



Connect-Act Youth Statutory Meeting Report



Date : 30.11.2023-03.12.2023

Schedule

30.11.2023

Arrival of the participants, welcome of participants, first meeting, Icebreaking activity/ knowing each other, dinner.

01.12.2023

Meeting for presentations and discussions about the future of the Connect Act Youth project, visits.

02.12.2023

Meeting for the final presentations, visiting an NGO.

03.12.2023

Departure of the participants.



Participants

One representative from each member of the network.



Meeting Places



01.12.2023

Gazi University, Faculty of Technology, Taskent Bulding 06500 Teknikokullar - ANKARA TURKEY

02.12.2023

Association of Academic Union -
Mebusevleri Mah. Ayten Sk.
No.39/4 06570 – Çankaya/ANKARA



01.12.2023



Meeting Schedule

10.00 - Arrival of the participants and opening of the meeting.

10.30 - Start of the meeting.

11.30 - 10 minutes break.

11.40 - Second part of the meeting.

13.00 - Launch at Gazi University.

13.30 - Departure from the University.

14.00 - Visit of the Etimesgut Turkish History Museum.

14.45 - Visit of the Etimesgut Barrier-Free Living Center.

17.00 - Arrival at the Association of Academic Union.

19.30 - Dinner.



10.00

Opening of the meeting and greetings After the arrival of the participants, everybody introduced themselves and presented their NGOs, what they expect from this meeting and the project in general.



10.30

Start of the meeting

After the introduction and getting to know one another, the meeting started with a presentation about the Connect-Act Youth project. Mr. Mohammed from Solidarity Tracks presented the project about, its aims, project's plan for 2023 and the working plan for the rest of the year.



Summary and the topic of the Project

The project aims to establish 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements with European Civil Society Organizations to promote youth policy transfer, learning, and support on EU objectives among stakeholders in participating countries. This cooperation will help create a sense of ownership in EU actions and policies, considering civil society's ideas and concerns. The project will enhance civil society involvement in the Erasmus+ Programme, the European Solidarity Corps, and other EU programs, and disseminate youth policy, program results, and good practices among stakeholders through their networks and beyond.

The topic of the project is cooperation with civil society organizations in the field of youth. Cooperation with civil society organizations is crucial for raising awareness about the EU Youth Strategy and the European Year of Youth, providing the Commission with analysis and advice on youth priorities, and achieving the principles of youth participation in democratic life outlined in Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the EU Youth Strategy.



Objectives of the Connect-Act Youth project



- The project aims to enhance the technical and pedagogical skills of youth workers and partners, particularly those with limited opportunities, through a project network that promotes lifelong non-formal learning, tools, and European mobility activities.
- The goal is to collaborate with public authorities and EU programs targeting young people to enhance their influence on local, network, and global political agendas, aligning with the European Year of Youth objectives, focusing on young people's engagement in creating and managing spaces.
- The goal is to enhance the cooperation and commitment of European civil society actors to promote young people's participation in democratic life, and social inclusion, and adapt to the green and digital transition, in line with the EU Youth Strategy.
- The network aims to provide more opportunities for young people, including those with limited opportunities, to participate in learning mobility, both on-site and remotely, to enhance their skills and initiative through exchange with EU youth.
- The aim is to enhance young people's engagement in active citizenship and democratic life in the EU by involving them in the creation, animation, management, and operation of virtual and real spaces.



3 Years Action Plan

Activity	Implementation
<p>Learning mobilities for young people and youth workers and educators in Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth exchanges, seminars, strategic partnership projects developed by the network. - Focus on the Green Deal/ digital practices digital in favor of sustainable development & Art For the development. <p>A total of 18 youth motilities/ 648 young beneficiaries between 2023 and 2025</p>
<p>Projects for youth participation</p>	<p>Implementation of local and transnational projects for the engagement of young people, focusing on the management of their virtual and physical spaces for their personal development and local development, through European volunteering projects.</p>
<p>Management and administration of our online learning platforms and support of initiatives developed by youngsters and volunteers</p>	<p>Management and support of beneficiaries for the following online learning platforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - www.e-rescue.eu (learning about giving a live to the abandoned public spaces) - www.youthclub.eu (Developing social entrepreneurship profile and supporting young people to do their start up) - www.multicultiart.org (Involving young people to develop the concept of smart city in term of art and culture and taking artistic and cultural initiatives) - www.goresponsible.org (involving young people in the responsible tourism) - www.e-esc.eu (proposing different e-courses and e-mentoring to the young volunteers) - www.sportsocialact.com: (Supporting young people to implement group sport activities for inclusion and wellbeing)

