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AUSTRIA _ Regional Conference of Youth Europe (RCOY) 2024

The Regional Conference of Youth Europe (RCOY) 2024 was designed to amplify youth voices in shaping international climate policies. With a focus on capacity building, position paper development, workshops, and cultural exchange, **the conference aims to empower young people to actively participate in the processes of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).**

Last year, it took place in Vienna from May 10-12, 2024, RCOY Europe **hosted approximately 150 young participants from across Europe**, ensuring balanced regional representation by selecting two delegates from each European country through an open application process. The conference themes aligned with UNFCCC negotiation topics and emphasized the priorities of the most affected people and areas (MAPA) within the European climate discourse. Key outcomes include the **development of a European Youth Statement, integrating regional perspectives into the global youth position paper adopted at the Conference of Youth (COY).** This statement was presented to European climate policymakers, ensuring youth demands influence the UNFCCC process. The event's significance was underscored by the patronage of Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen. The project encompasses **establishing a project management team, organizing thematic workshops, and delivering the conference, including participant support and public engagement via media.**

Measurable goals include reaching at least 100 participants, drafting the European Youth Statement, increasing social media outreach, and producing 25 photo and video posts to engage broader audiences. As a pioneering event, RCOY Europe highlights Austria's leadership in youth climate participation, building on its legacy of hosting the first European LCOY in 2018. This initiative creates a vital platform for empowering youth to contribute to climate action and justice.

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BELGIUM _ The future we want

"The Future We Want" is an innovative, youth-led project **tackling** one of today's most pressing global challenges: **fast fashion and unsustainable consumerism**. Supported by the European Commission under the Key Action 3 grant, **the project united nine organizations from Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, France, Belgium, Finland, Italy, Germany, and Portugal**. Together, they raised awareness about sustainability, climate awareness, youth empowerment, and advocacy across Europe. At its core, the project involved **45 young participants from diverse backgrounds**, including individuals of varying genders, social backgrounds, people with disabilities, and those with migrant experiences. This diversity enriched the project, ensuring that multiple perspectives shaped the initiative and its impact.

During the **year-long initiative**, participants gradually assumed ownership of the project. They began with **online learning modules focused on the UN Agenda 2030** and effective advocacy methods. A pivotal **10-day meeting in Romania** helped forge strong team dynamics, during which fast fashion was identified as the central issue. From there, **participants collaboratively designed impactful activities, including online awareness campaigns, local street events, and policy advocacy through open letters and policy briefs**.

The highlight of the project was the Transnational Caravan, which traveled to 17 European cities between August and September. This dynamic initiative engaged over 30,000 young Europeans through street campaigns, interactive workshops, and advocacy meetings. Creative methods like theatrical performances and hands-on workshops captured public attention, sparking conversations and inspiring systemic change. By combining advocacy, creativity, and youth engagement, the project stands as a model of practical European integration, fostering cross-border collaboration and inspiring young people to contribute to the EU's sustainable development agenda.

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BULGARIA _ Търсене на съкровища „Улови Европа“ (Treasure Hunt "Unveil Europe")

"Treasure Hunt: Unveil Europe" is an engaging, **interactive treasure hunt spread across the entire city of Sofia**, crafted to immerse participants in the exploration of the city while also delving into the essence of European identity and values. This exciting event takes participants on a journey through Sofia, guiding them to locations that hold both historical and cultural significance. Through **various challenges, puzzles, and compelling storytelling, the event draws connections between Bulgaria's rich history and its role in the broader European context**. It fosters a deeper sense of European belonging, helping people to better understand how Bulgaria fits into the ever-evolving European tapestry.

The treasure hunt combines **education, adventure, and active civic engagement**, offering participants a **platform for connection, to foster collaboration, and build a spirit of cooperation among participants**. Participants are invited to **solve Europe-themed challenges that encourage critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving**. Working together in teams, they navigate real-world scenarios that highlight the importance of European integration, democratic principles, and shared values that bind nations across the continent. As they uncover clues and solve riddles, they will be faced with tasks that mirror real-life challenges within the European Union, making the experience both educational and fun.

The project aims to not only strengthen a collective European identity but also to **emphasize Bulgaria's pivotal role within the European community**. It seeks to encourage young people to get actively involved in their communities and take an interest in the future of Europe. By participating in this unique event, they will better understand their power to influence the direction of Europe, both now and in the years to come. Ultimately, the event provides an exciting **opportunity for people to learn more about Sofia, Bulgaria's place in Europe, and how they can all contribute to shaping Europe's future**—all while having fun and engaging in an unforgettable adventure.

