reached more people and the people subsequently informed their friends and relatives.



**A09**

**ALO EURODESK FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT POINT**  
Doğal Yaşam Derneği  
Turkey



Postcards from the Edge of Europe is a project of Bryson Charitable Group, the Northern Ireland's social enterprise, active in the delivery of sustainable responses to existing and emerging social need. Bryson has been involved in the European Voluntary Service since its inception and is carrying on this work into Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. Its main role is as a coordinating and hosting organisation, but it also delivers the Training and Evaluation Cycle within Northern Ireland, sends a very small number of volunteers to other countries and is a Eurodesk UK Partner Organisation.

As part of Culture Night Belfast 2018, Postcards from the Edge of Europe gave an opportunity for members of the public to write a love letter or break up message to Europe during Brexit days, as well as to play European themed board games and listen to a European themed Spotify playlist. Brexit is a very divisive issue, especially in Northern Ireland which has the only EU land-border in the UK and which has been without a sitting government since January 2017.

The aim was to encourage people to think about and express their feelings about being part of the European Union, while raising awareness of Eurodesk and Time to Move by using Time to Move postcards.

The project involved the wider public, EVS/Erasmus+ Volunteers and Bryson staff members. 59 postcards were written by people wishing to express their feelings about Brexit. 62 people participated in a mock vote to say whether they wanted to see a "Deal", "No Deal" or a "Second Referendum". 60 school children took part in the Postcards from the Edge of Europe exercise in their schools, after teachers attending Culture Night brought postcards back to their schools to use in teaching about Democracy.







**A11**

**ETHICS & YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS IN EUROPE**  
The IARS International Institute  
United Kingdom

The IARS International Institute focuses on empowering the most marginalised communities through direct service delivery, while enabling organisations to achieve, measure and improve their social impact. The Ethics & Youth Entrepreneurs in Europe (EYEE) project aims to promote ethical entrepreneurship amongst citizens in Europe to enable them to become active citizens working towards social goods.

Youth unemployment across Europe is on the rise, so this project aims to alleviate this issue, whilst also encouraging a movement towards social enterprise. EYEE encourages young people to identify business opportunities based upon needs in their own communities, as opposed to profit-oriented projects, enabling them to become active citizens. The project also encourages young people to pursue entrepreneurship as a viable alternative to formal employment which may not suit them, encouraging mobility opportunities and increasing learning opportunities.

The EYEE project operates on a 12-step programme, with the delivery method being variable based upon target audience. In schools, the project is delivered on a weekly basis, whilst at university, it has been delivered as a two-day event. This rewards people throughout the project, encouraging further engagement. The project has reached 50 participants, across various walks of life, and has given young people a better understanding of challenges facing their community.



**A12**

**LIVERPOOL CITY REGION YOUTH ASSEMBLY - LCRYA:**  
**OUR VOICE**  
Youth Focus NW  
United Kingdom

Youth Focus NW is a strategic hub working to support young people in the North West of England. Its particular focus is on Youth Voice opportunities and engaging young people in civic life. The project Liverpool City Region Youth Assembly (LCRYA) - Our Voice gave a wide range of young people the opportunities to discuss youth-orientated policy making with politicians and decision makers across the Liverpool City Region.

The initiative, built on previous work that had taken place sub-regionally and responded to the enthusiasm shown by young people who wanted to explore the issue of devolution in the Liverpool city region after keeping a close eye on the devolution in Greater Manchester. The main aim was to enable young people from a variety of backgrounds to learn about devolution by taking part in a number of activities, including residencies, meetings and conferences. The young people engaged in structured dialogue with politicians and decision makers, growing in confidence and skills including - facilitation, debating, reflection, leadership and communications.

Young People were involved from the beginning to the end, shaping the direction and the content. Members of the leadership group had diverse backgrounds including NEET, Care, LGBT and BME. They appreciated the opportunity to get involved, to understand devolution, but they also felt they had the right to engage with the devolved process. They felt civically engaged and experienced a growing sense of belonging. Additional topics for exploration emerged and included transport, poverty, housing, mental health, education, young people and politics and hate crime.

The project completed 13 activities which provided 425 mobility opportunities for direct beneficiaries. Activities included 2 residential events, 2 conferences and 1 dissemination event. The project met 7 of the nine objectives and partially met 2. The project enabled young people from a variety of backgrounds to learn about devolution and how it will impact on their lives.

LCRYA was successful in creating a network that engaged young people in issues they wanted to explore, provided peer to peer educational workshops using various participative methods. Young people held discussion and debate with youth policy makers and decision makers.





**MOBILITY AWARENESS**

JugendService is a Austrian youth organisation offering information on all youth-related topics and counseling for everyone between 12 and 26 and everyone who is interested.

Its World Weit Weg Infoparty is a yearly event for adolescents who want to go abroad. They can get information about travelling and working abroad, Au Pair, school years in another country and so on from different organisations. Workshops on related topics are offered and there is the option to talk to a young person abroad on an European Solidarity Corps stay and to people who already have had similar experience, for example during an Au Pair stay or an European Solidarity Corps stay. The aim is to give young people information and get in contact with other people who want to go abroad.

As it is a yearly event, the organisers can for example use the feedback from people who went abroad after they visited the infoparty. They are often invited to come and share their experiences. On average there are more than 200 visitors, about 20 organisations present and around seven workshops happen every year.



**M01**

**WORLD WEIT WEG INFOPARTY**  
JugendService  
Austria

Treasure hunt: Pronađi ruksak! is a project of the Youth Association Alfa Albona, a non-profit and non-political association of young people, established in 2011. Its main fields of work are youth information (it is the leading regional youth information centre and one of Eurodesk multipliers), mobility of young people and youth workers (it implements youth exchanges, training courses, study visits, ess/esc programmes, internships and international summer camps) and social entrepreneurship (it holds 3 national awards for the best idea/innovation/project about social entrepreneurship, co-owns social cooperative Humana Nova istra that works with reusing and recycling the textile and employs young people with disabilities and from vulnerable groups).

The project aimed to promote mobility and its benefits to young people by encouraging active participation in the local community. The organisers hid 50 Eurodesk bags, containing magnets with mobility quotes, Eurodesk and Erasmus+ programme flyers, around the town in 50 different places then made the treasure map and the announcement about when the treasure hunt will start. It was an interactive and innovative approach in providing information on European opportunities for young people that resulted in a huge number of participants - they were eager to find the bags and more information about the European opportunities, share the status and pictures online while searching for the bags as well as a lot of new young users and promoters of European opportunities.

