Erasmus+ training course It's Earth O' Clock

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Context

The past year, global temperatures have reached exceptionally high levels. The Copernicus Climate Change Service reported on record-breaking conditions such as the hottest month on record and daily global temperature averages briefly surpassing pre-industrial levels by more than 2°C.

The situation is alarming.

Disasters related to climate change, such as storms, wildfires, drought, flooding, and heatwaves, have almost tripled in the past 40 years. Environmental risks are becoming increasingly complex, with weather-related disasters growing in frequency and triggering severe ripple effects across all sectors of society.

As a result, the humanitarian sector will be faced with a growing number of crises and disasters, characterized by greater frequency, larger scale, and heightened magnitude.

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This necessitates a comprehensive understanding of the actual causes and effects of these issues.

Today's youth will navigate a life shaped by evident ecological problems stemming from human misbehavior. Therefore, their engagement in addressing these challenges is vital. Given the transnational nature of environmental issues, cross-border projects serve as valuable tools to heighten awareness among youth and inspire them to take meaningful actions.

The main goal of this project is to equip participants with essential information, enabling them to make significant lifestyle changes to address ecological issues effectively.

Other Objectives:

Enhancing the key competences of youth workers actively involved in green topics and fostering active citizenship.

Strengthening cooperation among international organizations and expanding the scale of activities involving young people.

Time Table

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| Time | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 |
| | 2-Sep | 3-Sep | 4-Sep | 4-Sep | 5-Sep | 7-Sep | 8-Sep | 9-Sep |
| 09:00 - 09:50 | | Breakfast | | | | | | S20 |
| 10:00 - 11:30 | Arrivals | Ice-breaking games and get to know each other | Visit Getliņi EKO Waste Management in Riga. | World Cafè | The WEB of Life | Where do you stand | Campaigning | |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | | Coffee Break | | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 12:00 - 13:30 | | Introduction to the objectives of the training course, the schedule and creating together a group agreement | | NGO FAIR | The impact of our choices | Act o' clock: activism for changing narratives | Dissemination Strategies | Departures |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | | Lunch break | Visit in XXX and free afternoon | Lunch break | | | | 100000 |
| 15:30 - 17:00 | | Fears and expectations of the participants | | National realities: presentation of environmental issues in each of the represented countries | Can you live sustainably? | Projects for the future | Erasmus+ and ESC opportunities | |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | | Coffee Break | | Coffee Break | | | | |
| 17:30 -18:30 | | Introduction to Youthpass and Non Formal Education | | National realities: presentation of environmental issues in each of the represented countries | Role Play | Presentation of projects for the future | Evaluation | |
| 18:30 - 19:00 | | Reflection Groups | | | | | | |
| 20:00 | | Dinner | | | | | | |
| 21:30 | Name games | Free night | Free night | Intercultural night | Game night | Movie night | Farewell party | 2 |
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Participant Profile

Each partner will select participants who match these criteria:

Essential Criteria

- Youth workers, educators, or youth leaders
- Actively working with young people at the local level
- Interested in environmental issues, climate change, and sustainability
- Motivated to learn, share, and apply new tools and methods
- Willing to act as multipliers using what they learn in their local communities
- Open to intercultural learning and non-formal education
- Ready to engage in discussions, teamwork, and practical activities
- Preferably aged 18+
- Able to communicate in English (working language of the project)
- Fully available to participate in the entire training course duration

After the Training

Participants are expected to:

- Use the tools and methods learned in their work with youth
- Contribute to dissemination and follow-up activities
- Stay connected for possible future cooperation

Partner orgazniations

Latvia

"MIHI"

Italy

Trevessu APS

Spain

Fundación Plan B Educación Social

France

Avec Nous la Fabrique des territoires

Turkey

Future Europe Gençlik Grubu

Logistics in Latvia

- The participants will be hosted in the cozy Reinis Hotel Sigulda, a guesthouse on the outskirts of Sigulda
- Surrounded by a peaceful natural landscape, the Reinis is only a 10-minute drive away from the town center, Turaida Castle and the Gauja Valley, Gauja National Park
- A comfort stay for all participants, in shared rooms, apartments of 2,3,4,6 beds quadruple, triple, and twin with private and shared bathrooms and showers, shared kitchens A free Wi-Fi connection is available.
- The sessions will take place in a meeting room a
 2 min walk from the guesthouse.

Insurance, travel, and finances

- The accommodation and meals are 100% covered by the coordinating organization.
- Note: The breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals will be provided at a restaurant at the guesthouse; the meals have vegan
 options.
- A bus /Taxi will be booked to take you to and from Riga Airport or Riga Center/ Sigulda train station to the Venue; the distance is 64 km. Therefore, contribution fee of 40 EUR to be deducted from the spent travel costs of each participant., the contribution corresponding to this service. (Latvian participants are exempt)
- Each participant will be provided flight proposals most suitable for reaching Riga or Vilnius airport. The direct flights and cheapest means of transport are to be considered. All tickets shall be booked by the participants and reimbursed up to 2 months after the youth exchange. This reimbursement is conditioned to active participation. Checked-in luggage and any other extra flight options are not reimbursed. When traveling with Ryanair or Wizzair, it is allowed to add the priority-boarding option. Tickets can only be booked upon approval.
- We aim to promote green travel; we suggest the participants use Land transportation in other countries, take one flight only to reach Riga, and one flight back. All participants should arrive on the 2nd th before 4 PM in Riga and departure from the Venue on the 9th after 8:00 Am, no departure from the venue early than that
- It is not possible to stay before and after the travel days unless more suitable transportation options are available one day before and/or after at the participant's expense.
- The European Health Card is mandatory for all participants. MIHI will also provide incurance for participaints.

Latvia weather in SEPTMBER 2025

The temperatures in Latvia in September are usually low and can range between 10°C and 17°C.

You can expect about 3 to 8 days of rain in Latvia during the month of September. It's a good idea to bring along your umbrella so that you don't get caught in poor weather.



What to bring?

- Bring along your umbrella and raincoat, just in case;D
- Towels and personal hygiene things (shampoo, shower gel, will be provided; participants will need to bring other personal hygiene (toothpaste, etc.)
- Minimum one laptop for the country group. We will have activities that require digital content
- A refillable bottle of water.
- Comfortable clothes and shoes for hiking and walking activities in the forest
- Comfortable shoes to wear indoors the apartments and the guesthouse
- There will be an intercultural night, you may bring light objects that
- can represent your country, as souvenirs or snacks.
- Swimsuit for Sauna

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