

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY

CHANGING NARRATIVES

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Where: Pau - France

When: 12th - 19th of January 2026

Arrival on 12th - Departure on 19th



RÅKEINTO



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WHAT IS IT?

MAIN GOALS

In a world marked by ecological, social, and political crises, it is urgent to rethink the narratives that shape our societies.

“**Changing Narratives**” is a European meeting bringing together organizations active in the fields of culture, youth work and/or non-formal education, who wish to explore how the stories we tell – **in media, arts, education, etc** – influence the way we see the world.

This Partnership Building Activity aims to create a collaborative space to **get to know different initiatives** and organizations, exchange creative and educational good practices, and **design and co-create future projects** that imagine desirable futures.



PARTICIPANTS PROFILE



WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- People over 18 years old
- **Representatives of organizations** or members with decisional power
- Active in the fields of youth work, culture, education, or sustainability.
- Motivated to **develop European projects** around storytelling, art, social change, or sustainability.
- With a **sufficient level of English** to communicate and collaborate in an international setting.

WHO ARE WE?

RAKONTO



RAKONTO is an association of international storytellers whose aim is to **promote a socially and environmentally fair ecological transition through artistic practices.**

We explore creative solutions to the socio-environmental crisis and create new imaginaries of desirable futures through art, storytelling and non-formal education.

[Learn more at www.rakonto.org](http://www.rakonto.org)

LOCATION

Pau, in southwestern France, is a charming city known for its history, architecture, and beautiful scenery. Located at the foot of the Pyrenees, between the sea and the mountains, it is often considered the gateway to the region.

You can explore its historic spots, such as the iconic Château de Pau, and enjoy the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere that makes this city so special.



ACCOMMODATION

The project will be held in Laroin, a small village located just next to Pau.

An aerial photograph of a campsite. A large, modern red building with a curved roof is situated on a grassy area next to a calm lake. A paved path leads from the building towards a suspension bridge in the background, which spans a small body of water. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and vegetation.

CAMPSITE

The venue of the project will be *Iktus Béarn*, a campsite near a big lake in a huge, open, natural space.

An aerial photograph showing several small, rustic wooden bungalows with grey roofs. They are scattered across a green, grassy field, surrounded by dense trees. A dirt path or road winds through the area, and a few cars are parked near one of the bungalows.

BUNGALOWS

The participants will be hosted in wooden bungalows for 6 people with double rooms. Each bungalow has one living room, one bathroom and a kitchen.

FOOD

The meals will be vegan or vegetarian - a decision taken in line with the values of the association since:

- the consumption of meat usually less environmentally sustainable
- we prefer to avoid differences among the participants to foster social inclusion

We promise meals will provide you with a good deal of variety and will feel tasty even to the omnivores, though. However, there is a big supermarket 15 minutes on foot from the venue, in case you want to buy some food for yourself.

Please do remember to fill out the online form document that we will send you before the project, about special dietary needs (religion-related restrictions, allergies, etc.).



BREAKFAST

We will provide breakfast that you can prepare independently at your bungalow.

WHAT TO BRING

- Towel, shampoo, gel, toothpaste, and other personal toiletries;
- Raincoat, since it could rain;
- Warm clothes and comfortable shoes: remember we are in nature!
- A water bottle to keep with you during the activities and meals;
- An adapter for the plugs, C/E type, if needed;
- Flip-flops or sandals to use inside the bungalows;
- Sleeping bag if you want to feel more at ease (we provide fitted sheet for the mattress, pillowcase and a blanket)
- Laptop (not compulsory but suggested)
- European Health Card or private insurance **(COMPULSORY!!!)**
- ... *and your will to exchange, network, and create new projects*