The activity was posted on different social media, presented in the local community and on two different association websites: our official website and our informational website, as well as sent to our database of young people. All of this directly reached a total of 8000 young people in local and wider communities.



# M02

## **TREASURE HUNT: PRONADI RUKSAK!**

Youth Association Alfa Albona  
Croatia



The "Netzwerk International" [Network International] is a cooperation between the Volkshochschule Tuttlingen [public education center] and the administrative district of Tuttlingen responsible for the International Youth Work. Its project is named "Austauschdatenbank".

Young people, especially if they travel for the first time, have a huge need for information on the destination country and the kind of travelling they consider. They do not only need the hard facts but also need to hear first-hand experiences on traveling from other young people who have already travelled or lived in the country they are planning to go to. At the same time most young people come back very enthusiastic from their time in another country and really want to share their experiences. Through the "Austauschdatenbank" young people who want to go abroad can get in contact with other youngsters who have already lived or travelled abroad ("travel experts") or with youngsters who are from another country ("country experts") and are now living in the region of Tuttlingen.

These young people can meet up personally and the travel-curious youngster can get first-hand reports on the country they consider to go or on a specific type of experience (e.g. voluntary service). The database itself is a map of the world with pins in two different colours: blue for travel experts, green for travel experts on tour (thus youngsters who are currently traveling but can be contacted) and red for country experts. Youngsters who are interested in traveling can check on the map who has already been or currently is in the country they want to travel to and also see why and when they have been in the relevant country. They can then ask the coordinator of the "Netzwerk International" to put them in contact with the relevant travel or country expert.

All the young people registered in the database as travel and country experts are personally known by the coordinator of the "Netzwerk International". The "Austauschdatenbank" thus facilitates a regional and personal exchange amongst young people on their travel experience and country knowledge.



**M03**

# **AUSTAUSCHDATENBANK [EXCHANGE DATABASE]**

Netzwerk International  
Germany

A Vértess Agorája is a centre for culture and education in Tatabánya, Hungary. Its Agora Mobility Day is a complex career day for middle school students involving not just employers and universities, but NGOs, and social services.

The major issue that initiated this programme is that young people have just a scarce theoretical information and sometimes no experience about the profession they are about to choose after secondary school. The main objective of the programme therefore is to show young people how a job looks like in reality. With the collaboration of a local grammar school, Tatabányai Árpád Gimnázium, presentations, expositions and a conference about local, national, and European opportunities were organised.

The Mobility Day takes place every year and its date also has relevance as it is before the national university application deadline, 15th of February. The project is not only about introducing universities and certain job positions presented by the companies, but the students had the chance to visit multinational and local companies in Tatabánya to get to know how they function in reality. The orientation day is also about programmes by the European Union, such as the Eurodesk network projects, European Voluntary Service (with the contribution of our EVS volunteers), Europe Direct projects, etc.

The event involved more than 500 students, 20 teachers, 9 organisations and 8 local and multinational companies. As a Eurodesk partner the organisers managed to raise the number of people interested in Erasmus+ and other international projects. An additional 2 schools and more than 4 local villages are thinking about hosting a similar event, or to participate in the EU-funded projects. After the programme many students applied for the Agora Mentor Programme which aims to prepare them for participation in the European Solidarity Corps and other EU opportunities.



# MO4

## AGORA MOBILITY DAY

### 'HOVA TOVÁBB?' PÁLYAORIENTÁCIÓS NAP

Agora Nonprofit Kft. – A Vértess Agorája  
Hungary





The Youth Information Service is an educational process, taking place in Ireland, which aims to empower young people to make informed decision and positive life choices. It is carried out through the provision of a person-centred service.

The project "Is Europe Open to You?" was inspired by a workshop that was previously delivered to a total of 72 young people in 2017. The workshop brought young people together in group to discuss the barriers (negative) and positive to volunteering in Europe. This was followed by acknowledging the positives and addressing the barriers by answering the facts on volunteering through EVS and the European Voluntary Crops. EVS volunteers talked about their experiences, which were inspiring and motivating.

The project objective was to engage educators and other professional who work with young people, with the aim of identifying the barriers to opportunities and finding the solutions on how best to inform young people of the learning mobility opportunities and to encourage them to become active citizens. It empowered educators and other professionals by raising awareness and informing them of the opportunities open to young people in Europe. Participants become multipliers, knowing where to refer young people to for information and support. The participants were empowered to come up with the solutions to their own barriers and fears. The structure ensured they made contact with local links to European Information where collaborative work can continue.

35 educators and other professionals working with young people contributed by participating in the project, discussions, naming barriers, finding solutions, networking and linking at local level for ongoing collaborative work.



**M05**

**'IS EUROPE OPEN TO YOU?'**  
KYS Youth Information Service & Cross Care Youth Information  
Ireland



Youth Information/Eurodesk Tipperary is a regional youth work organisation in rural County Tipperary in Ireland. During its “Experiencing the world with Eurodesk” project a video was made about how Youth Information/Eurodesk multipliers can help with supporting young people to look at options for themselves in terms of building self-esteem - by trying something new, be it a mobility project or other new opportunities.

The video's message is that growing and developing as a person can make a huge difference in life. Young people can find their path in life through education or employment by learning, doing and being more mobile Europeans. The organisers wanted to show that you can get support in youth service to try these new opportunities in a supported environment where you can receive help before and after you go abroad. The result of the project was a tool for promoting mobility and also the support you can get from Eurodesk locally towards finding a path toward learning or work.

The video tells real stories of young people who decided to take part in the European Voluntary Service as a way of changing the direction of their life and getting new experience while gaining confidence. The material can be used to empower and inspire other young adults to consider travel and mobility as a way of learning and a way of building up their skills and confidence while also deciding what they want in life.

The impact is twofold: it shows that trying something new and being willing to take on a new experience like volunteering or living abroad can change your direction. Since making the video Natasha (one of the involved young people) travelled to Finland in September 2018 on a one year EVS project. Akilas stayed in Ireland and started a college degree in Limerick. The video has been published on Leargas' Youtube channel and has been used to promote mobility opportunities and Eurodesk multipliers to young people. It was also presented at many events including Time To Move events and the international Symposium on Youth Information in Dublin on 7 November 2018. It was also shared with policy makers in Ireland.