<p>Training mobilities by distance for youth</p>	<p>- Training courses for youth workers and educators organized by the network</p>
<p>Workers</p>	
<p>Citizens actions of sustainable development and awareness of the protection of the environment</p>	<p>Through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local youth initiatives - Sending and hosting ESC volunteers - Creating innovative tools and intellectual outputs for learning
<p>Creation and publication of online interactive magazines</p>	<p>Publication and disseminations at large scale of 12 online magazine (4 per year, 1 per trimester) to highlight the activities of the network members, including tools for learning, results and development of youth platforms, feedback of research relating to youth, youth initiatives in network members, learning opportunities and other news from the network “The voice of youth”.</p>
<p>Activities of management and Implementation of the network</p>	<p>Quarterly online meetings of the network to follow the development of our cooperation activities and to discuss topics of interest for EU youth policies, access to programmes, mobility, youth work training, common initiatives, etc.</p>



In addition to the 3-year project plan, Solidarity Tracks also shared the activity plan for 2023, and we talked about what was done and what the results were. After this, a presentation about the Connect Act Youth research report, webinar evaluation report and interactive research report were made. In this presentation, we saw how many people attended this research, why they are important to us and for the project, and what we observed about attendees and the future of this project. Before taking a 10-minute break, participants of the statutory meeting gave their feedback about the researches that was done.

Activity Plan for 2023

1. Coordination and project management

- **Interactive research study:** The study aimed to exchange realities about managing spaces for young people through interactive research, by analyzing real-time data to determine the needs of young people and youth support workers for creative spaces.

<https://lookerstudio.google.com/reporting/98dafd07-fc1b-468a-b4a6-ca0951a0f199>

- **Three online statutory meetings:** 2 hours / network meeting were dedicated to follow the activities and results of the project. Partners met to exchange good practices, follow-up, evaluate the progress of the working plan and discuss new initiatives.

<https://tamonopatia.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Remote-meetings.pdf>

- **1 statutory meeting (mobility activity):** 3-day network meeting in Italy organized to follow the activities and results of the project. Partners met to exchange good practices and follow up with project activities. This meeting was partly devoted to the analysis of the results of the interactive research and the dissemination of the European Youth Strategy. During this meeting, we exchanged the methods and initiatives related to creating and managing youth spaces in the communities of the partners.

- **A final network impact assessment report:** A digital report was prepared and shared in English by our team with the contribution of all the partners of the network about the contribution for virtual and physical youth spaces, as well the involvement of youngsters in this process.

2. Strengthening the capacities of network members to create and manage youth spaces

- **Seminar in Greece on the creation and management of real and virtual youth spaces by and for young people:** 2 youth workers per partner country of the network, to develop their skills and strengthen lasting partnerships for the creation and the development of future Erasmus+ projects. Tutorial videos and 3 online training modules resulted from this training to support youth leaders and their young targets in the creation and management of real and virtual youth spaces (September 2023). See more: <https://tamonopatia.org/connect-act-through-youth-spaces/>

- **Management of the existing virtual learning spaces for youth:** Yes club (www.youthclub.eu) / RESCUE (www.e-rescue.eu) / Sport social act (www.sportsocialact.com) / Multicultiart (www.multicultiart.org) / E-ESC (www.e-esc.eu), learn2volunteer.com (Solidarity Tracks for the management/ All partners for the promotion).

- **Online or on-the-spot World Café:** with discussion rooms on topics that concern the management and operation of virtual and real local community spaces, implemented locally by each network member (each partner).

- **Online training:** for motivated and future (E)-mentors from the network members to prepare them for co-administration and e-mentoring for the beneficiaries of our learning platforms. (The consortium/ Solidarity Tracks: Coordinator). See Webinar Evaluation report: <https://tamonopatia.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/webinar-evaluation-report.pdf>

- **Remotely toolfair:** virtual gathering meeting open to other associated partners to exchange tools and practices, with interactive online workshops (all partners/ Solidarity Tracks: Coordinator). See report: <https://tamonopatia.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/toolfair-report.pdf>