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CROATIA _ EU Days Dubrovnik

EU Days Dubrovnik was a youth-focused initiative that successfully promoted European values, opportunities, and active citizenship. Held in October 2024, the **event brought together over 1,200 young people**, including students and youth from Dubrovnik-Neretva County, **to explore EU programs, mobility opportunities, and professional development.**

The project raised awareness about EU-funded programs such as Erasmus+, CERV, and Eurodesk, fostered civic engagement, and highlighted key European values, including **democracy, equality, and human rights**. It also strengthened **cross-sectoral collaboration between educational institutions, local authorities, and civil society**, amplifying the impact of EU initiatives.

Key activities included **an exhibition featuring more than 10 exhibitors from EU institutions, educational organizations, and local stakeholders**. Additionally, **interactive workshops, panel discussions, and networking sessions** provided young participants with direct access to representatives of EU programs and opportunities to engage in discussions about democratic participation and European identity.

The event inspired young people to embrace their role as active EU citizens, while fostering collaboration between local and international stakeholders. This **improved the visibility and accessibility of EU programs and strengthened the capacity of local actors to support youth engagement**. Through its innovative and inclusive approach, EU Days Dubrovnik left a lasting impact, motivating young participants to contribute to European integration and actively engage in their communities.

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CYPRUS _ Music for Inclusion: Young Mentors in Action

Music has the power to transform lives, and Sistema Cyprus is proving it. Established in 2017, Sistema Cyprus is a **social-music programme providing free music education to young people with fewer opportunities**, particularly migrants, refugees, and marginalized youth from over 25 countries.

By harnessing the power of music, Sistema Cyprus fosters **social inclusion, bridges cultural divides, and empowers youth to shape their own futures**. Through Erasmus+, Sistema Cyprus launched the Music for Active Citizenship (MAC) Project in collaboration with El Sistema Greece. This initiative piloted a **Young Music Mentors Programme, equipping young musicians with leadership and mentorship skills to support and inspire their younger peers through music**.

Over three months, young mentors from Cyprus and Greece participated in structured training covering leadership, social inclusion, trauma-informed teaching, and intercultural communication. They then applied their skills by guiding younger students, fostering personal growth, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

Research conducted on MAC's impact showed that young mentors developed greater empathy and commitment to social inclusion, while students experienced improved confidence, integration, and emotional well-being.

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CZECH REPUBLIC _ Díky, že můžem volit (Thanks That We Can Vote)

The "Díky, že můžem volit" (Thanks That We Can Vote) campaign was launched to **address the low electoral participation of young people in the Czech Republic**, aiming to empower voters aged 18–29 during the 2024 European Parliament elections. Recognizing that youth voter turnout often lags behind other demographics, the campaign sought to **combat apathy, perceived political inefficacy, and fragmented engagement efforts through education, collaboration, and innovative outreach**.

The campaign's mission was to **fill the gap of a non-partisan representative of European values in the Czech Republic, fostering a sense of European identity and emphasizing active citizenship**. Its vision extended beyond the 2024 elections, aspiring to **establish young voters as a decisive force in politics, with participation rates surpassing the national average**. The campaign was structured in 3 phases: **1. Connect**: creation of a strong network among 32 organizations, ambassadors, and initiatives; **2. Inform**: usage of digital platforms and social media to reach young voters, generating over 6 million impressions and connecting with 1.67 million users; **3. Activate**: direct outreach to youth, **achieving a historic 38% participation rate**, which exceeded the national average by 2% for the first time in Czech history.

The campaign's activities included **educational workshops, debates, and interactive tools like an election calculator**. Social media content was strategically crafted to resonate with Generation Z, **making EU-related topics more accessible and engaging**. High-impact partnerships, such as those with Radio Wave and Velvet in Schools, significantly amplified the campaign's reach, further strengthening its influence and ensuring a broader engagement with young voters. By emphasizing the unique opportunities offered by the EU and leveraging data-driven insights, the campaign set a new benchmark for youth engagement, paving the way for sustained democratic participation in Czechia.

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DENMARK _ Nordjobb: Strengthening Nordic Unity through Youth Employment and Cultural Exchange

Nordjobb, a project by the Confederation of the Norden Associations (Föreningarna Nordens Förbund), has been fostering youth mobility, cultural exchange, and regional collaboration in the Nordic countries since 1985. The **program offers young people aged 18–30 the opportunity to work, live, and explore in another Nordic country, bridging cultural gaps and reinforcing a shared sense of belonging.**

Each year, Nordjobb connects over 700 participants with **seasonal employment opportunities in various sectors, including agriculture, tourism, and service industries.** Beyond facilitating work placements, the program **provides housing, social activities, and cultural events, enabling participants to immerse themselves in the local way of life while contributing to the host community.**

The program's core values align with European ideals of solidarity, mobility, and mutual understanding. Nordjobb empowers youth to **expand their horizons, develop linguistic skills, and gain professional experience, all while promoting intercultural dialogue and regional cooperation.** These experiences cultivate a deeper appreciation of shared Nordic heritage and values, which resonate with broader European goals.