Founded in 2011, OpenCom is a private Social and Environmental Research, Training, Communication and ICT center situated in Arezzo (Tuscany, Italy) operating Europe-wide in the fields of Social and Ethical Communication, Project Management, Sustainability, Training and ICT. Over the course of the last years, OpenCom has experienced a tremendous process of growth, to the point of currently representing some of the most interesting business realities at national level, as showed by the results achieved in 2018, when it became Eurodesk Center for the Province of Arezzo.

For the Eurodesk Meets Schools project the Eurodesk Center (Centro Eurodesk) of Arezzo and the Provincial Student Council (Consulta Provinciale degli Studenti) have signed an agreement for a training and information project for students in the province of Arezzo on the many opportunities that Europe offers them. This collaboration is an important opportunity to actively involve all high school students through a series of interactive meetings in schools in the Province of Arezzo. The project implemented a series of training sessions targeting the youth of the council, with the aim of making them young European ambassadors in their school (December 2018) and 15 meetings that took place in the schools of the province coordinated by the experts of Eurodesk and by the "Council Members" (from February to April 2019).

The project, in line with the objectives of Eurodesk, worked to promote young people's access to the opportunities offered by European programmes in different sectors, in particular: international mobility, culture, formal and non-formal training, work, volunteering. The project aimed to transform students to active European citizens and to encourage mobility and participation in community and European life.

Overall, there were 2000 students participating at events held at schools and 100 teachers. 15 schools were interested to take part in project activities locally, regionally and nationally.



**M07**

**EURODESK MEETS SCHOOLS**  
OPENCOM i.s.s.c.  
Italy

The Municipality of Trieste, Italy, is running the European Information Centre and the Eurodesk Agency with the goal to spread information about the European Union among the citizens to let them participate and take an active part on their future. The office is working with the mobility programmes for youth since 1999 and it is currently a sending and coordinating organisation.

For the Eurodesk campaign “Time to Move 2018”, a collection of five short videos (both in Italian and in English) was prepared to promote the volunteering opportunities provided by the European Union. The short videos show the experiences of five Italian volunteers (European Voluntary Service and European Solidarity Corps) during their experience abroad. The use of peer to peer communication was intended to reach the largest number of youth, encouraging them to take part.

The project enhanced the visibility and the impact of the Eurodesk’s “Time to Move 2018” campaign. It focused on mobility’s impact on the daily life of young people, their future and its fundamental role to create a sense of belonging: the European citizenship. People involved in the project showed their commitment in shaping the future of the European Union, being active citizens and enhancing their sense of entrepreneurship.

Young people (volunteers, former volunteers and youth workers) actively took part in the decision process and they used their creativity to prepare their videos, so they shared their personal stories to involve the largest number of possible beneficiaries. The videos were spread through the partner’s channels (websites, social, newsletter) as they were available both in Italian and in English. They were used during the Time to Move offline campaign and will be further screened during promotional events in classrooms and meetings.



**M08**

## **VIDEO CAMPAIGN FOR TIME TO MOVE 2018**

Italia  
Agenzia Eurodesk – Europe Direct Comune di Trieste

Youth Center "Nagla" is a non-profit organisation for youth (age 13-25) founded in 2012 in Kandava, Latvia. In October 2018, together with Kuldiga Youth House it organised the "European Pajamas Party" event within the Time to Move 2018 campaign.

The event was attended by 15 young people from Kuldiga and 15 Kandava counties and participated in various activities for two days. They worked actively on brainstorming workshops on the Erasmus + programme, the European Solidarity Corps and youth opportunities in Europe; took part in an educational game "European Bingo"; got to know youth opportunities in Europe - studies, work, volunteering, practice, traveling; generated project ideas and learned to complete their first project application; made dresses and took part in a European pajamas party - danced, sang, played games and got to know each other!

The event was carried out within the framework of the Eurodesk and Time to Move campaigns, which were in line with the mission. Participants of the event were introduced to the opportunities of the Erasmus + programme in the field of youth and education, motivating them to participate in different types of project. Participants were introduced to the European Solidarity Corps and its projects. They were also invited to visit the European Youth Portal, the website of the International Agency for Youth Programmes and the Eurodesk website (as well as the social platform accounts) to keep up with the latest developments and opportunities in the youth field.



**M09**

**EUROPEAN PAJAMAS PARTY!**  
Kandava multifunctional youth initiative center "Nagla"  
Latvia

The Mobile Info Camper "Kurp ES?" project of the Youth Initiative Centre of Kekava municipality in Latvia started with an idea to rent a travel trailer to visit other places outside the school – and to promote mobility by becoming mobile. The week-long youth work activity aimed to inform young people in seven different areas of the municipality, especially rural. The organisers also managed to map out different peripheral locations and identify the real situation and needs of young people.

The organisers used self-made large-format card game with the logos of the EU programmes, opportunities and organisations and other cards with their explanations. Logo cards are easy to use in a variety of ways, but it is a simple visual method to find out the visitor's knowledge of EU opportunities and to help visitors to understand the content of missing knowledge.

During the activity, 168 young people (13-30 yrs) were introduced to mobility opportunities provided by the European Union and promoted by Eurodesk - Solidarity Corps, Erasmus +, Discover EU, European Youth Portal, etc. 47% of visitors received information about the Youth Initiative Center (JIC) for the first time. 76% of the event's visitors left their contact information, which help us to provide young people with up-to-date information on opportunities. Approximately 35% of young people who participated in the activity visited the JIC and are actively involved in the activities until now. After the activity, 7 young people joined the JIC non-formal learning groups. 43 young people expressed their willingness to participate in youth exchanges. 2 are currently involved in a Erasmus+ youth exchange project.



# M10

## MOBILE INFO CAMPER "KURP ES?"

Youth initiative centre of Kekava municipality  
Latvia





**M11**

# IEPELDI EIROPAS ŪDEŅOS. BRĪVPRĀTĪGAIS DARBS (FLOAT IN EUROPE'S WATERS. VOLUNTEERING)

Aluksne Children and Youth Centre  
Latvia

Aluksne Children and Youth Centre (ACYC), an educational institution established by Aluksne Municipality in Latvia, realised that young people tend to be a bit afraid to jump into the unknown. It was important to inform (in a non-formal environment) those who are interested in Erasmus+, EVS and Solidarity Corps about the possibilities that it can provide.