3. Connecting, engaging and empowering young people

- **2 Focus group (Remotely or on the spot)** carried out by each partner at the local level, involving young people of different profiles and capacities to determine their vision on the management of their spaces, in collaboration with representatives of public authorities to encourage policy agenda decisions in favor of and agreement with youth, at least 15 young people, 2 tutors, one project coordinator, one policy maker (each partner)

- **2 E-trainings** of young multiplier tutors in the creation and management of youth spaces (Solidarity Tracks/ Coordinator)

- **3 Youth initiatives:** Civic and/or entrepreneurial initiatives in favor of their community via our learning platforms mentioned above, initiatives as a local active citizen or European volunteers in favor of their host communities, initiatives for the creation and/or management of a real or virtual youth space, allowing the transmission of the voice of youngsters, fostering their inclusion and creativity. Youth initiatives in: Magazine 1 Magazine 2 Magazine 3 Magazine 4

- **Video tutorial:** Pedagogy of creation and management of real and virtual space for and by youngsters (each partner). See tutorial videos here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_m6dFYWsGfgA4S9C_E6HVogBd0UpG6Qg

- **GIS map** connecting all partners, their youth workers, and youngsters showing the policy initiatives for young people taken in the partner communities activities of the network, opportunities for youngsters and youth workers, tools and good practices in the field of youth happened the communities of the consortium.

4. Communication, visibility and dissemination

- **Four E-magazines**, one per trimester, presenting the activities, news and innovative initiatives of the network, resources and educational tools created, initiatives taken by young people regarding the creation and management of spaces and other initiatives taken in favor of their community and elsewhere, political decisions in favor of youngsters, news of the physical and virtual spaces of young people, and the contribution of the European Year of Youth for young European.

- **Communication actions** to promote the activities of the network (creation of dedicated communication tools and publication on social networks, internet pages and other media).

- **Impact report:** of the network's activities in 2023 (Solidarity Tracks).

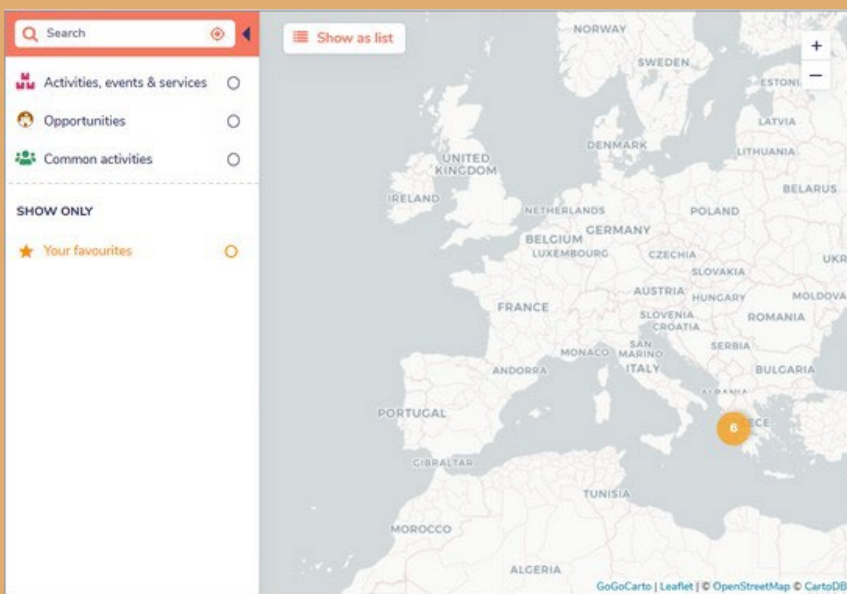


After the break, a presentation was made about GIS MAP and e-magazines. GIS map was introduced and presented: its elements, how it works and how to use it. GIS MAP: <https://actyouth.gogocarto.fr/>

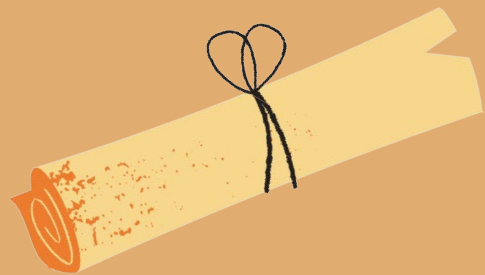
Then e-magazines were introduced, and former editions were shown and talked about how they were prepared. We talked about what are they about, their content, their target audience and where they are published. In the presentation, it mentioned that the first edition is dedicated to the network parties and there will be a fourth edition that is planned for 2023.