Through partnerships with employers, municipalities, and cultural organizations, **Nordjobb not only enhances participants' personal growth but also strengthens cross-border collaboration and labor market flexibility.** By investing in youth and fostering a sense of unity, Nordjobb exemplifies how regional programs can address global challenges such as youth unemployment, social integration, and cultural diversity. Nordjobb continues to inspire and empower young people to **build bridges across borders, making it a vital contributor to a more united, inclusive, and resilient Europe.**

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ESTONIA _ EYLEAD – Empowering Young Leaders in European Democracy

EYLEAD addressed the challenge of low democratic participation among young Europeans, where only 42% of 18–24-year-olds voted in the 2019 European elections, and 36% in 2024. Youth disengagement from democratic processes continues to rise, leaving many feeling **disconnected from decision-making due to institutional complexity, linguistic barriers, and lack of representation**. This detachment has weakened democratic legitimacy, skewed policy priorities toward older, more active voting demographics, and slowed progress in areas where youth perspectives are crucial.

A thriving democracy depends on youth participation, as young people contribute innovation, longterm solutions, and forward-thinking governance. Their absence slows policy adaptation and leaves critical youth concerns unaddressed. With major European, national, and regional elections approaching, **EYLEAD took timely action to equip young people with the knowledge and motivation to engage in EU processes**.

The objectives of EYLEAD are to **strengthen knowledge of EU institutions, governance, and electoral systems, with a focus on youth participation**. It aims to equip participants with skills in advocacy, campaigning, and policy analysis to engage effectively with EU policymakers. The program also seeks to **enhance critical thinking and media literacy, empowering participants to make informed decisions and combat misinformation**. Additionally, it promotes **cultural exchange, fostering a shared European identity and cross-border cooperation**. Finally, **EYLEAD aims to establish sustainable engagement mechanisms by creating an alumni network of young leaders who advocate for EU policies**. EYLEAD delivered a structured and high-impact response to youth disengagement. The **project reached over 8,000 young people online and engaged more than 600 participants through in-person multiplier events** held across all participating countries as part of its post-project dissemination efforts.

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FINLAND _ Ad Astra for Ukrainians

Ad Astra for Ukrainians is a cultural initiative aimed at **supporting Ukrainian refugees in Finland through artistic and educational projects**. This project fosters collaboration and mutual understanding by engaging young people in creative activities, promoting European democratic values, and encouraging youth participation in cultural exchange.

By working with Ukrainian youth, the project **offers a safe space where they can express themselves, adapt to their new environment, and build meaningful connections**. The initiative includes **art workshops, mural projects, and cultural festivals**, bringing together Ukrainian refugees and Finnish communities. Through the **Ukrainian Sundays events**, the project **hosts concerts, workshops, and art therapy sessions**, helping Ukrainians maintain a connection to their homeland while introducing Finnish society to Ukrainian culture.

Additionally, the initiative organizes **youth clubs, offering a supportive space for Ukrainian teenagers to meet friends, receive psychological assistance, and engage in creative activities**. In collaboration with other cultural organizations, the initiative has created **large-scale murals in public spaces, including the pedestrian tunnel in Helsinki and the train station in Imatra, involving local youth in the creative process**. The Youth Club project fosters personal growth and self-expression for teenagers, with activities designed to alleviate the stress of displacement.

Moreover, the project organized a **Ukrainian Children's Festival, featuring creative workshops, concerts, and theater performances, all celebrating Ukrainian culture**. As part of the commitment to supporting the Ukrainian community, the initiative has hosted charity exhibitions and art sales, donating the proceeds to Ukrainian organizations. Through these projects, the project aims to promote European integration and empower young people by offering tangible examples of how Europeans can live together as a community, respecting human dignity and freedom.

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FRANCE _ Summer Space Festival

The Summer Space Festival (SSF) is an event that brings together people from Europe to explore the wonders of space through education, collaboration, and innovation. Founded in 2021, it is organised by a diverse group of young volunteers from countries like Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and Germany.

Held annually in a different city (such as Lille, Brussels, and Luxembourg), the festival **offers a free and engaging program focused on space science, aiming to make these topics accessible to the general public.** The event spans **one or two action-packed days, with a mix of interactive activities, workshops, and exhibitions, designed for all ages.** For example, the festival featured a variety of hands-on experiences, such as **a lunar rover driving challenge, VR missions to rescue stranded astronauts, and a rotating chair simulating astronaut training.** Additionally, families and children could enjoy science workshops where they learned about gravity and space propulsion through fun and engaging experiments.