The aim of the informative seminar "Float in Europe's waters. Volunteering" was to inform young people from Aluksne and Ape districts about mobility chances in Europe through Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps focusing on EVS and overall what Eurodesk does and can help with. Youngsters also had the opportunity to hear and ask questions about the experience, challenges and benefits of volunteering from other young people.

The seminar happened on a small boat on the Aluksne lake. 20 participants were informed about Eurodesk and its mission and found out about mobility possibilities that Erasmus+ and Solidarity Corps can offer them. Participants became more open-minded about taking part in these possibilities.





The Polish Sempre a Frente Foundation carries out national and international educational activities, including in cooperation with Coca Cola HBC and Facebook. Its project "Photo I" aimed at increasing awareness and skills of people aged 20-25 years old on how to use photography as a tool for self-presentation and communication in the Internet, raising their value on the labour market.

During the project the youth had a few sessions related to the labour market, individual opportunities and methods of improving their future career chances. Thanks to a Eurodesk multiplier the participants became aware of Eurodesk programmes and the opportunities it informs about. Each participant got the information about various ways for personal development such as working, studying or volunteering abroad and thanks to each group leaders they received lots of information about Eurodesk in North Macedonia and Italy.

The participants learnt how to write their own CV and motivation letter thanks to the Europass application recommended by Eurodesk original workshops. Not only the participants spent productive time on getting to know this tool but the audience could also learn from their peers about the CV creator.

The most important activity in the project was the final event, "Festival of Inspiration" which took place in one of the public secondary schools in Lublin and was focused on showing students how to present oneself in the internet to increase personal success in their careers. During the festival, participants prepared activities engaging the students: making portraits in extraordinary way, creating profiles on Instagram, expressing one's creativity and personality through playing with lights and visualisations. Participants from three countries as well as youngsters from the secondary school had a chance to learn from their peers.

Overall there were 60 attendees of the Festival of Inspiration, 21 participants were involved in the project realisation and over 2000 people were reached via social media.





**M13**

# **TOGETHER, WE DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES, OPEN UP TO EUROPEAN NEWS**

Fundacja Centrum Aktywności Twórczej  
Poland

As part of the EUROCAMP promotion "Together we discover opportunities, open up to European novelties" two events were organised in Leszno by the Creative Activity Center Foundation, local NGO. The first was the Eurodesk stand with educational materials offered by the Eurodesk National Office at the Leszno Active Civic Festivities, on September 15, 2018. During the festival, parents, teachers and youth workers were familiarised with what the EUROCAMP offers and with other possibilities of the Erasmus+ and Eurodesk Polska programmes. The second event, Open Door, was held on September 27, 2018, in the office of the Creative Activity Center Foundation and was addressed to young people who did not receive the opportunity to participate in EUROCAMP. During the meeting, the animator along with foreign volunteers conducted games, including the games of the EUROCAMP and responded to questions about the Erasmus+ and Eurodesk Poland programmes.

380 participants aged 16 - 25 participated in EUROCAMP. The youth mainly came from non-urbanised (rural) or smaller towns and for most of them it was the first meeting with foreign volunteers. 180-minute EUROCAMP training was carried out based on the original scenario of the classes, consisting of three parts, in two languages (in English and Polish). In the interactive workshop, methods of non-formal education, design thinking, stimulating creativity and special emphasis on the development of language competences were used. The first part was to break the ice, integrate the group and get to know each other better thanks to numerous games and fun. The second part helped young people to notice the potential in themselves and required them to work in groups and communicate. The third part provided them with information on the possibilities offered by the Erasmus+ and Eurodesk Polska programmes, as well as discovered Europass documents.

In addition, the youth had the opportunity to meet international volunteers, their culture and overcome the barriers to using English. 9 volunteers from abroad were invited to the workshop: from Spain, Indonesia, Kosovo, Ukraine, Portugal and Turkey (hosted by the Creative Activity Center Foundation and SCI One World). The final stage of the project was to create a music video and promotional and dissemination leaflets that aim to reach a wider audience and encourage people to contact partner organisations and learn about the European programmes.

The Eurodesk Garden project was made possible by a partnership between Europe4Youth and EBU. It consisted of several interconnected events aimed at encouraging young people to mobility and civic/social engagement, informing them about youth mobility programmes and tools for civic/social engagement at local and European level.

The project was directed to young people aged 16-23 years from regions around Kraków and Mińsk Mazowiecki (five different cities and small towns), especially to those with fewer opportunities and from remote areas. Therefore, the organisers visited schools, worked with teachers and policy makers to create a good condition for the implementation of the project, as well as for the future presence of European information for young people in schools and municipalities.

Each partner organised five workshops in schools in the regions. Workshops were of two types: mobility opportunities game (volunteering, work, studies, chances, project implementation, programmes for youth) and activeness game (simulation on participation in public life of their own city/village, game on the role of the European Parliament).

During a series of consultation meetings (five per partner) for young people interested in applying for European opportunities and participation in civil society, the participants were instructed on how it works, where to start, where to apply, who to contact.

Opening Parties of Eurodesk Garden included games (board games, skills-games, information-games), treasure hunt and info-meetings with young people, decision makers and consultants networks.

Moreover, a contest was launched for young people (Mobility-TREE) having them describe their most fruitful mobility experience on a Christmas decoration. By sharing their stories, they were encouraging their peers to pursue mobility opportunities too. The stories had two versions: online (a picture of a decoration with text) and offline (a physical Christmas decoration hanged on a tree in the Eurodesk Garden). Participants of the contest were collecting "likes" on Facebook and Instagram, those who collected the most won. In this way the social circles of the contest participants got informed about the experiences and opportunities offered by the EU.

The organisers partnered up with 18 organisations and public institutions. Over 300 young people took part in the activities, the European Youth Portal gained 40-50 new users and around 20 applications for voluntary placements all around Europe were filed. Around 10 project ideas came out of this, Eurodesk was presented in 10 schools and the Mobility-TREE contest got over 500 reactions on Facebook.



**M14**

**EURODESK GARDEN**  
Europe4Youth and Fundacja Rozwoju Międzykulturowego EBU  
Poland



The Information Cycle of Mobility Opportunities – a project of the Youth Department of the City Council of Santa Maria da Feira in Portugal - consisted of the creation of several information actions for the young people, that took place in the schools and institutes of education of the municipality of Santa Maria da Feira, for young people of high schools, technical-professional schools and superior institutions.

