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SDG Stories

Empowering Youth Through Comics for a
Sustainable Future

Youth Exchange
12 - 20 September 2025



Freudenstadt, Germany

Dear partners and participants

We are glad to welcome you to the Youth Exchange "SDG Stories: Empowering Youth Through Comics for a Sustainable Future" and we are looking forward to meet you in Freudenstadt very soon. Please, read all the provided information carefully and don't hesitate to contact us with anything related to your participation in the project.

About the project

In today's world, it's becoming more and more important for young people to get involved with global challenges. Even though young people have access to more information and opportunities than ever before, many young people in Europe still feel left out of the big decisions being made. This is why educating youth about things like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is so important—it helps them to understand how they can protect the planet, fight poverty and ensure a better future for everyone by 2030.

Through this project, we aim to bridge the gap between young people and global challenges by raising awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an innovative and engaging way. Our key objective is to make the SDGs more accessible and understandable for youth by using comics as a tool to explain complex ideas in a fun, relatable format. We also want to empower young people to take an active role in creating these comics, which will not only enhance their understanding of global issues but also develop critical skills like creativity, communication and critical thinking.

By creating SDG-themed comics, we hope to inspire young people to take part in building a better world. We believe that by involving youth in the creative process, we can ignite a passion for global issues and help each other become active participants in making the world more just, fair, and sustainable.

Main objectives of the project are:

- To raise awareness about the SDGs by using comics to make them easier for young people to understand (by creating and sharing comics, we want to help others learn about the SDGs in a fun and engaging way).
- To encourage youth participation by getting young people involved in creating comics about the SDGs.
- To help young people develop important skills like critical thinking, creativity, and communication through making comics.
- To explore how comics can be used to send powerful messages and engage people in meaningful ways.
- To highlight the potential of comics as an educational and advocacy tool, showing how they can reach and inspire young people.
- To improve participants' digital skills by using digital tools and platforms in the comic creation process.
- To promote the Erasmus+ Programme as a great resource for engaging with the SDGs and supporting youth development

Youth Exchange

12th September is arrival day

20th September is departure day

Participants

For Youth Exchange each partner will select 4 participants and 1 group leader. It is very important that group leader participated also at Preparatory Visit.

Partner organizations will be responsible for finalizing the selection of participants, ensuring that they meet the following criteria:

- Participants should be between 18-25 years old.
- Participants must be interested in the SDGs and motivated to be fully engaged in all phases of the project, including preparation, implementation, and dissemination.
- A strong interest in creative expression, particularly in comic creation, is essential.
- Participants should have a basic understanding of global challenges such as climate change, inequality, or poverty, and be interested in exploring how to address these through storytelling.
- They should be able to work well in groups or be willing to develop teamwork skills through the exchange.
- Participants should be open to exploring new methods of communication, such as using comics as a tool for education and advocacy.
- They must commit to participating fully in the exchange and be ready to contribute their ideas and creativity.

The Youth Exchange is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the German National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget. We will reimburse travel costs as listed below on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc. by bank transfer after the Youth Exchange and **when we receive in person or by postmail all ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding passes, etc.** Following the guidelines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realised by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Please, keep the original tickets in order to get money back. **Taxi is not eligible for the reimbursement.**

IN CASE YOU'RE SELECTED TO PARTICIAPTE, BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR TICKETS, PLEASE SEND YOUR TRAVEL PLAN TO:
youthplus.org@gmail.com

After we approve it, you can proceed with the booking.

Maximum travel costs for each participant is from home town to Freudenstadt (Germnay) and back:

Country, Number of persons, Costs per person

Germany	5	56€
Serbia	6	309€
Turkyie	5	309€
Italy	5	309€
Estonia	5	309€
Slovenia	5	309€
Bulgaria	5	309€

What to bring

Bring necessary things for representing your country, because we will have intercultural evenings and this mean that you will have your own space (around 15 min) to present your traditions, cultures or whatever you think represent your country to whole group. Try to make something interactive for people, make them participate, try to show culture but please, don't play long videos from Youtube because this is something we can do at home, we would like to really experience your country in live ;-)

And for sure, don't forget to bring food & drinks from your countries!!

Accommodation

The Youth Exchange will be held at Youth Hostel Freudenstadt.

<https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/freudenstadt/>

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/oCcaCJB4ZDQckX337>

You can apply on:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DUprLAHDdi>

If you have any questions concerning your participation or need additional information please feel free to contact us anytime!!

Contact person:

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