Alongside these, the festival showcases **artistic performances, such as dance performances in microgravity and astrophotography exhibitions** that connect science and art, bringing space exploration to life in unexpected ways. The event also hosts **workshops for students and young professionals,** offering opportunities to explore careers in space-related fields and engage with experts from universities, start-ups, and space agencies. By creating a space where young people from across Europe can come together to share ideas, learn from experts, and be inspired to contribute to Europe's future, the Summer Space Festival promotes collaboration, creativity, and a shared European identity. This event, with its broad participation and focus on innovation, education, and transnational cooperation demonstrates how space can serve as a platform for unity and democratic engagement in Europe.

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GERMANY _ Feminist Law Clinic

The Feminist Law Clinic (FLC) is a pioneering, nationwide, and intersectional legal initiative that **provides free legal support to those most affected by gender-based discrimination, sexualized violence, and legal uncertainty—particularly women, lesbians, inter, non-binary, trans, agender, and queer individuals.** As the first initiative of its kind in Europe, the project is setting a new precedent for access to justice, human rights, and legal education.

Founded in the summer of 2024 by law students from the University of Cologne and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, the FLC has rapidly **expanded across 25 cities in Germany, creating a network of hundreds of qualified legal advisors.** By the end of the first training program in late 2024, the initiative had already **trained over 200 advisors,** with the ambitious goal of preparing 400 more each year. Under the **supervision of fully qualified lawyers,** the advisors have been **providing free legal guidance since January in the areas of sex crime law, alimony law, and self-determination rights.**

Recognizing the barriers many individuals face in accessing justice, FLC has developed an **innovative model that combines online legal counselling with local drop-in centers** to ensure low-barrier legal support. This hybrid approach is crucial in tackling systemic inequalities and ensuring that legal resources are accessible to all, regardless of financial means.

Beyond direct legal aid, FLC contributes to the **reform of legal education by addressing key issues,** which have so far been largely neglected in current legal training in Europe. Through the practice-oriented training, the project empowers young law students to act as multipliers for justice and human rights. At its core, the FLC embodies the European values of freedom, justice, and equality. By setting new standards for social responsibility, the initiative aims to inspire similar initiatives across Europe and drive long-term, structural change.

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GREECE _ Youth Horizons: Unleashing Youth Potential in Regions Facing Grave Challenges

The Youth Horizons initiative stems from personal experiences and aims to address the challenges and unlock the **potential of young people in rural areas**. Growing up in Kavala, a provincial town, the organiser personally experienced the difficulties related to **limited access to educational and professional opportunities**, as well as the **social and economic disparities between larger urban centers and smaller towns**. This highlighted **the need for increased youth participation in shaping local affairs and the lack of spaces for youth voices to be heard**, which became key motivators for this project and brought to the establishment of the Municipal Youth Council in Kavala.

Youth Horizons fosters a European identity by promoting a sense of belonging and cooperation, showcasing Municipal Youth Councils as effective instruments for institutional youth participation. In its first phase, the initiative organised **two summits** in Tilos and Limni, Evia. The Tilos summit addressed **urban-rural disparities and challenges faced by small islands**, offering innovative workshops and discussions on sustainable tourism and economic development. The Limni summit focused on **recovery from wildfires and emphasized youth involvement in building resilience and sustainability**. Both summits highlighted Municipal Youth Councils as tools to amplify youth voices and decision-making.

The initiative, supported by the Onassis Foundation Scholars' Association and local councils, saw significant success, including strong youth engagement and commitments from both municipalities to establish Youth Councils. Looking ahead, **three more summits are planned for 2025 in Greece and Bulgaria**, with the goal of expanding Youth Horizons' impact and promoting collaboration among young people across Europe.

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HUNGARY _ Forum Europaeum

The Forum Europaeum is a **pan-European media outlet** launched in October 2022 on TikTok, dedicated to **promoting European identity, values, and unity**. Starting with a viral post that reached nearly 600,000 views, we have grown to **13,500 TikTok followers and over 4 million video views by 2025**. We are united not by a common ideology but by a shared European framework, guided by our motto: **"Culture should influence politics, not the other way around."**

By the end of 2024, we evolved into a **pan-European community, with creators and contributors from Italy, Malta, Poland, and beyond**. As a media outlet, we produce **articles, podcasts, TikTok videos, and interviews**, exploring European identity and societal challenges. In 2023, we launched a podcast using European films to discuss cultural and political issues, while our **"Let's speak about Europe" series** hosted voices like the Pan-European Volt Party, fostering dialogue in a European context.

By 2024, we shifted focus to easing culture war tensions, creating spaces for constructive debates on topics like **wokeism and feminism**. Our decentralized structure includes local teams in Italy, Malta, Poland, and other countries, creating **content in their native languages**, especially on TikTok. These teams build grassroots communities around shared European ideals, **ensuring our message resonates locally while contributing to a broader European narrative**.

