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YOUTH IMPACT:

Engaging politics, building communities

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A new Erasmus+ project engaging young people in civic participation and community building Europe (February 2026)

The project brings together eight European organisations to strengthen youth participation in democratic life and support young people in becoming active members of their communities.

The initiative responds to several pressing challenges affecting young people across Europe, including low levels of political participation, increasing social polarisation, skills gaps and youth unemployment, as well as barriers to accessing resources despite the widespread availability of digital tools

- developing innovative forms of cooperation and networking between youth organisations
- implementing hybrid capacity-building activities, both online and offline
- empowering young people, youth leaders, youth workers and volunteers
- promoting community building through youth exchanges and thematic festivals.



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YOUTH IMPACT: ACTIVITIES AND ROADMAP



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The project will unfold through several key phases and activities, including:

- a kick-off meeting in February 2026
- the development of engagement strategies both online and offline
- training programmes for community activators
- international youth exchanges and festivals focused on civic participation
- policy advocacy activities and the development of position papers.

Expected impact

Youth Impact aims to generate significant social and civic impact across participating communities. The project expects to achieve:

- 168 young people engaged and empowered
- 32 youth workers and youth leaders trained
- 8 thematic webinars organised
- 2,800 citizens involved through youth exchanges and festivals
- 8 position papers presenting policy recommendations based on youth experiences and perspectives



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ABOUT YOUTH IMPACT CORE VALUES AND MESSAGES



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Youth Impact is an European cooperation project supported by the Erasmus+ programme. The project promotes youth engagement in civic and democratic life by strengthening skills, fostering international networks and supporting participatory community initiatives across Europe

KEY MESSAGES

- Empowering Young People → Strengthening skills for civic participation
- Building European Youth Networks → Connecting organisations and communities across Europe
- Turning Youth Voices into Action → From participation to policy impact

“Every generation has its own voice. Youth Impact aims to ensure that young people across Europe have the opportunity, the skills and the platforms to make that voice heard and translated into positive change.”



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