Before closing the morning meeting and lunch, some plans for 2023 were shared. For the last month of 2023, all network parties must prepare an article for the fourth edition of the e-magazines and add 3 locations on the GIS MAP in three categories which are activities, events and services.

For more information about the Connect Act Youth project, the research reports, e-magazines and GIS MAP: <https://tamonopatia.org/connect-act-youth/>

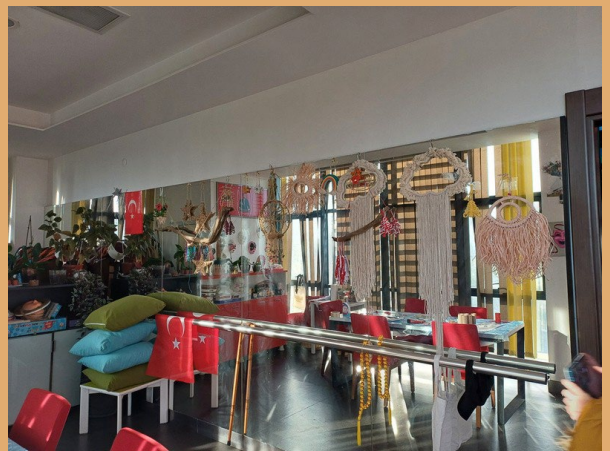
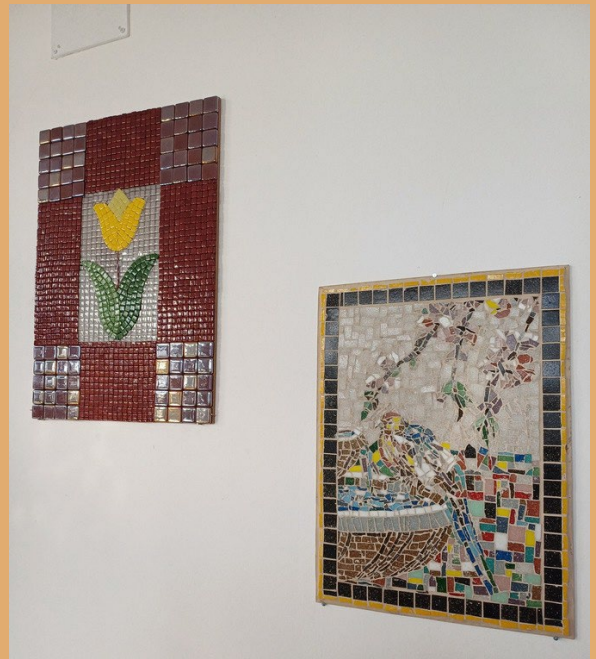


After lunch, we went to visit the Etimesgut Turkish History open-air museum:



Visiting the Etimesgut Barrier-free Living Center for people with disabilities, which is managed by the Etimesgut municipality. In the center, an officer presented us the center, when it's opened, what are they doing, what kind of services they provide, how the disabled people can join and benefit from the center, etc. We learned that there are approximately 52 teachers, workers and other specialists who work here (Psychologists, social workers, cook...). They have a lot of educational areas for different types of disabilities like educational classes for visually-impaired, hearing-impaired (etc.) people. In the center, there are also some other classes like candle making, visual arts, drama, science, music and practice rooms. Most of the classes are for learning practice like bookbinding or candle-making classes and some are for learning daily chores like a practice room. In this room, people learn basic household chores like vacuuming, washing the dishes and/or making their beds. They also learn some basic self-hygiene in this class like brushing their hair or clipping their nails. They also have a gymnasium for physical therapy and a library as well. After we toured the center we met with the center's principle and had a short meeting in the library about Connect Act Youth project, learning more information about the center and future project ideas.





We also had a meeting with a local decision maker from the municipality, who expressed an interest in cooperating to give young people from the center the chance to take part in mobility schemes under the Erasmus plus programme. We also discussed with the elected official the region's policy for managing spaces for young people. The conclusion of this discussion was that the prefecture of the capital "Ankara" is making every effort to set up and run youth centers and support centers for the disabled that meet the needs of the young people targeted.



After the center, we went to visit the Association of Academic Union and continued working there. In the Association every participant made their presentations about their NGOs, what are they focusing on and doing, what are they doing for youth projects and volunteering programs under the Erasmus+, what they did in 2023 under this project and what were the results of them. We also talked more about the research results, and the youth's suggestions/recommendations based on the results. After the presentations, feedback was given and each party asked questions if they had any and we finished for the day.