The future of Europe can only be sovereign if it shapes its own narratives—and for that, a dedicated European media platform is essential. The Forum Europaeum was created to fill this need, providing a space for diverse voices within a European framework. Our mission is to ensure that Europe's future is shaped by its own people, fostering a sovereign, informed, and united continent.

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IRELAND _ Model European Union

The Model European Union, organized by the Law Society at University College Cork, was an unprecedented event in Ireland, marking a significant milestone in both the academic and European engagement landscape. This event stood out as a groundbreaking initiative, not only being the **first of its kind in Ireland**, but also serving as a **unique simulation of the European Union’s legislative processes**. It **brought together students from a diverse array of universities across Ireland and Europe**, united under the framework of a European University Alliance.

The event provided participants with **an unparalleled, hands-on experience that offered a direct and in-depth understanding of how the European Union’s legislative process works**. Through carefully designed **simulations of both the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union**, students were able to experience the challenges and intricacies involved in shaping EU policy firsthand. This model was not just a theoretical exercise; it was a vibrant, dynamic simulation where participants actively **engaged in debate, negotiation, and decision-making, mirroring the real-life functioning of EU institutions**.

Students participating in this event came from **a broad spectrum of universities**, representing not only Ireland but also a wide selection of European institutions. This geographical diversity added an enriching layer of perspective to the simulation, fostering **cross-cultural collaboration and understanding among the participants**. By connecting students from various regions of Europe, the event emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation within the European Union, encouraging students to **explore European identity, governance, and policymaking** in an interactive, meaningful way. This unique blend of academic rigor and practical simulation made the Model European Union at University College Cork a truly exceptional event for all involved.

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ITALY _ #EUvote

The #EUvote campaign, spearheaded by ESN Italy, was a dynamic and multifaceted initiative that utilized a **transmedia strategy, employing a combination of social media, podcasts, and local collaborations to reach a wide and diverse audience.** The campaign specifically targeted European citizens, with a strong emphasis on **young people and the Erasmus Generation, encouraging them to take an active role in shaping the future of Europe through their votes.**

A central component of the #EUvote campaign was its celebration of the European Union's rich history, its core values, and the cultural diversity that defines it. The campaign also took the opportunity to **highlight the Erasmus+ program**, a flagship EU initiative that has connected millions of young Europeans through educational exchanges. By **showcasing the tangible benefits and success stories of Erasmus+**, the campaign aimed to reinforce the idea that the **EU is not just a political entity but a community that directly impacts the lives of its citizens, especially the younger generation.** In addition to celebrating the EU's achievements, the #EUvote campaign placed a strong emphasis on the **importance of an informed and conscious vote.** It provided **practical guides on voting procedures**, ensuring that all citizens, particularly Italians living abroad, foreign residents, and international students, had the necessary information to participate fully in the elections. **These guides helped bridge the gap between citizens and their democratic rights**, offering crucial details about how to cast their votes, no matter where they lived. Through this comprehensive approach, the campaign fostered a sense of European identity and unity, encouraging citizens to see themselves **not just as members of individual countries, but as active participants in a broader European community.** The #EUvote campaign was not only an informational effort, but also a **powerful call to action, urging citizens to engage in the democratic process and take ownership of the future of Europe.**

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LATVIA _ Uzticēšanās zvaigznājs (The Constellation of Trust)

Trust is the foundation of social cohesion and a cornerstone of democracy. The project "The Constellation of Trust" aimed to promote a culture of mutual trust in Latvian society through various activities. It provided young people with insights into **how non-governmental organizations contribute to improving living conditions and strengthening democracy.**

Mutual trust levels in Latvia are low, making this issue a key focus of the project. Since young people reflect society, fostering trust should **start in educational institutions.** Thus, the project included **23 interviews with local community leaders, municipal representatives, and students.** The findings contributed to the development of **two trust-building methodologies,** tested by over 180 participants across different regions of Latvia. Educational and informational materials were created for decision-makers, teachers, and parents, reaching 43 municipalities.

A total of **53 educational sessions, seminars, and presentations** were conducted, involving 547 educators and school representatives. "Trust Battery Charging Stations" **were established in 46 schools, with 57 sessions directly engaging 776 children and young people.** The initiative indirectly benefited at least 20,000 students, as the method was implemented throughout entire schools.

A major activity within the project, "The Thread of Trust," took place at **several regional democracy festivals,** including the largest democracy festival in Latvia – "LAMPA" – where it engaged 1,793 participants. In this interactive event, participants answered a question about trust and wrapped a thread around a stand, symbolically creating a network of mutual trust. This project was submitted by "European Movement in Latvia", founded in 1997. It works to ensure Latvia's active participation in the EU and promote informed public engagement in decision-making.

