

"VOICE: Value, Opportunities, Inclusion, Cooperation, Empowerment in Youth Work with Minors"

Partnership building activity on strengthening quality youth work with minors by enhancing youth workers' competences, recognising their roles, sharing practices, and building future Erasmus+ cooperation.

10 – 17 November 2025, Agrigento, Italy

Our Partnership Building Activity will focus on strengthening the quality and recognition of European youth work with minors, with special attention to the role and responsibility of youth practitioners.

Our main themes:

Creating a space for exchange of experiences and best practices on how to design and implement inclusive, safe, and impactful Erasmus+ projects involving under-18 participants.

Highlighting the central role of youth workers during all phases of Erasmus+ projects—preparation, implementation, dissemination—and ensuring that their contributions are recognised and supported by partner organisations.

Strengthening the youth workers' competences of youth practitioners to provide high-quality services and learning opportunities for minors in the framework of European projects.

Raising awareness about the extensive work, commitment, and professional expertise invested by youth practitioners during international youth work activities.

Developing proposals for quality standards in European youth work with minors, and contributing to discussions on how this field should be better recognised and supported by the European Commission in the next Erasmus+ programme phase.

Initiating KA220 Cooperation Partnership projects among the participating organisations to further address the above topics and ensure long-term impact.

The overall aim of the project is to build a strong network of organisations committed to improving the quality and recognition of European youth work with minors, while empowering youth workers and shaping future standards through Erasmus+ KA220 cooperation.

The objectives of the Partnership Building Activity are:

- To exchange good practices and experiences on designing, preparing, and implementing European youth work activities with minors.
- To strengthen the competences of youth workers in providing safe, inclusive, and high-quality learning opportunities for under 18 years old participants.
- To recognise and highlight the responsibilities and roles of youth workers throughout all phases of Erasmus+ projects, from preparation to dissemination.
- To develop common recommendations and quality standards for youth work activities with minors at European level.
- To create a sustainable network of organisations (youth NGOs, schools, municipalities, youth institutions) committed to long-term cooperation in this field.
- To initiate future Erasmus+ KA220 Cooperation Partnerships that address quality standards, recognition, and the professionalisation of youth work with minors.

The methodology of the PBA: Our Partnership Building Activity will be implemented through non-formal education methods, interactive learning, and peer exchange, guided by an experienced international trainers' team. The trainers will ensure a safe, inclusive, and learner-centred environment, while supporting participants in achieving the objectives of the project. Sessions will use experiential learning, group work, and creative methods that allow participants to learn by doing, reflecting, and applying. Special attention will be paid to inclusion, safety, and accessibility for all. Participants will share their organisational realities and experiences of youth work with minors in local and European level. Our PBA will include workshops where participants create recommendations for quality standards in youth work with minors. These will be facilitated through methods such as world café, open space technology, and design-thinking exercises. Activities will be linked to the ETS Competence Model for Youth Workers, focusing on skills in programme design, facilitation, partnership building, safeguarding, and reflection. Structured networking sessions and informal activities will strengthen trust among partners and lay the foundations for future Erasmus+ KA220 Cooperation Partnerships projects. Our PBA will not only provide learning opportunities but also lead to concrete outputs, such as a draft set of recommendations for European quality standards in youth work with minors and ideas for at least ten KA220 project proposals. Daily reflection groups, facilitated debriefings, and a final evaluation will ensure participants can assess their learning, provide feedback, and contribute to the quality of the overall activity.

Expected outcomes:

- A network of reliable partner organisations committed to high-quality youth work with minors.
- Shared good practices and tools for improving Erasmus+ activities with underage participants.
- Draft recommendations for European quality standards in youth work with minors.
- Concrete ideas for future KA220 Cooperation Partnerships on the theme.

Who can participate in the PBA:

Each partner organisation is invited to delegate 2 youth workers who meet the following criteria:

- Are actively involved in youth work and have direct experience working with young people under 18, especially those with fewer opportunities.
- Have a strong interest in expanding their international networks and in sharing and learning about best practices in European youth work.
- Work directly with minor youth with fewer opportunities and are motivated to strengthen their competences in the fields of inclusion and diversity.
- Are ready and available to take part in the full duration of the PBA programme.
- Are able to communicate effectively in English, both in written and spoken form.

Eligible countries: EU member states.

Applicant organisation: Studio Progetto, Italy

Preliminary programme:

Hours	Day 1 Arrival day	Day 2 Day of Building the learning community	Day 3 Day of Exploring Roles & Realities	Day 4 Day of Learning from good practices	Day 5 Day of From Networking to Cooperation	Day 6 Day of Shaping Standards & Proposals	Day 7 Day of Agreements & Sustainability	Departure day
7.00 – 09.00	Arrival of participants	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	breakfast
09.30– 11.00	Registration and accommodation	Welcome & introduction to the project, Erasmus+ KA153, and Youthpass.	Sharing organisational realities (NGOs, schools, municipalities, youth institutions).	Sharing good practices in youth work with minors (world café / open space)	Exploring possible partnerships (organisational speed-dating)	Presentation of project drafts, peer feedback	Partnership agreements: signing and confirming commitments	Departure of participants
11.00– 11.30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11.30– 13.00		Getting to know each other and group-building activities.	Roles and responsibilities of youth workers in Erasmus+ projects especially with minors (preparation–implementation–follow-up).	ETS competence focus: programme design & safeguarding	Drafting Erasmus+ KA220 project ideas	Co-creation of recommendations for quality standards in youth work with minors	Planning next steps (at least ten KA220 proposals).	
13.00– 15.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15.00- 16.30	Welcome to the participants	Creating a safe and inclusive learning space	Inclusion & diversity in youth work	Visit to local NGOs/schools working on inclusion and youth participation	Coaching from trainers on quality, inclusion, and impact of KA220 projects	Linking outcomes to European Youth Goals (focus on Youth Goal 3 – Inclusive Societies)	Youthpass	
16.30- 17.00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break			Coffee break	Coffee break	
17.00– 18.30	Introduction of participants	Understanding the profiles and needs of minors, especially those with fewer opportunities	Inclusion & diversity in youth work			Action planning for dissemination and follow-up	Final evaluation	
18.30 – 19.00	Arranging safe place for participation	Youthpass reflection group	Youthpass reflection group	Youthpass Reflection group	Youthpass reflection group	Youthpass reflection group		
19.30- 20.30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
21.00-	Welcome party	Intercultural evening	Cultural activity with local community (e.g., fairytale evening).	NGO market and Networking	Working evening	Treasure hunting evening	Farewell party	

**Financial conditions:**

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organizers. Travel costs will be counted based on the distance calculator of the European Commission and reimbursed by bank transfer after the course (in Euros €).

Greetings,

Studio Progetto