02.12.2023



Meeting Schedule

10.00 - Meeting at the Association of Academic Union.

10.15 - Start of the meeting.

11.45 - 10 minute break.

11.55 - Second part of the meeting.

13.15 - Launch.

14.30 - NGO visitation.

15.30-19.00 -Free time.

19.30 - Dinner.



In the morning everybody met at the Association of Academic Union for the last meeting day. At this meeting, we started with the “Administering Learning Platforms” webinar evaluation report’s presentation and its results and effectiveness:

e-learning.youthclub.eu



e-rescue.eu



sportsocialact.com



multicultiart.org



learn2volunteer.com



e-esc.eu

A group of youth workers joined this webinar in the statutory meeting participants and after the presentation, they gave their feedback about the webinar and its efficiency for them. The webinar being online really helped because they were attending the webinar from different countries but also ineffective for them because they preferred more practical activities to learn. After the feedbacks, we examined some e-learning platforms from the eyes of the admin. We examined how to create a course on the website, how to specialize it; how we can see the results of that course’s participants, how we can turn them into different diagrams; how to use GIS MAP etc.

When the presentation ended we gave 10 minute break and started the second part. In this second part, all participants made presentations about their NGOs’ e-learning projects and their target audience, what are they expecting from these projects, how it is useful to today’s world, what they are expecting to achieve, etc. After the presentations, we did one last presentation about the Connect Act Youth project’s 2024 working plan. There are 4 work packages for 2024:

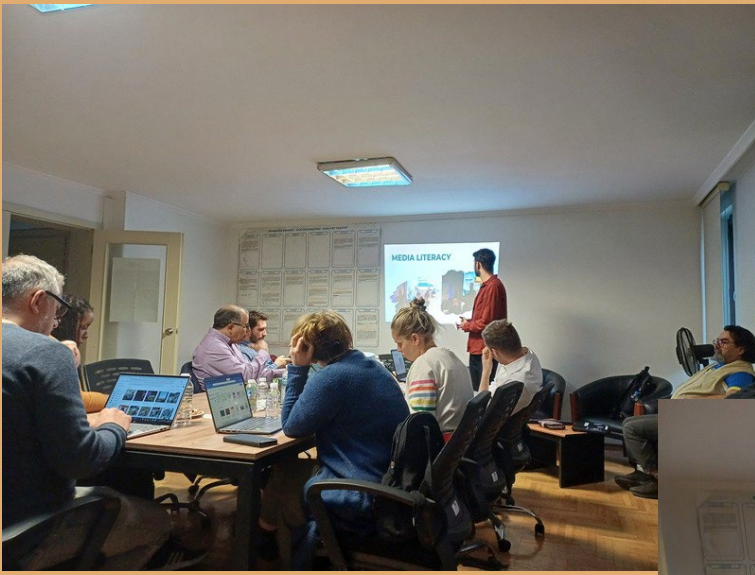
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With this last presentation the statutory meeting ended, closing remarks made and thanked to the participants.

After the lunch we visited the Anatolian Youth Federation an NGO which works with and for youth.







Work package 1 - Management, coordination and administration

1.1 Coordination & Networking

- **Three virtual coordination meetings with our European partners.**
- **One face-to-face meeting with network members in Greece.**

1.2 Administrative, financial and reporting activities.

1.3. Follow-up and evaluation.

1.4 Impact research will be led on young people's spaces and their engagement in this process.



Work package 2 - Exchange practices, acting between youth workers & strengthen the capacities of network members and staff:

2.1 Collective reflection by a group of youth educators from network members on their role in raising awareness and mobilizing young people (including young people with few opportunities) to take an active part in the European elections, while exploiting the potential of the youth spaces available for this purpose.