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LITHUANIA _ Ukraine _ A Glimpse of Reality

Since the invasion of Ukraine, Lithuanians Tomas Jenkelevič, Eduardas Pontežis, and Antanas Čėponis have **provided humanitarian aid** and documented the experiences of those affected by the conflict. Entirely self-funded, these young activists have made multiple trips to Ukraine, **combining aid delivery with storytelling through photography and videography**.

Their mission is to deliver aid, raise awareness of the war's impact, and inspire solidarity. By sharing personal and authentic narratives, they highlight the resilience of individuals enduring conflict and ensure their stories reach broader audiences.

The initiative has engaged over 20,000 people through exhibitions and screenings in Lithuania, Poland, and Turkey. A key event was the premiere of their **short documentary**, filmed during their first trip to Ukraine: **"Ukraine: A Glimpse of Reality"** at the Mo Museum, attended by over 200 people. **The documentary won the "#MyImpact" competition** by DELFI, and Eduardas Pontežis received the "Youth Creator of the Year" award.

The project was also recognized among the Top 15 initiatives at the Lietuvos Galia awards, under the patronage of Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda.

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LUXEMBOURG _ Concours artistique transfrontalier Luxembourg-France-Allemagne

For the past three years, the **cross-border artistic competition between Luxembourg, France and Germany** has been led by committed young people and has successfully gathered organizations and citizens from the three countries and beyond to **promote socio-cultural mixity, language and European awareness**, as much as **intercultural and intergenerational dialogue through art**.

With a **focus on essential cross-border topics, such as the industrial heritage (2023), the European elections (2024), and languages in Europe (2025)**, **this transnational artistic competition** combined with an exhibit and a roundtable **provides a multilingual and multicultural forum for discussion of wider local and European issues**. **Bringing together hundreds of citizens** from very diverse backgrounds and personal experiences, the initiative is an invitation to exchange viewpoints and reflect together on the future of our cross-border region and Europe.

The third edition in January 2025 led by MultiPerspectives – a space for multilingual and multicultural exchange based in the cross-border region – and future editions to come – focus on **reinforcing the engagement with communities often distanced from European debates** by using art's universal language and multilingual approaches. This has proven to be an effective means of fostering dialogue, since art serves both as a catalyst for creativity and as a means of stimulating relevant conversations on pressing societal challenges. In addition to the art exhibition, the event features a roundtable discussion and interactive stands by NGOs in the fields of youth, EU mobility and languages. These spaces of exchange allow participants to **reflect on key societal, cross-border and European issues in an open and accessible way within the community**, from the future of young people's involvement in European discussions to ways of strengthening links between rural territories, the role of languages and the opportunity given by arts to foster the European debate.

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MALTA _ Green Bean Guru Cookbook Project - Maltese Recipes

This project was a collaborative effort between Finland, Greece, Turkey, and Malta, with the primary goal of **promoting sustainability in cooking by exploring and sharing cultural traditions and commonly found natural food resources in each country**. The initiative had two main objectives: **to foster an appreciation for foraging and the use of sustainable resources across the participating countries, and to design food recipes that minimize waste**. A key outcome of the collaboration was the **creation of a comprehensive cookbook**. This cookbook **compiled recipes and learnings from all four countries**, emphasizing the integration of sustainability into culinary traditions. It highlighted the cultural significance of foraging and sustainable cooking, offering practical examples of how these practices could be adapted to modern lifestyles.

Reducing food waste was another central focus of the project. Recipes were developed with an **emphasis on resourcefulness and waste minimization, and use of what would normally be considered to be a waste product**. This approach not only supported the broader sustainability goals of the initiative but also demonstrated how traditional practices can inspire innovative solutions to contemporary challenges. Malta's participation in the project is particularly noteworthy for this application. The country contributed its rich culinary heritage and demonstrated how sustainable practices are embedded in its traditions. By sharing knowledge of local ingredients, foraging techniques, and waste-reducing recipes, Malta played a significant role in advancing the project's objectives.

Overall, the project fostered cultural exchange, promoted environmental consciousness amongst youth, and underscored the importance of preserving traditional knowledge while adapting it to sustainable living practices. The aim of the project was also to promote such recipes with the general public through social media.

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NETHERLANDS _ Utrecht 2024 - The 24th National Conference of EYP NL

“Utrecht 2024” was an inspiring and **impactful four-day event aimed at empowering young Europeans to tackle pressing societal issues through dialogue, collaboration, and innovation.** Organized by the European Youth Parliament (EYP) Netherlands, the conference **brought together approximately 100 high school students** from diverse backgrounds to engage in high-level discussions on European topics. **This year’s theme** sought to address the urgent need for **cooperation and solidarity in an increasingly polarized world.**

Through carefully structured committee work, **participants collaboratively developed resolutions addressing current European challenges.** These resolutions were **debated and refined during the plenary session, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and demonstrating the power of youth-led policymaking.** The conference was guided by 50 passionate and experienced alumni from across Europe, who mentored the participants and ensured the sessions reflected the European Youth Parliament’s values of inclusivity, critical thinking, and respect for diverse perspectives.