These actions, developed in partnership between the EURODESK multipliers - Santa Maria da Feira Municipal Council and Rosto Solidário, consisted of the implementation of active dynamics that allowed to take advantage of the opportunities and experiences of KA1, such as Training Courses (TC), European Voluntary Service (EVS) and Youth Exchanges (YE). Named “SpeedEurope”, these actions aimed to get young people from Santa Maria da Feira in contact with EVS volunteers from many countries (Spain, Italy, Hungary and Turkey). During these actions, round tables were organised and each had one of the EVS volunteers. In groups, the youth of our schools passed each of the tables and asked questions, previously prepared, to each of the volunteers. This action allowed the young people of Santa Maria da Feira to get in close contact with testimonials and gave them a clearer idea of the steps, challenges and opportunities linked to a mobility experience.

The “Information Cycle of Mobility Opportunities” target groups were young people from high schools and involved a group of EVS volunteers, hosted by Rosto Solidário, a partner organisation of the Eurodesk multipliers. Apart from these students, volunteers and institutions, the project involved the directors of the schools and parents.

The project was developed in 6 educational institutions in the municipality of Santa Maria da Feira, involving about 200 students between the ages of 18 and 25. Some of the actions developed were published in the Social Networks of the City Council of Santa Maria da Feira and Rosto Solidário. This project was also presented and shared in the aEurodesk Multipliers meetings held during the year 2018.



openEUropa is a project of Rato - ADCC, a Portugal youth organisation that develops initiatives and projects orientated for the promotion of social inclusion through the use of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies). It promoted European opportunities in a suburban area of Lisbon region with a great youth population that lives in disadvantaged situations.

Within this project, Rato - ADCC implemented different communication tools using social media and ICT to be used online and in public spaces (schools and community centres). These tools are, for example, a blog, a podcast (with posts of participants in international projects) and video tutorials regarding different programmes and platforms in this field.

This content translates the deep impact of an experience such as an international volunteering project and explains the complex elements related to platforms and programmes related to European mobility opportunities.

The innovation is based on using digital/online resources that are popular and available to the general public to promote and create awareness regarding different European opportunities. Another innovative element is based on the use of the personal experience of participants to illustrate to others that there are benefits of participating in projects like Erasmus+ and that these programmes are available for all in an inclusive perspective.

In the framework of this project it is intended to produce 100 elements of online content (posts/videos/podcasts). With this, 5000 users/visits can be reached.



**M16**

**OPENEUROPA**

Rato - Associação para a Divulgação Cultural e Científica  
Portugal

Bonae Spei - Associação Cultural, founded in September 2016, is a youth association based in the coastal city of Figueira da Foz, Portugal. Its main objectives are: promote youth mobility, volunteering (local and European), active citizenship and dissemination of Erasmus+ Youth in Action and the European Solidarity Corps programme.

The project FeST - Figueira eSPORTS Tournament aimed to be a creative way to make youngsters interested in mobility programmes. The association developed an eSports Tournament of FIFA 2019 videogame and accompanied it with several actions, promoting the mobility programmes.

The project was developed by two 17 years old youngsters that created a team of more than 20 youngsters with ages between 16 and 19 to provide organisational support. They were involved in every step of the process and contributed with their time, creativity, engagement, since the design thinking to implementation, debriefing and impact evaluation. The event was supported by the Municipality and it was visited by the Municipal Counsellor of Youth.

The event was held in the Art centre of Figueira da Foz, Centro de Artes e Espectáculos, which transformed into a vintage-style area with old arcade and pinball machines. The applications were sold out in one day and the event was attended by more than 360 youngsters with ages between 12 and 24. There were two stands with Kahoot! quizzes about Europe and Mobility projects and the youngsters learned about mobility projects even while watching and waiting for their turns.

The project raised the interest of the community, the press, the local government body and the youngsters community in the European mobility projects and in the EURODESK mission. The event was published in several local and regional newspapers and online news, before and after the event.



**M17**

## **FEST - FIGUEIRA ESPORTS TOURNAMENT**

Bonae Spei - Associação Cultural  
Portugal

European Mobility: Starting with parents is a project aiming to encourage participation in Youth Mobility by engaging parents and having them on-board – based on the video: “Make no mistake. Get informed”. This was a joint initiative of Portuguese Eurodesk Multipliers Rosto Solidário, NGO, and Youth Office of Santa Maria da Feira Municipality.

Portuguese Multipliers have been realising - from their daily work with youth - that despite the progress on the access to opportunities within Erasmus+, most of the parents are still afraid to support and let their kids go and take part in learning mobility projects or initiatives. A video was created to change this - with the testimonials of parents whose sons and daughters have participated in youth exchanges, volunteering projects and training courses. After listening to these parents saying how important the learning opportunity was for their children other parents were more likely to let their own children go and participate in European Union learning mobility opportunities. By showing that this kind of opportunities are a way to gain new skills, new knowledge and better understanding of European citizenship the project also aimed to disseminate information and foster active citizenship among Portuguese youngsters.

The local Municipality supported the project by disseminating the public call for parent testimonials and providing the video recording and editing means. All the activities and administrative issues were shared by involved Eurodesk Multipliers. The video was spread via two institutional websites and four social networks targeting not only parents but young people and the general community. The video was also shared within Eurodesk Portugal network, consisting of almost sixty youth related organisations. Following the purpose of the project, the video was presented in the annual local education summit, reaching 200 teachers and other educational stakeholders.



**M18**

**EUROPEAN MOBILITY:  
STARTING WITH PARENTS**  
Rosto Solidário  
Portugal



Workshop for the unemployed was an initiative by eljski mladinski Center, a public non-profit organisation in Slovenia. Within the workshop, the center presented the EURES networks with employment opportunities abroad and the Eures initiative - including My first job and how to prepare a CV and Europass (in cooperation with an Europass consultant).

The workshop also presented the Erasmus + training programme, the European Voluntary Service and the European Solidarity Corps. The participants have gained information, skills and knowledge on how to prepare a CV, where and how to find a job, and where to look for information about the possibilities of additional training, the European Voluntary Service and how to join the European Solidarity Corps. The Europass consultant also provided individual advice on preparing and updating the Europass CV.

The aim of the workshop was to present the measures taken and implemented by the EU in the field of employment, to present opportunities for acquiring additional knowledge and competences thanks to the Erasmus + (training, European voluntary service, European Solidarity Corps). The aim was to introduce the opportunity to strengthen young people's competences and skills for employment and to show them how to prepare an effective curriculum vitae. The participants were involved in the workshops. They brought their own CVs and the lecturer gave them a feedback and also notes what to improve and what to write differently.