2.2 Fostering connections: Mobilities and peer-to-peer between youth workers in the EU

- **On-the spot training courses for educators of young people who are members of the network on the following topics: educating young people about the issues and benefits of the circular economy (Greece), Social activism & social entrepreneurship of young people (Greece), Water Sport and environment (Germany), Theatre practices for inclusion (Poland).**



2.3 Distance and on-the spot training for tutors and E-tutors of the network members with the aim to develop the technical and pedagogical skills of E-tutors and co-administrators of network members active in the following virtual learning spaces:

e-recue.eu / youtheclub.eu / esc2learn.org / sportsocialact.com/ volunteers4environment.eu

2.4 Activities to support digital transformation and education

•**Manage, update and improve existing digital educational tools, created by the partners by involving resource persons, members of the network, so that they meet the needs of the target audience (young people/educators of young people) such as the existing virtual spaces: Yes club (www.youtheclub.eu) / RESCUE (www.e-rescue.eu)/ Sport social act (www.sportsocialact.com) / Multicultiart (www.multicultiart.org) / E-ESC (www.e-esc.eu).**

•**The beneficiaries of trainings continue to carry out their role as E-tutors on a voluntary basis for the platforms indicated above.**

2.5 A virtual toolfair: involving staff and educators of the network to exchange and experiment with innovative tools and methods (facilitation of virtual workshops) to promote EU actions and opportunities for youth, following the youth objective of Connecting the EU to Youth.



Work package 3 - Connect, engage and empower EU young people:

3.1 Fostering connections: Mobilities and exchanges between young people in the EU

•**Coordination, hosting and supporting of European volunteers as part of the European Solidarity Corps program. At least 30 volunteers to be involved by the members of the network, to set up civic activities on the following topics: protection of the environment, education in social entrepreneurship, circular economy and employability of young people, promotion of cultural and natural heritage, support and guidance for vulnerable people.**

•**Supporting the conception and implementation of Solidarity project that will be initiated by young people from the communities of the network.**

•**Design and implementation of youth exchanges involving young people with fewer opportunities on the following themes: inclusion of young people through theatrical practices (Poland), Tutorial videos as a Tool to promote active citizenship and the six core EU values that form the basis of our society (Greece).**

• 2 “Focus group” per partner on the involvement of local young people of different profiles and capacities:

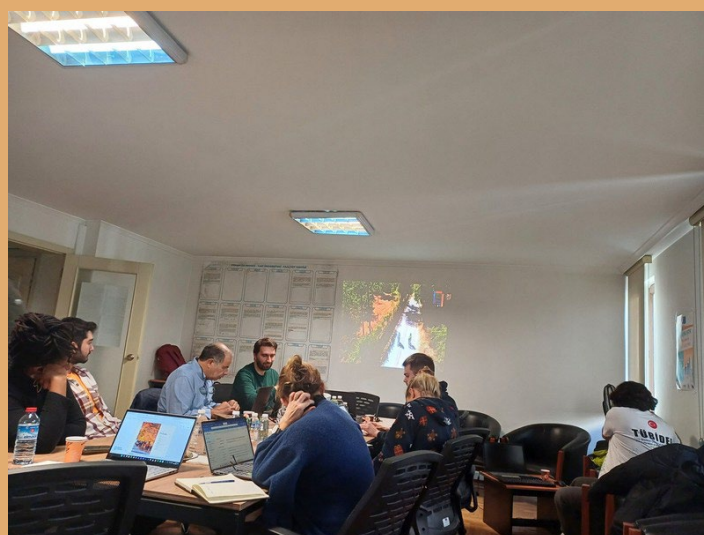
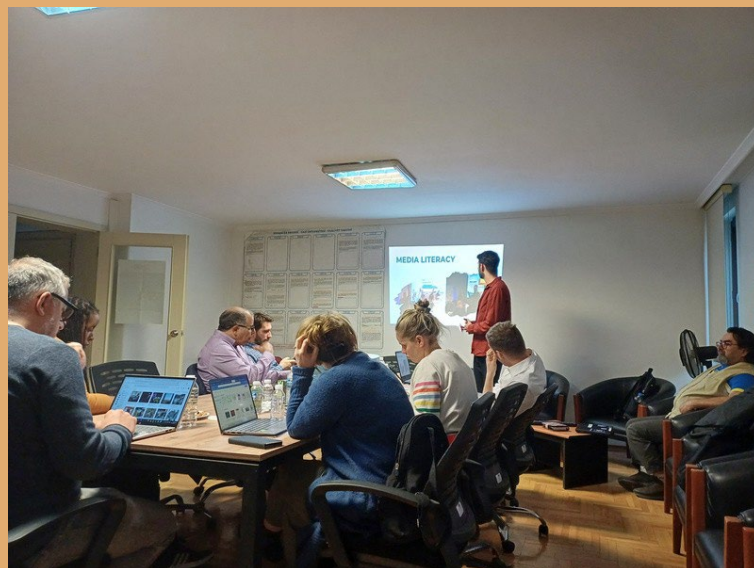
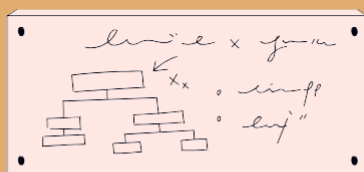
◦The 1st focus group aims to awareness youngsters about the importance and the value of their participation in the European elections 2024 and how to become multipliers among their peers

◦The 2nd focus group will refer to the research that we did in 2023, and aim to design their plan on the management of their spaces, in collaboration with representatives of public authorities in order to encourage policy agenda decisions in favour of and in agreement with youth.