By fostering cross-border collaboration, the event exemplified the spirit of European integration and unity. Beyond the event, participants were evaluated for opportunities to represent EYP Netherlands internationally and were **inducted as alumni, granting access to workshops, national events, and international volunteering opportunities.** The conference not only provided a platform for young people to voice their opinions on critical issues but also empowered them to take action in their communities.

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POLAND _ Refugee Luminary Youth Initiative

The Refugee Luminary Youth Initiative (RLYI) is a youth-led project empowering Ukrainian refugee youth and European peers to collaborate on **solutions for mental health support, social integration, and democratic participation**. The initiative fosters **cross-cultural dialogue, leadership training, and community-driven advocacy**, equipping young people with the skills to navigate displacement challenges, combat stigma, and shape refugee policies at both national and European levels.

Through **mental health support groups, youth-led advocacy workshops, digital storytelling, and cultural exchange programs**, RLYI creates inclusive spaces where Ukrainian refugees and host-country youth build mutual understanding and solidarity. The project has successfully **reached over 20,000 young people in Poland, Germany, and Belgium**, engaging them in peer-to-peer mentorship, civic education, and policy discussions with EU institutions. One of the primary focuses is **providing leadership training for young refugees, equipping them with the skills and confidence to amplify their voices in policymaking processes**. By empowering these young individuals, RLYI ensures they can contribute meaningfully to decisions that affect their lives and communities. Additionally, the initiative has **established community-driven support networks that encourage resilience and social cohesion**, helping refugees integrate and rebuild their lives in a supportive environment.

Through both **digital and in-person** initiatives, RLYI works to promote refugee rights while also highlighting core European values such as solidarity and inclusion. These initiatives serve as a **platform to raise awareness and advocate for the rights of refugees**, ensuring their voices are heard on a broader scale. Furthermore, RLYI **collaborates with EU institutions, NGOs, and youth councils** to ensure a systemic impact, building strong partnerships that can create lasting change and address the challenges refugees face in Europe.

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PORTUGAL _ Europe XXI

Europe XXI is a European youth association, founded on May 9, 2021 with the mission to build a better EU, grounded in democracy, freedom, equality, the rule of law, and solidarity. **It aims to bring European values closer to local populations and connect the younger generations to the EU.** Although predominantly Portuguese, **the team includes 21 young people, aged between 18 and 30, from various EU member states** (Portugal, Spain, Hungary, Luxembourg and Italy). With diverse academic, professional backgrounds and political views, they **embrace the challenge of rethinking the EU for the 21st century.** The three flagship activities of the association are:

- **Para Surf Tour:** A pioneering initiative promoting inclusion, where **individuals with disabilities from across Europe experience surfing for the first time.** Being at its 4th edition, the tour has impacted 120 people and will expand in 2025 to reach 150 participants, raising awareness of disability rights within EU policies while promoting equality and solidarity through sport.
- **Wine Time with Europe XXI:** A series of informal **discussions held in rural areas, bringing together local youth and MEPS to discuss EU politics.** Having completed 5 editions, this initiative has engaged 150 young people, creating lasting and meaningful dialogues about Europe.
- **EU in a 1-hour Nutshell:** A series of **webinars designed to provide a dynamic and accessible introduction to the EU. Aimed at students and young professionals,** have reached 120 participants, offering a concise overview of how the EU functions and impacts daily life.

By promoting transnational cooperation, especially in underrepresented communities, we contribute to a future grounded in unity and shared EU principles.

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ROMANIA _ YOUTH Art Festival

In September 2024, in Câmpina, the second edition of the **YOUTH Art Festival** took place, **offering a space for young people to feel more European, as well as rejuvenating local democracy and youth involvement.**

This initiative was **based on the needs Câmpina's youth**, collected through a consultative processes and grass-roots initiatives such as "Tinerii Merită". Two main needs were identified: the need for creative spaces and the desire to be exposed to an international audience. A call for volunteers attracted many international participants to Campinas, who were encouraged to showcase their unique talents and international perspectives.

The festival was developed to promote creativity encourage the volunteers to share their skills with the local community. In total, through the European Solidarity Corps, **42 volunteers from 19 different countries participated.** These included young people from 9 EU Member States (Austria, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Romania, Spain, Poland), 6 countries close to the EU (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Turkey, Egypt, Morocco) and 4 countries further away (Argentina, Costa Rica, India and Iran).

The project promoted EU values, such as **democracy** through collaborative processes involving local authorities and local youth, **equality** through the Intercultural Picnic on the International Day of Youth, **human dignity** through "Tinerii Merită", **human rights** through the promotional activities in high-schools, and **freedom** through the dedicated EU stands over the days of the festival.

