

Youth Exchanges for ALL – Morocco, 18-22 May 2026 INFO PACK FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Dear participant,

We are looking forward to welcoming you on the training course “Youth Exchanges for ALL” in Fez (www.salto-youth.net/youthexchangesforall/), coordinated by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity and SALTO EuroMed, and co-funded by the German, Polish and Portuguese Erasmus+ agencies (for youth).

**Thank you for taking some time to read the full info pack:
it has information about the onboarding session, about your travel, how to get to the venue, what to bring and many other practical pieces of information.**

1. About the training course (a quick reminder)

This training is especially designed for newcomers to Erasmus+ Youth who are **directly working with young people ‘with fewer opportunities’**. We hope that’s you.

In only 3 working days, we will show you the possibilities **Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges** have to offer for young people with fewer opportunities e.g. those from minority backgrounds, with additional needs, with socio-economic difficulties, discriminated groups, those in difficult situations, with limited opportunities...

This course will give you a concrete taste of **what is possible**, bring you in contact with **other inclusion youth organisations**, show you what **funding** is available specifically for youth inclusion projects and walk you **step-by-step** through the process in case you would like to give it a try.

The ‘Youth Exchanges for ALL’ is not based on a ‘one-way information-flow’ it requires **pro-active participation** from you. We hope that this information will help you to prepare for an adventurous, challenging and inspiring course!

This training course will be in **‘international’ English**. No need to be perfect, but be open to communicate as good and as bad as you can. We welcome funny language mistakes ;-)

- You can find the **draft programme of the training** at www.salto-youth.net/youthexchangesforall/ (under the pictures to the right)

During this training course, you might **find new partners, but** as this is not the focus of the course, it will largely depend on your initiative during the breaks, mealtimes and free time.

This training will bring together 26 participants from both Erasmus+ **Programme Countries** and the **EuroMed region**. It will be a great opportunity to connect with youth workers and organisations who are committed to inclusion and who work with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

2. Course venue and travel instructions

We will work and sleep in [Barceló Fès Medina Hotel](https://www.barcelo.com/en-ww/barcelo-fes-medina/)

www.barcelo.com/en-ww/barcelo-fes-medina/

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ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

We would like to start the course with a common dinner and welcome session at **18h on Monday, 18 May 2026**, so **please make sure you have transport that arrives early enough!**

The closest airports are Fez-Saïss, Rabat-Sale and Casablanca.

- Count 1 hour to get to the hotel from Fez-Saïss Airport (airport code FEZ).
- Count 3 hours to get to the hotel from Rabat-Salé Airport (airport code RBA).
- Count 5 hours to get to the hotel from Casablanca airport (airport code CMN) .
- We encourage ecological ways of travel (e.g. train, bus – wherever possible).

On **Friday 22 May 2026**, you can depart anytime. Latest check-out is at 12 noon.

Lodging in single rooms and meals are foreseen by the course organisers starting from dinner on Monday, 18 May till breakfast on Friday, 22 May 2026.

- If you have declared a **special diet or allergies** in the confirmation form, we will organise food that suits your diet (but help us to make sure you get what you need).
- If you arrive before the hotel's check-in time or depart later than check-out time, you can always leave your luggage in the **luggage room**.
- If you want to arrive earlier or stay longer than the course dates, you need to organise and pay for the extra days yourself.

CONFIRMATION FORM

Let us know your travel details **AS SOON AS YOU HAVE THEM** by filling in the confirmation form at <http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/2210>

You can access the confirmation form with your login & password for the SALTO website (or create a new one). Please specify any food or other support needs that we should cater for.

How to get to the hotel from the airport?

Transfer from the airport will not be provided. You will have to organise and pay it yourself. Fill in [this form](#) to travel with other participants arriving at similar times (e.g. share a taxi).

You will need **cash** to pay for your local travel. You can exchange some money before traveling, or upon arrival at the airport in Morocco (but exchange rates in airports are often not terrific). Or get some money from an ATM at the airport.

Drivers (bus or taxi) often don't have change, so make sure you have small bills/coins.