3.2 Activities to strengthen the employability, autonomy and skills of young people

•E-training of young multiplier tutors for creating and managing youth spaces and follow-up of the e-learning platforms about spaces management “e-rescue.eu” and our platform about social entrepreneurship: youthclub.eu

•Youth initiatives for the creation and/or management of a real/virtual space. Initiatives can be civic and/or entrepreneurial for sustainable development and awareness of environmental protection, allowing youth to transmit their voice, promote their inclusion and participation and increase their creativity.



Work package 4 - Communication, visibility and dissemination:

4.1 Develop a professional, user-friendly interactive database that serves as a hub for all your network's activities. Include detailed project descriptions, impact reports, and news updates.

4.2 Establish a strong presence on major social media platforms, including Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Regularly share updates, images, and stories about the activities of our network.

4.3 The creation of 4 E-magazines, one per quarter, presenting the activities, news and innovative initiatives of the network members, resources and educational tools created, initiatives taken by young people in terms of creation and management of spaces and other initiatives taken in favor of their community and elsewhere, results of the mobilities for young people and youth workers implemented by the network, initiatives and political decisions in favor of young people in local national and EU level, news about the physical and virtual spaces of youngsters, educational resources to raise young people's awareness on European values and the importance of taking part in the 2024 European elections.

4.4 Create a tutorial video to raise young people's awareness of the value of the European elections and the importance of taking part in them.

4.5 A remotely European Forum on youth engagement for the management of their virtual and/or real spaces, involving young people, educators and decision-makers from network members (including 2 participants from the focus group activities by each partner). The event will be focus on one of the topics related to the EU priorities. The aim is to show the impact of Erasmus+ projects and share experiences of the programme. (This event will be carried in the European Youth week)

4.6 Creating a video summing up the network's activities in 2024 (sharing this video among the network/ promoting in a large scale)

4.7 Administration and updates of the content of our network GIS map created in 2023 with the aim to exchange and promote youth work good practices, initiatives taken by the youngsters, youth workers and the NGOs of our network.



In the beginning of the afternoon of the 2nd day, we did the activity Open Space for future common projects.

Here is the sum up of the proposals of our partners:

- **Ms Izabella from Międzynarodowe Stowarzyszenie Kulturalne Krzywy Teatr /Poland:**
 - **One youth exchange about youth inclusion via theatre play**
 - **One partnership cooperation small scale about youth engagement education through theatre practices**
- **Mr Adnane from ENVERÇEVKO:**
 - **Erasmus plus sport project: Euro Cyclist camp**
- **Mr Murat from Association of Academicians Union/ Turkey:**
 - **One partnership cooperation for the empowerment of educators and youth workers.**
- **Ms Betty from Guadeloupe:**
 - **One partnership cooperation with the aim to strengthen the educational methods of youth workers to become able to awareness young people in Europe about the green deal.**
- **Mr Mohamed Chaabouni from Solidarity Tracks Greece:**
 - **One partnership cooperation about involvement of young people for the management of their spaces**
 - **Hosting a group of 30 ESC volunteers for 30 days in May 2024 for cleaning the beaches in Lefkada Island and creating mascots on the base of the recycling materials.**
 - **One youth exchange in June 2024 about Green deal awareness involving young people with disabilities.**
- **Martin from CZ:**
 - **Training course about Digital tools in Youth work.**

Then, we discussed those project's ideas above with all partners .

The last activity was the visit to one local youth organization active in Erasmus plus, and national youth projects.

We closed our meeting with one evaluation which took the form of an individual expression while taking care to answer the following questions:

What did I learn from this meeting/ What will I come away with from this meeting/ How will my NGO, my community, the young people and educators in my community benefit from the activities of this network?

Making-off video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygkNLjAST68>



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