TRANSPORTATION

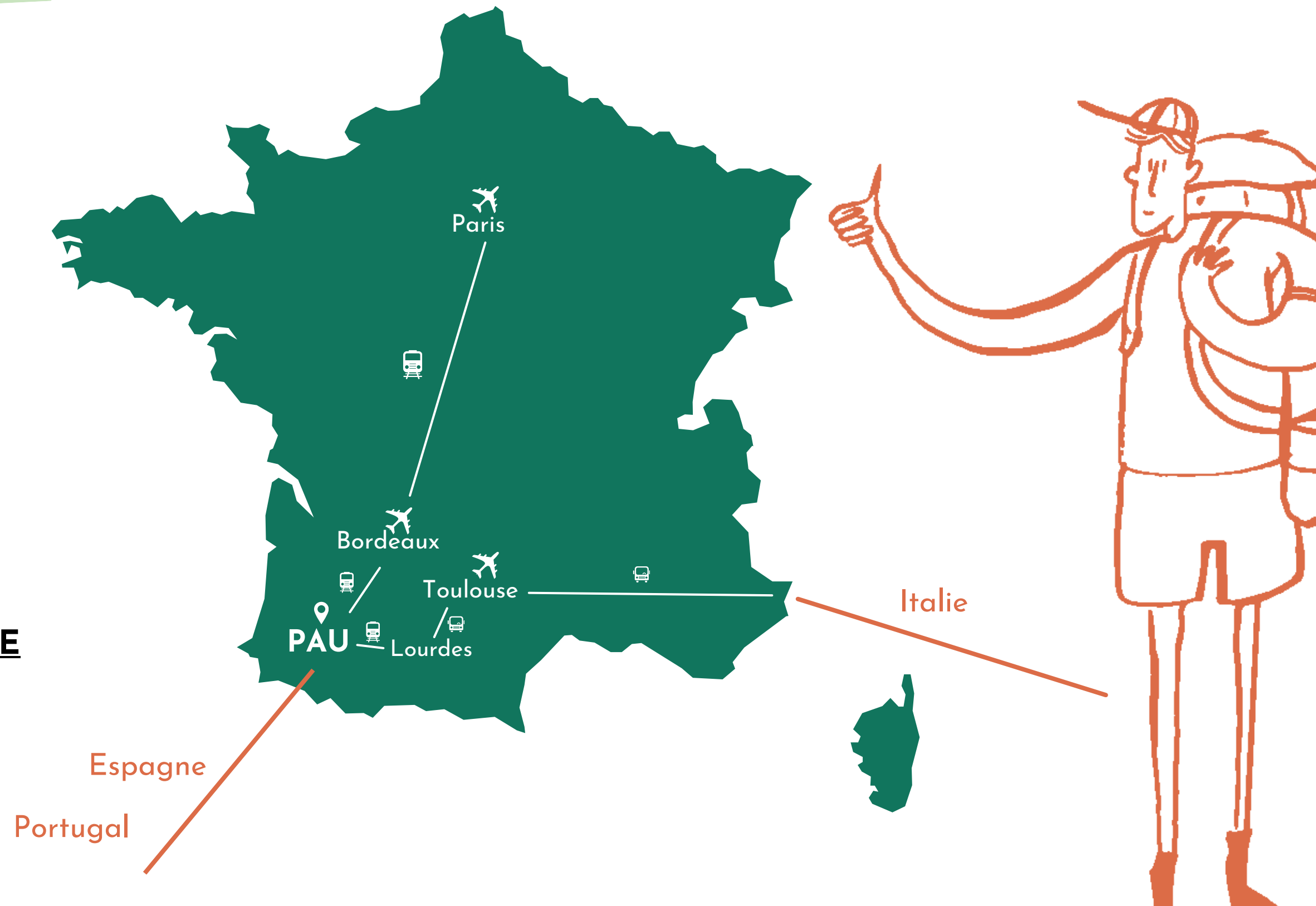
A By train, bus or carpool directly to Pau

B By plane :
The closest big airports are Bordeaux and Toulouse. From there, you can easily take a train or bus to get to Pau.

There are two smaller airports that may also be used: Lourdes, and Biarritz, with fewer flights.

Here you have our **TRANSPORTATION BIBLE** with all the details to organise your trip

We extremely encourage you to travel green!



BUDGETING

Accommodation, food, and training materials are provided for **FREE**.

FOR THE TRIP, WE WILL REIMBURSE UP TO:

	Green travel* at least half of the trip	By plane or individual car accommodation
10-99 km**	56€	28€
100-499 km	285€	211€
500-1999 km	417€	309€
2000-2999 km	535€	395€
3000-3999 km	785€	580€

*Green Travel: + accommodation for two nights (arrival and departure) up to €40 per night, WITHIN your total travel budget.

**Distance from departure to Laroin calculated on [this website](#).

You should **NOT** buy any ticket without our approval first, otherwise, we may not be able to reimburse you.

It is mandatory that all the participants keep their boarding passes and travel purchase invoices. (BE CAREFUL!! Digital boarding passes might disappear after landing, so **take a screenshot BEFORE** taking off).

For the reimbursement, we need that your name, date and price appear in the ticket or invoice.

After the project, **when we receive all the necessary documents** (in its original digital or physical format), we will make the reimbursement through bank transfer.



DISCLAIMER

Since we want to create **the safest space possible** for everyone, this exchange between partners will not allow sexist, racist, homophobic or any kind of violent/discriminatory behaviors.

Moreover, we will be living together, so we will all have to take care of the common spaces by washing dishes, tidying up and cleaning, etc.

If you have any doubt, please don't hesitate to reach us!
You can write us an email to *info@rakonto.org*





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