Note about taxis: not all NAs/SALTO reimburses taxi costs. Check what is your NA's policy. Also, most taxis do not provide an invoice for the fare, but they can provide you a handwritten receipt if you ask.

If you land in Fez-Saiss Airport (FEZ)

- **Bus + taxi:** bus line 16 runs every hour from the airport to the city from early in the morning until 19h in the evening. After leaving the terminal, you will find the bus stop on your right-hand side. The final destination is Fez railway station (Gare de Fès) in the modern part of the city. The price of a bus ticket is only 4 MAD per person per ride, travel time is about 40 minutes. Once arrived at Fez train station, it is still 3.5 km to the Medina of Fez where our hotel is located. From Fez station, you can take a 'petit taxi' (small taxi) to get to our hotel. Ask the driver to put on the taximeter to avoid overpricing. Payments are cash only.
- **By taxi:** As you come out of the airport there is a taxi pay station on your right. Book and pay your taxi there (charged by zone and number of passengers – if you are arriving together with other course participants, you can share a taxi). You then get allocated a taxi number and you walk across the road where your taxi will be waiting. You can also get a 'petit taxi' (small taxi) at the airport to go straight to our hotel in the Medina of Fez, the price is approximately 150-200 MAD.

If you land in Rabat-Salé Airport (RBA)

- **Bus & train:** take the ALSA shuttle bus from Rabat airport to Rabat Agdal train station. You can buy a ticket on the bus (25 MAD one way, 40 MAD return = valid 15 days). The journey takes 50 min. See www.alsa.ma/en/rabat/navette-aeroport-rabat (alternatively, you could consider taking a taxi, they have a fixed price of appr. 100-150 MAD, ask before boarding).
- At Rabat Agdal train station, you can buy your train ticket to Fez (100-220 MAD depending on available tickets). There are trains every hour and it takes 3 hours to get to Fez.
- Once arrived at Fez train station, it is still 3.5 km to the Medina of Fez where our hotel is located. From Fez station, you can take a 'petit taxi' (small taxi) to get to our hotel. Ask the driver to put on the taximeter to avoid overpricing. Payments are cash only.

If you land in Casablanca airport (CMN)

- **By train:** Take a train from Casablanca airport to a Casablanca city station (usually Voyageur, Oasis or Port: ask in the station which would be the best interchange station) and switch to a train bound for Fes. You can purchase both train tickets at the airport (150-200 MAD depending on available tickets). The journey takes about 4 and a half hours.
- Once arrived at Fez train station, it is still 3.5 km to the Medina of Fez where our hotel is located. From Fez station, you can take a 'petit taxi' (small taxi) to get to our hotel. Ask the driver to put on the taximeter to avoid overpricing. Payments are cash only.

Moroccan participants

- You probably know best how to get to Fez (by bus or train), but do not hesitate to ask our Moroccan trainer Khadija for help.

3. Onboarding session: 5 May noon CEST

Please join the online onboarding session on **Tuesday, 5 May 2026 from 12h to 13h30 CEST**.

If you are in a different time zone, you can calculate your time zone at:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixetime.html?msg=Onboarding+YEX4ALL+Fez&iso=20260505T12&p1=3904&ah=1&am=30>

This virtual meeting will bring participants together, introduce the course team and provide essential logistical details. The session is designed to ensure you feel well-prepared and make the most of your experience. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Here's the link to participate:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839691444?pwd=mmWGNUMKYRABUQD4c2i3Tpf01zRbPqv.1>

See you online soon!

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4. What to bring & practicalities

Organisation information

During the training course, everyone will get the opportunity to present their own organisation in a visual way, through an interactive activity. Please be aware that there will be no time within the organised programme of the training course to present your organisation in front of the whole group, or to show videos. Do, however, **bring relevant materials about your (youth) organisation and its activities**, this can be posters, flyers/leaflets, photos, etc. that can stay in the working room in 'exhibition style'.

