



# EUROPEAN PATHS

## “Call for proposals EACEA / 12/2019 Erasmus + program KA3 - Support for Policy Reform - European Youth Together”

Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Project overview

A project with and from young people, from 14 to 25, where to hold the space for their voices to rise and share.

### Call requests

- Involvement of young people in an active and participatory way, including fewer opportunities young people.
- Participation of at least 5 countries (north, south, east, west)
- Creation of regional networks (associations, schools, public administrations) for greater impact and sustainability
- project funds from € 100,000 to € 500,000 - 20% are self-financed.

### Topic

- Active citizenship
- democracy
- environment
- youth policies

### Target group

Young people and youth workers.

Young people from 14 to 30

- at least 50% from 14/18 y.o. – it is the range of age where no one has offers – no schools or parishes neither municipalities
- include also fewer opportunity groups and marginalized groups (migrants, lgbt, disables, social obstacles, economical obstacles, ecc)

### Needs

- to confront and share with other young people/peers about the future to be built together and the environment;

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- spaces and occasions where to feel the freedom to express themselves and their issues/situations;
- skills and abilities to express their needs and ideas in different ways and to realize their life projects
- to gather together and establish true relationships among people, supportive and in presence, having open spaces to share, support and feel supported
- to rediscover nature power and the possibility to live in a different way in communion with it instead than fighting against it

### **Aims and objectives**

- to create spaces and opportunities to confront and share with other young people/peers about the future to be built together and the environment; open spaces where to feel freedom of express oneself as he/she truly is;
- to create a group, local and international, of people where to build trust, openness and support and grow consciousness on self and others and confidence in positive solutions for the youth future;
- to share skills and abilities to allow free expression of their needs and ideas in different ways (theatre, performing art, music, communication, emotional intelligence, ecc) and competences to realize their life projects (project management, fund raising, other opportunities);
- to create safe spaces where rise as human being in all his/her value, avoiding labels and divisions, establish true relationships among people, supportive and open;
- to create opportunities to rediscover nature power (healing and calming spaces) and the possibility to live in a different way in a communion which can be valuable for both – human and nature.
- To create opportunities to meet new people, on the street and on the paths, to slow down, feel, reflect (instead of react), and meet deeply the other. To create opportunities to share life issues and contribute together to a better understanding and a more human life style

### **Partners**

Organizations at local level, schools, public bodies

### **Role of Partners**

All the partners will be equally involved in the project, each one with its specific competence (theatre, project management, fundraising, videos, trekking, emotional intelligence and personal growth, decision makers connections, administration, youth support, ect)

**Organizations:** actively involve young people, support them along the process of self-grow, learning, sharing and connecting with different realities; support local activities organizing training for young people on theatre, videos, performing art, communications, collection of local youth issues through videos and other spaces. Support to fundraising, and to connect with public bodies, administration, managing the project



**Schools:** support young people in developing local activities, possibly opening spaces during school where to engage in defining issues and recording them on videos, including peers from other classes in the school. Support local performances of young people

**EU Direct or other public bodies:** support with local and international connections, support in fund raising opportunities, and in logistic. Support in organization of policy makers meetings and in the dissemination activities.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** to create REGIONAL NETWORKS of organizations/schools/public body to strengthen cooperation. IT has to be defined in the project application.

### **Sustainability of the project**

The project can be a pilot project replicable in different ways and scales, adopting different solutions which can emerge during the implementation. The international network can – once tested – keep working on the model and develop proposal to create inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities and to continue creating spaces for young people to gather together, gain competences in international and intercultural environment and express their voices.

### **Output and outcomes**

Output:

- video product collecting all issues collected during the project, including possible solutions and requests to Policy makers
- paper work/advocacy document collecting issues and work done during the project by the young people
- new format of working method with young people as participatory form of work in youth work

Outcome

- increased young people confidence and self-acceptance/self esteem
- increased knowledge of young people issues and possible solutions and answers to give
- increased competences and skills for young people to be used in their future life
- increased activism from young people now more involved in common issues and community life
- increased capacity to search for common solutions, team work, cooperation, use of resource
- increased motivation, derived also from open spaces where to directly meeting decision makers, to take active roles in society and to cooperate for inclusion and common goals

