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Call for Participants - Creating Spaces of Resilience with Young People

International Training on Community Spaces, Youth Participation and Urban Resilience

About the project

Spaces of Resilience is an Erasmus+ funded program coordinated by proBiene (Germany) in cooperation with ACTS. (Cairo, Egypt) and open to partner organizations across Europe. The project brings together youth workers, educators, social innovators, and community leaders to explore how young people can shape resilient urban futures.

This training is designed for professionals and young leaders who are engaged in youth work or the participatory creation of spaces for young people.

Why Resilient Spaces?

Cities worldwide face increasing social and ecological challenges, but young people can be a driving force for change. Our project focuses on creating and maintaining urban spaces of resilience — areas where communities come together to build sustainability, solidarity, and social inclusion. These spaces empower participants to take action, develop skills, and strengthen their capacity for active citizenship.

Who Can Apply?

We are looking for:

- Youth workers, educators, social workers, community organizers, and young professionals **involved in working with and/or creating spaces for young people.**
- People motivated to connect local practice with international perspectives, and to apply what they learn with peers at home.
- A diverse range of backgrounds and experiences (e.g. gender, nationality and professional experience)

Eligibility:

- Age: generally 21+ (open also to graduate students engaged in youth-related work).
- Commitment: availability for both parts of the program (Cairo and Stuttgart, 12 days in total) as well as two preparation and one follow-up workshops of approx. 2 hours each.
- Working language: English.

Practical Information

- The program is split into two in-person workshop weeks
 - 02.-07.05 in Cairo
 - 29.06 – 05.07 in Stuttgart

(Arrival/Departure is recommended one day earlier/later each, the program starts at 12:00 on the first day and ends at 14:00 on the last day of the workshop week)

- Travel support, accommodation, two meals a day, and program costs are covered by Erasmus+.
- Travel costs for one of the program parts are reimbursed to up to 395 €. After confirmation, your spot in the program is reserved for 10 days, until the flight ticket to one of the venues is shown or an individual agreement with your sending organization was found (for Germany: proBiene gGmbH; for Egypt: ACTS.). The refund to up to 395 € is done latest after successful completion of the program. This process can be waived for participants with fewer opportunities. For Egyptian participants: You can receive the reimbursement of the tickets directly after showing the tickets, a reserved amount of 8.000 EGP is transferred after successful completion of the program.
- All participants will receive a Youthpass to recognize their learning outcomes as well as a certificate by the partner organizations. You can be provided with certificates for your employer as well as supported in applying for educational leave (e.g. "Bildungsurlaub")

Program

In two preparatory online workshops we develop the program together, we count on your perspective and insight! To gain some first impression here you find a sketch of how our days could look like.

Cairo, 02 – 07. May 2026

- Day 1: Arrival, introduction, icebreakers, framing of "Spaces of Resilience"
- Day 2: community visits, mapping local youth spaces, dialogue with practitioners
- Day 3: Workshop (e.g. clay community buildings with Handover); resilience case studies
- Day 4: Co-creation labs (participants design interventions for resilient youth spaces)
- Day 5:
- Day 6: Reflection, synthesis, preparation for Stuttgart

Stuttgart, 29 June – 05 July 2026

- Day 1: Arrival, welcome, reconnecting Cairo cohort with European participants
- Day 2: Introduction to IBA projects; field visits on urban sustainability and youth spaces
- Day 3: Digital tools & storytelling for community resilience; peer exchange
- Day 4: Project design sprint (developing transferable local initiatives)
- Day 5: Presentations, feedback, planning for local follow-up
- Day 6: Closing, reflection circle, Youthpass preparation, departure

Learning objectives

By joining the Cairo–Stuttgart training, participants will:

- Explore resilience together: understand how young people experience resilience in their everyday spaces, and connect this to practical approaches in youth work.
- Practice participatory tools: try out methods such as community mapping, dialogue circles, and co-creation labs, and reflect on how these can be adapted for their own youth groups.
- Exchange across cultures: work with peers from Europe and Egypt to share challenges and solutions, and strengthen intercultural dialogue skills for inclusive youth work practice.
- Shape concrete ideas for action: develop small-scale project concepts and practical steps that can be transferred back home and implemented with young people in local communities.



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Why Join?

- Gain new tools and skills for youth participation and urban resilience.
- Experience peer learning in a diverse international group.
- Build long-term partnerships between Stuttgart, Cairo and other regions.
- Contribute to a growing network of organizations committed to sustainable and inclusive youth work.

Apply via <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/is7qKckZmZ>

Application window participants from 01.10. until 15.12.2025 (confirmation on a rolling basis).

The training focuses on city-to-city exchanges, hence at least two participants per city are expected. Besides of Stuttgart and Cairo more city-regions are welcome to join!

About proBiene

proBiene – Freies Institut für ökologische Bienenhaltung is a Stuttgart-based non-profit organization dedicated to ecological beekeeping, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable education. Over the past decade, ProBiene has become an important actor in connecting ecological sustainability with transformative education, engaging young people, educators, and local communities in meaningful environmental initiatives.

About ACTS.

Act Sustainable is an Egyptian non-profit social enterprise that works to raise awareness and drive sustainable solutions to fight climate change and environmental crises. We work side-by-side with LCOY Egypt (Local Conference of Youth) to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, especially climate change. We gather ambitious young individuals from all parts of the country, deepen their sustainability knowledge, and help them to identify key challenges through modern thinking techniques.

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