Cultural Coffee breaks

We invite you to bring some **typical sweet or savoury snack** from your country/region to share with others during one of the coffee breaks during the course. Be mindful of people who might have allergies or are vegan.

Please bring something that **doesn't require preparation or cooling**. We won't have the possibility to heat, cook or cool your snacks.

Bring an item for the lottery

Every participant and team member is kindly invited to bring one item from their home country for the end-of-training lottery. The idea is to have one item per person, creating a shared pool of **gifts that reflects the diversity of our group**. You are welcome to bring a traditional souvenir, a typical food item, or anything meaningful that represents your culture and that you would like to share as a **memory of this international experience**. Each item will be assigned a number, and at the end of the training, everyone will randomly pick a number to receive one of the gifts. This activity is a fun and meaningful way to exchange cultures and take home a special reminder of the experience.

Dress code

We recommend wearing **casual and comfortable clothing** for the indoor sessions at the hotel, formal attire is not necessary. To fully enjoy the outdoor activities at the end of the day, we suggest bringing comfortable footwear and a reusable bottle of water to stay hydrated.

Phone and internet (data)

There will be **free WiFi** available in our hotel and working rooms.

Please note that Morocco might not be part of your **regular mobile phone/data plan** and roaming costs for mobile phone use can be very expensive (check with your provider). An option is to buy and activate **an eSim** for Morocco before you arrive. That way, you can use maps, messaging apps, social media etc. while 'on the road'.

Currency & payment methods

The currency used in Morocco is **Moroccan Dirham (MAD)**. As a general guide, 1 EUR is approximately equal to 10.43 MAD. Exchange rates fluctuate, so it's advisable to check the current rate when converting money. You can use the following [website](#) to keep yourself updated.

While many establishments, including restaurants, in Morocco accept credit and debit cards, it's always a good idea to carry some **cash for smaller purchases**, for buses/taxis or when visiting places that don't accept cards.

Currency exchange

You can exchange your money at various places throughout the city, including currency exchange offices in the city, banks or directly at the airport upon arrival. Exchange shops are also available in the city centre and offer competitive rates, so it's worth comparing before making your exchange.

Electricity

In Morocco, the standard electricity supply is 220V voltage and 50Hz frequency. Power sockets (outlets) are types C and E, which are **standard European plugs with two round, parallel pins**. If you have devices with other plugs, you will need a travel adapter.

Accessibility and sustainability

Our activities are accessible to people with **different abilities**. If you need a support person, accessible room and transport or other kind of support, we will do our best to provide it for you. Please tell us about your individual needs beforehand in the confirmation form (or via email to tony@salto-youth.net) so we can support you in your participation.

We avoid giveaways or useless printed materials to respect our environment. We encourage everyone taking part to travel and act as green as possible during the event. We also invite you to **bring your own water bottle to refill**.

Safety

In this training, we follow the principles of a **safer space**. We strive to ensure that everyone is met as their own self and that no one has to fear discrimination or harassment. We want you to respect the same principle.

If you witness a situation that you feel is not ok, please inform the team immediately.

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Tap water

You can drink it, but it's generally **not recommended**, especially for visitors. Some sources say the tap water is treated and can be relatively good by local standards. However, more cautious guidance (including recent travel advice) says it's better to avoid drinking it untreated due to possible microbial contamination or inconsistent quality.

- ✔ Safe: showering, washing hands
- ⚠ Better avoid: drinking straight from the tap
- 👍 Recommended: bottled, boiled, or filtered water
- ⚠ Even for brushing teeth or ice cubes, many guides suggest using safe water to avoid stomach issues

5. Your team & further questions

- Gabi Steinprinz (gabi@unsquare.nl),
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– your trainers, responsible for the content/programme
- Tony Geudens (tony@salto-youth.net)
– SALTO-YOUTH Inclusion & Diversity – for all participant and course questions
- Moussa Sall (moussa@salto-youth.net)
Frédéric Pieters (frederic.pieters@service-civique.gouv.fr)
– SALTO-YOUTH Euromed – our host, for all logistical questions

Looking forward to seeing you in Fez!

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