The workshop was covered by the media and it led to the promotion and presentation of EURES, EUROPASS, Erasmus + programme, EU action in the field of active employment policy, ED Savinjska, Eurodesk network and the European Solidarity Corps. It helped participants acquire new skills in writing a CV and encouraged their active participation.



**M19**

**WORKSHOP FOR THE UNEMPLOYED**  
Celjski mladinski center  
Slovenia





# M20

## **MOBILI.TV: 'HIGHER EDUCATION IN EUROPE' SPECIAL**

Ajuntament de Barcelona  
Spain

**HONOURABLE  
MENTION**

Mobili.TV is a project of the Barcelona city council's youth department. This project is about making information comprehensive and dynamic for young people who could be interested in studying abroad by creating a TV show. During the show presenters interviewed educational experts from DAAD Spain, Campus France and the British Council, and two former Erasmus+ students. An online audience was able to ask questions via Twitter and 150 youngsters attended the show.

This project indirectly encouraged young people to become active citizens, having the example of a couple of students from the same country that have moved to study abroad. Those students after moving abroad felt more European and saw other ways to do things, since they went outside their comfort zone; this was explained through their presentations and also seen in their videos.

The Mobili.TV was opening the international mobility campaign, "De BCN al món. Del món a BCN" (From Barcelona to the world. From the world to Barcelona), with nine series of talks about different topics related to international mobility. It came with a short video to introduce the campaign, a logo for the Mobili.TV show and another video to promote the Mobili.TV show. All videos (including final summary) had been later posted on YouTube. The video that was promoting the TV show on an international mobility Facebook page ([fb.com/mobilitatinternacional](https://fb.com/mobilitatinternacional)) reached 1.251 people; the Facebook posts of Barcelona Youth Information Centres reached 2.261 people. Another important way to promote the event was through the website of the whole campaign of "De BCN al món. Del món a BCN" ([barcelona.cat/bcnalmon](http://barcelona.cat/bcnalmon)) that received a total of 2.318 visits during the months of October and November.





The “Erasmusdays 2018 Information Day” festival was organised by the Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, in collaboration with Turkish National Agency. 500 people aged from 17 to 65 years old, from different organisations and backgrounds, participated in various simultaneous events within the scope of Erasmusdays & Time to Move 2018 activities.

The event, which was organised in order to raise awareness of youth about Europe and opportunities for youth, welcomed various participants from different backgrounds. In addition to the university students; representatives of the Turkish National Agency, Eurodesk Turkey Coordinatorship, Eurodesk Contact Points of Turkey based in Ankara, Higher Education Council, ESN Turkey, Turkish Red Crescent, Book Desk, Erasmus+ KA 108 Consortium Partners, and international students studying at AYBU (Erasmus+ Exchange Students and other international students) as well as academic and administrative staff of different universities took part in the activity.

During the event, specialists from the Turkish National Agency and student clubs came together with the participants and informed them about European and youth opportunities concerning Eurodesk and European Solidarity Corps. Moreover, young people who have taken part in EU Erasmus+ youth projects shared their experiences in order to inform the participants and disseminate their project results.

In addition to these informational activities, different cultural, artistic social responsibility and raising awareness activities were held during the event. Above all, a tree planting event was held with the participation of the participants and “Erasmusdays 2018 Memorial Forest” was established in our Esenboğa Campus.



**M21**

# **'ERASMUSDAYS 2018 INFORMATION DAY' FESTIVAL**

Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University  
Turkey

Van Governorate is a public body in Van, Turkey. As chief executive of the province and principal agent of the central government, Van Governorate supervises government officials assigned to carry out ministerial functions, deals with education and culture, health, finance, economic and commercial matters, agriculture at the provincial level.

In the Young Entrepreneurships in Aquaponics Highfive! Project it aimed to develop a new agricultural concept to better reflect the progress made in technology and entrepreneurship. Young people from both Turkey and Europe at present mostly see agriculture as a futurless or useless career. This prevents them from seeing it as an opportunity.

In order to make agriculture attractive again for the unemployed young people between 22 and 30 years old, especially the young people with a natural and agricultural background, they need to be encouraged to live in rural areas. They need to be led to create their own agricultural areas. As part of the project the aquaponic systems were introduced as an innovative model.

There are more than 70.000 species of medicinal plants on the surface of the world. Most of them grow in their habitat but because of urbanisation, air pollution, water pollution and global warming the natural habitat of those plants have been decreasing day by day. However, those plants are valuable in terms of marketing. The pharmaceutical companies buy those plants in order to produce medicinal products. This situation offers an opportunity for the young farmers in Europe. They can grow those plant species in cultivated areas and sell to the pharmaceutical companies. Soilless farming through aquaponic systems offers great and yielding production. The young farmers can get 8 times more productive results than traditional farming. In aquaponic systems the young farmers can produce nearly 100% high rate organic plants. Because the only input in these systems is fish food. So, the young farmers can produce the plants as if those plants grew in their own habitats.

The project offers the young farmers in Europe an opportunity to learn and produce through these systems by creating a digital data bank in order to keep the records of medical and aromatic plants and by publishing a book on how to install and use aquaponic systems.



**M22**

**YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIPS IN AQUAPONICS  
HIGHFIVE!**  
VanValiliki  
Turkey

Gaziantep Training and Youth Association was established in 2007 in order to improve the quality of education, to create a more active, initiative-oriented and sensitive society, to create inclusion opportunities from European Union Education and Youth programmes for the youngsters, creating communication opportunities between European and Turkish youngsters and adults, to make youth and adults more open to communicate with other people, to give awareness of different cultures, taking responsibilities and being sensitive to the environment.

Its Volunteers Uniting Humanity project aims to contribute to the development of children and youngsters who are struggling with the problem of schooling with the contributions of local and foreign volunteers and to create awareness studies with seminars and conferences on this subject. In the background of the project, there are children and youngsters who cannot find education facilities because of various reasons such as language, cultural barrier and economic difficulties. These children and youngsters are at risk of being marginalised and detriment the society in the future. In addition to EVS activities, complementary activities were carried out in the project. Two training courses and two voluntary summits integrated into the beginning of these training courses were organised. For the dissemination of the results, a final conference and follow-up and dissemination activities will be carried out by the volunteers in their own countries.