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SLOVAKIA _ Festival Ľudskosť (Festival Humanness)

The Festival Ľudskosť is a **non-commercial, community-focused cultural event** that took place for the second time in Zvolen, Slovakia, from August 16 to 18, 2024, at Ľudovít Štúr Park. The festival's focus was on advocating for quality education accessible housing for all, and improving conditions for people with disabilities.

The event offered a range of activities, including **public discussions, concerts, international food tastings, film screenings, and personal testimonies**, all aimed at addressing opportunities for urban development and exploring cultural connections within society.

Organized by Platforma Ľudskosť, a **collaboration of local civil organizations**, the festival once again featured a space for international cuisine, offering traditional dishes from representatives of various nationalities and ethnic groups living in Zvolen.

Residents of Zvolen were also invited to share their life concerns and joys, which were showcased in a photo exhibition. Other highlights **included discussions on social issues, performances by local and minority artists, yoga sessions, children's workshops, a festival train, and a cycling tour of Zvolen's historical sites**. Additionally, the festival featured international cultural exchanges, such as food tastings and yarn bombing art installations.

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SLOVENIA _ International Trauma School of Ljubljana

International Trauma School of Ljubljana (ITSL) is an **international educational event designed to enhance medical students' knowledge and practical skills in emergency medicine and traumatology**. Organized by the Slovenian Medical Students' Association Ljubljana (DŠMS) in collaboration with leading Slovenian healthcare, protection, and rescue organizations, ITSL offers a **unique hands-on learning experience**. The project **bridges the gap between theoretical medical education and real-life emergency situations by providing high-quality training through workshops, lectures, and interactive trauma scenarios**.

Over **four intensive days**, participants engage in Advanced Life Support (ALS) training, trauma simulations, and multidisciplinary team exercises, guided by **experienced clinicians, paramedics, and rescue professionals**. The event also fosters international collaboration, uniting medical students from various countries and **encouraging cross-cultural knowledge exchange**. Since its launch in 2023, ITSL has **welcomed students from 19 different countries, primarily from Europe but also from beyond**. By integrating theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience, the program cultivates key skills such as **teamwork, adaptability, and quick decision-making, essential for future healthcare professionals**.

Beyond its educational impact, ITSL acts as a collaborative platform, strengthening ties between different healthcare sectors and fostering a network of young professionals committed to advancing emergency medical care. The project not only enhances participants' medical expertise but also **inspires them to adopt a global perspective on emergency medicine**. Through its innovative approach, the ITSL fosters both the personal and professional growth of young medical students while promoting European values of collaboration, education, and knowledge exchange.

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SPAIN _ Camino Europa 2024

The Camino Europa 2024 project arose from the idea of a group of teachers from Albacete, part of the European Parliament Ambassador Program (EPAS). **These teachers were looking for new ways to connect students from different countries in Europe.** The initial idea was simply to **do a section of the Camino de Santiago with associated schools,** but it evolved in an initiative to **promote citizens' participation in the 2024 European Elections.**

Schools from Germany, Bulgaria, Romania, and Portugal participated in the project.

The initiative consisted of a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago, in which students wore blue raincoats and other promotional images with the slogan of the European Elections to generate interest and dialogue.

Along the way, students **shared ideas about Europe, played games and raised awareness among local inhabitants about the importance of voting so that citizens can truly participate in the decisions made in the European Parliament.**

The experience had obstacles, obviously, caused by **cultural diversity, but also moments of unity and common reflection.** The project culminated in events in Sarria with students from a local school, and in Santiago, where the young people met with MEPs. After the trip, some students promoted electoral participation in their countries of origin and, in recognition, the students from Albacete were invited to a Euroscola session in Strasbourg. The project, without a doubt, has left a lasting mark on the participants.

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SWEDEN _ Brobyggande arbete (Bridge-Building Work)

Bridge-Building Work is a youth-led initiative by Ung i Världen aimed at increasing diversity in the development sector and strengthening youth engagement in democracy and European integration. The project specifically targets young people with a migration background, equipping them with practical tools, networks, and knowledge to actively participate in policy-making, international cooperation, and civic engagement.

Through a series of **workshops, mentorship programs, and networking events**, participants gain deeper insights into human rights, political participation, and the EU's role in global development. They meet **decision-makers, experts, and professionals** in international politics and diplomacy, developing the skills needed to contribute to societal change. Study visits to institutions and organizations provide firsthand experience of how European cooperation work in practice.

The project creates a **platform for intercultural dialogue and social inclusion bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds to collaborate both online and in person**. By fostering connections and amplifying youth voices in key societal debates, the project empowers the next generation of engaged Europeans and contributes to a more inclusive, democratic, and united European community.

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