The use of non-formal education methods has been encouraged with 30 local volunteers and 30 international volunteers in the voluntary services that the project will offer to target audiences. It is aimed to reduce the schooling problems of asylum seekers in Gaziantep and to support the processes in the centers where they are educated. The aim is to raise the very low enrollment rate, to strengthen the training mechanisms for asylum seekers, to develop a network and strategic partnerships. With voluntary and complementary activities, the organisers encouraged the schooling of 1000 family's children, 800 children safely went to school with the local and international volunteers in two education period (8 months in total), 30 international, 30 national volunteers improved themselves in self-learning and employment process for their future. Awareness about the refugee crisis, impact and solutions was raised.



**M23**

# **THE VOLUNTEERS UNITING HUMANITY**

Gaziantep Training and Youth Association  
Turkey

During the Time to Move campaign in October 2018, a Scottish social enterprise yipworld used Virtual Reality headset technology to give young people an introduction to Europe.

yipworld is based in East Ayrshire, an area in Scotland which is quite geographically remote, and many residents find it difficult to travel outside of the local area, especially if they or their family members do not drive. This results in many young people feeling that they have significant barriers in connection with travelling. The project's plan was to familiarise young people (aged 12-16), who attend the weekly Senior Drop-In evening at yipworld, with a variety of European destinations, thereby removing their perceived barriers connected to visiting different countries and experiencing new cultures.

This was achieved by purchasing two Oculus Go Virtual Reality headsets, and using a variety of immersive travel apps to give young people who used the headsets the sensation of actually being in a variety of major European cities - including Berlin, Malmo, Barcelona and various others - in order to familiarise themselves with the places in question.

This activity took place on three occasions during the month of October 2018, at an event which runs weekly. Over the course of the three sessions, 27 young people took part in the activity, including 14 who took part in it each week, returning each week to experience different locations. All of the young people who took part advised having had little or no experience of travelling outside of the United Kingdom thus far, and most stated that, while the idea of travelling to other countries interested them, they were also very nervous about the idea of doing this.

The young people found the immersive experience extremely enjoyable, as using the Virtual Reality headsets enabled them to feel as though they were actually abroad. Suddenly, the prospect of travelling outside their own home country, and visiting a variety of European destinations, was less worrying to them.



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## **TIME TO MOVE - VIRTUAL REALITY PROJECT**





**SOLIDARITY ACTIONS**

In St. Michael im Lungau in Austria, the social project St. Michael aktiv - Jugend hilft was implemented by akzente Salzburg - Regionalstelle Lungau. It is a counterpart for communities concerning youth issues, consisting of five regional contact points in all of Salzburg's districts, aiming to foster the dialogue between the communities and young people.

St. Michael is embedded in a peripheral region and demographic change is leaving its mark on this region. The goal of the project is not to allow various social changes to break up the society, because social cohesion constitutes a valuable wealth. Showing the importance of bringing young and old people together should encourage interested citizens to support the social projects with manpower in their free time.

It is a social neighbourhood project involving young people who give a helping hand to older people in their hometowns. Most of the twenty active members are pupils and students aged between twelve and twenty years who are supporting elderly people in their everyday lives. They give a helping hand in many activities, such as: gardening; housework; accompanying them to the doctor; taking dogs for a walk; shopping; going for a walk; reading to them... The activities should be easy work for young people and the working hours are limited to two hours a day for all the participants.



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**ST. MICHAEL AKTIV - JUGEND Hilft**  
Akzente Salzburg - Regionalstelle Lungau  
Austria



Inclusive Volunteering (German: Teilhabe im internationalen Engagement) is a project by bezev, Disability and Development Cooperation (Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V.). Launched in 2017, it aims to make (not only but especially) volunteering programmes more accessible for everyone. By working with people with impairments/disabilities, sending and hosting organisations, educational institutions, disabled persons organisations, counselling offices, policy makers and public financiers, the organisation informs, trains and connects the relevant stakeholders. With project activities it has encouraged hundreds of young people with impairments/disabilities to volunteer abroad and in Germany, built a network of organisations which are interested in inclusive volunteering and lead the process of many changes in volunteer services towards a more inclusive programme structure.

Bezev has organised 100+ events in the last years to specifically reach the target group of young people with impairments/disabilities, e.g. at schools, disabled persons organisations and trade fairs. It provided accessible information online, in print and at events for young people with impairments/disabilities about possibilities to volunteer. The young people were encouraged by being shown success stories of other persons with impairments/disabilities volunteering abroad, often using a peer-to-peer approach at the events. The organisation also offers more in-depth consultations on all day-to-day questions concerning accessibility as well as meeting and financing additional needs in other countries via email, phone, or in person, so the young people can make educated decisions on safe, nurturing and fun volunteering commitments.

Since 2012 the organisation consulted approx. 500 young people with impairments/disabilities and knows of at least 150 volunteers that have gone abroad with its support and/or involvement. Bezev has built an international network of 100+ organisations that are interested in including young people with impairments/disabilities in their work. It has also published the insights and experiences made in the last years in four guidelines on different key issues for inclusive volunteering. It provides interested organisations with flyers and posters free of charge so they too can advertise their inclusive attitude.



Együtttható Egyesület / Association Co-Efficient offers innovative community services for young people, providing them with opportunities to find and accomplish their personal goals. It is a multiplier within the Eurodesk Hungary network.

Its project Here We Are was a 18 months long transnational youth initiative connecting two mixed ability groups in Hungary and Portugal to work for and to promote the inclusion of young people living with disabilities who still face countless barriers and exclusion when it comes to their daily lives and the majority of society is often blind to these challenges. The project aimed to help the informal groups to organise their own events, campaigns and media communication to bring attention to the matters and importance of inclusion, while developing their competences and empowering themselves through the co-operation.

Throughout the 18 months the groups organised 12 high-visibility activities focusing on the life of young people living with disabilities – e.g. wheelchair flash mob, alternative fashion show, sensitisation in schools, escape game with changed abilities etc. – beside attending regular group meeting and four transnational meetings.

During the project the groups co-operated with various services, institutions and volunteers engaged in the activities. Schools, afterschools, universities, community spaces, escape rooms, shopping malls, production studios, festivals were providing venues for the implementation of the activities. Special transport services and personal assistants were working to support the group in their work.

The project actively involved six (initially seven) people in the Hungarian group, plus four people in the Portuguese group, plus the coordinating mentors (2-2 people). All the activities were promoted with online campaigns, then followed with posts, blog journal logs, photo gallery shares. The portrait documentary has 17.000 views on Youtube. Other press releases and the social media and blog activity reached many thousands of people.



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**HERE WE ARE**  
Együtttható Egyesület / Association Co-Efficient  
Hungary





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# **BACKPACK DESK – WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW YOUNG AGAIN?**

Italy  
Malik Cultural Association

The project “Backpack Desk” aimed to connect young people having geographical barriers to Europe and to promote their active and European citizenship, facilitating their participation in transnational projects related to training, education, job, volunteering and mobility.

Since 2015 Malik, a non-profit association, is responsible for the Eurodesk office in Central Sardinia (Italy) and, through a Moving desk, brings information about European opportunities in all small and rural towns where young people with fewer opportunities, including young persons who are no longer in the education system and who are not working or being trained for work (so-called NEET), live.

The Backpack Desk project, promoted by Malik association in partnership with Eurodesk Italy and Eurobridge, aims to facilitate the participation of young people and youth workers in all initiatives promoted by the European Union in the fields of Youth, Education, Work, Volunteering and International Mobility. The initiative, self-financed by the partner organisations and co-financed by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, intends to promote and encourage European Mobility; inform young people about policies of the European Union and facilitate their participation in European programmes and opportunities; boost active citizenship through youth informal groups and/or youth councils; encourage the implementation of networked projects coordinated in the territory, the exchange of good practices, the identification of strategies and shared information tools and offer support to local authorities with European projects/accreditation.

During the project “Backpack Desk” Malik has been coordinating, as Lead partner, 10 Erasmus+ projects and implementing, as partner, more than 30 EVS projects, Youth exchanges, study visits, training courses and Strategic Partnerships in Italy and abroad (Ireland, Portugal, Estonia, Croatia, Spain, Poland, Czech Republic, Serbia, Turkey, France, Moldova and Slovenia). More than 100 young people and youth workers were involved in the mobility projects and in local initiatives with a European character, and 50 people attended the Capacity Building Laboratory.

Welcome Library is a project developed by the Public Library and the Youth Information Office of Purchena (Andalusia) which is at the same time a Eurodesk Multiplier. In this small town, inland of the province of Almería, there are four minor centers that welcome young people at serious risk of exclusion, young refugees and migrants (13-17 years old) from different countries (Nigeria, Morocco, Senegal, Ivory Coast, and Sierra Leona).

The Public Library and the Youth Info Office, wanting to become a meeting place for these young people and local youngsters, promotes the "Welcome Library" project in collaboration with several cultural and social associations of the town. The Youth Info Office, as a member of the Eurodesk Network, informs and advises these young people about mobility and obligations/ rights in Europe.

The project aims to promote effective inclusion and integration of young migrants with difficult backgrounds who are living in three Minor Centres in Purchena since they do not usually engage within the local community. The equation is simple: if these young migrants are not linked to the local population, they can hardly be active European citizens.

This project involved these young people in peer to peer activities in which, at the same time, they were taught Spanish, by local volunteers, and other languages, by European volunteers of the Erasmus + program. They were also provided with information on opportunities in Europe by the qualified Eurodesk multiplier of Purchena.

Youth associations and local volunteers collaborated directly on the project by providing literacy classes in Spanish and other languages as well as activities for connecting young migrants with local young people.

32 events took place, two per week from September 2018 to March 2019. The participants were 124 local youngsters from 14 to 30 years and 196 young migrants from 14 to 18 years old.





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**TEXTILE MACHINERY OPERATOR TRAINING  
AND HARMONISATION CENTER**  
Izmir Governorship  
Turkey

The Textile Machinery Operator Training and Harmonisation Center project was initiated by Izmir Governorship, one of the 81 provincial governorships of Turkey. Izmir has a high population of young people as there are nine universities within the Province. On the other hand, after the beginning of the Syrian Civil War 2011, Turkey was faced with the largest refugee flow in its history and transformed into the leading hosting country for the refugees in the world, and Izmir's population has been increased with about 200.000 people. In the last years, the youth unemployment issue is gaining an increasing relevance in the field of youth work.

The project is about vocational skills development and employment of young people in the textile sector, therefore the target group is, young refugees from Syria holding a temporary protection status and Turkish citizens residing in Izmir both without access to the labour market. Under the coordination of the Governorate and thanks to the collaboration of the local chambers, NGOs and private sector, the Textile Machinery Operator Training and Harmonization Centre came to life. This project is designed to help them to access to job market in the textile sector in Izmir. According to Surveys in 2016 & 2017 done by the Izmir Employment Agency "sewing machine operator" is on the top of the vacancy list.

The Center provides vocational training courses on how to operate various textile machinery as well as Turkish language courses for Syrians. With the initial finances provided by UNHCR and later by the Turkish Red Crescent, 115 people (75 Syrian, 40 Local) have successfully completed the courses within a one year period. The Center will be converted to a profit seeking enterprise by the end of the project therefore it will be self-supporting for its further training activities.

Equality for Us - Inclusion for all was a project of the British Youth Council which supports young people to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders. It was mostly focusing around organising an event/conference for young people in the UK who come from marginalised and minority groups, to talk about their liberating campaigns within the focus of the EU Youth Goals that came out of the EU Youth Dialogue.

The format was divided in three different workshops, tackling the topics of inclusion and youth goals through them. There were moments of get together throughout the conference too. The preparations and design of the conference were completely youth led, by an ad-hoc Task Force created of young experts connected to the topic. Eurodesk was part of this Task Force, and as one of the youth goals was focusing on disseminating EU opportunities for youth engagement, one of the workshops tackled these points too.

The project empowered the community by presenting EU opportunities that could help them in their liberating campaigns, and what can the EU do in the process of youth inclusion. Young people were very excited and empowered to learn about all the funding schemes available to support their personal development in the fields of their interest, and to understand that the Youth Goals can support them in their daily campaigns and struggles.

The project made young people aware about the small details around making a conference inclusive, up from the logistics of it and until the program itself, which should be open and engaging. It further impacted all the young people who came to visit, and the youth workers that supported them. It helped them understand a whole new landscape of EU engagement, and it helped youth workers understand how to better support their young people in EU participation.



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## **EQUALITY FOR US - INCLUSION FOR ALL**

British Youth Council  
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