



INNOVATIVE PRACTICES FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

*non-formal learning programme about innovative and
creative methods of active citizenship*

31st August - 4th September 2026
Ljubljana, Slovenia



A group of young people are standing in front of a historic building with stone arches. They are holding large, hand-drawn signs. The sign on the left says "GO LESBIANS" in orange and purple letters. The sign on the right says "ERASMUS" in large, multi-colored letters, with a rainbow flag below it. Other people are visible in the background, some also holding signs. The scene is outdoors on a cobblestone street.

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Introduction

About active citizenship and the project

On June 8th, 2001, a bouncer at the Galerija Coffeehouse at the City Gallery in Ljubljana, owned by the City of Ljubljana, forbade openly gay poets Brane Mozetič and Jean-Paul Daoust from entering the cafe. His argument was that they should get used to the fact that the premises were no longer for "those people".

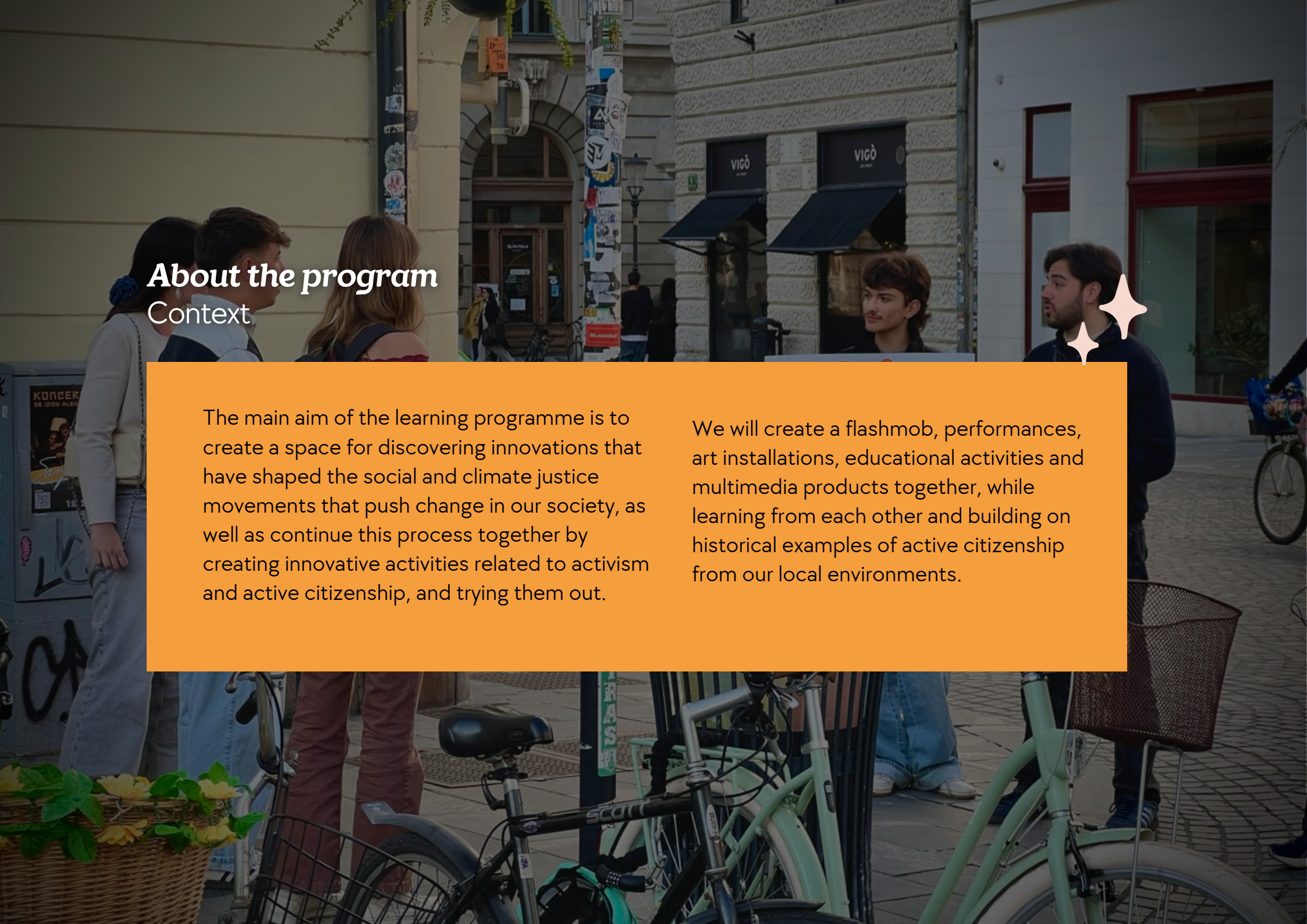
In the year 2001 we therefore witnessed a ban on entering the coffeehouse on the grounds of sexual orientation. A protest drinking of Radenska (mineral water) followed at the same coffeehouse, and preparations for the "Road past intolerance - a march against homophobia" which is regarded as the 1st LGBT Pride in Slovenian history.

The Radenska protest was brilliant in its simplicity - every day, people would occupy all the tables of the cafe and order only mineral water, the cheapest drink on the menu, which resulted in a reduction of profit in the cafe, while no rules or laws were broken and the bouncer and owners of the cafe had no way of stopping them.

In this learning programme about innovations in active citizenship, we will discuss and learn about more examples of creative civil disobedience and active citizenship like this, develop our own ideas and try them out through multimedia, among each other and on the streets of Ljubljana.

Join the journey!



The background image shows a city street scene. In the foreground, there are several bicycles parked, including a black Scott bicycle and a light green bicycle. A person is standing next to a bicycle with a basket of yellow flowers. In the background, there are people walking, a building with a 'VIGÒ' sign, and a utility pole covered in posters. The text 'About the program Context' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

About the program

Context

The main aim of the learning programme is to create a space for discovering innovations that have shaped the social and climate justice movements that push change in our society, as well as continue this process together by creating innovative activities related to activism and active citizenship, and trying them out.

We will create a flashmob, performances, art installations, educational activities and multimedia products together, while learning from each other and building on historical examples of active citizenship from our local environments.

About the program

Structure of the programme

This is the second edition of the programme. The first activity took place in March 2026 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. It is not necessary to have participated in the first activity in order to participate to the second.

1 Preparation

August 2026, online

- online preparatory meeting with the group leaders
- online assignments before arrival for the whole group
- meeting your country's group of participants

2 Learning programme

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- attend and cocreate the learning space in Ljubljana in a group of 25-30 participants
- explore innovative and creative active citizenship examples
- developing and testing new innovative practices
- create a flash mob in the city center of Ljubljana, videos and multimedia.

3 Local follow-up activities

September - October 2026

- apply your new experience and ideas in your local environment after returning home
- collaborate with your sending organisation
- share about your experience through a short article and testimonial.

About the program

Learning approach

As an active participant of the programme, you take accountability for your learning process and experience. What you will learn and gain from the programme is a result of your own mindset, approach, attitude, previous experience and background knowledge, and willingness to learn. The facilitating team is here to support this process.

The learning programme is highly collaborative and interactive, and you will be working in groups, individually, in pairs and will be able to exchange ideas, knowledge and experience that you bring to the programme.

We will focus on active citizenship in different countries, cultural contexts and communities, and aim to develop new ideas that we will then test out together on the streets of Ljubljana.



About the program

Working methods

Besides the content of the programme, we will organise and structure the learning experience with additional methods aimed at making sure each participant can take the most out of their experience in the programme:

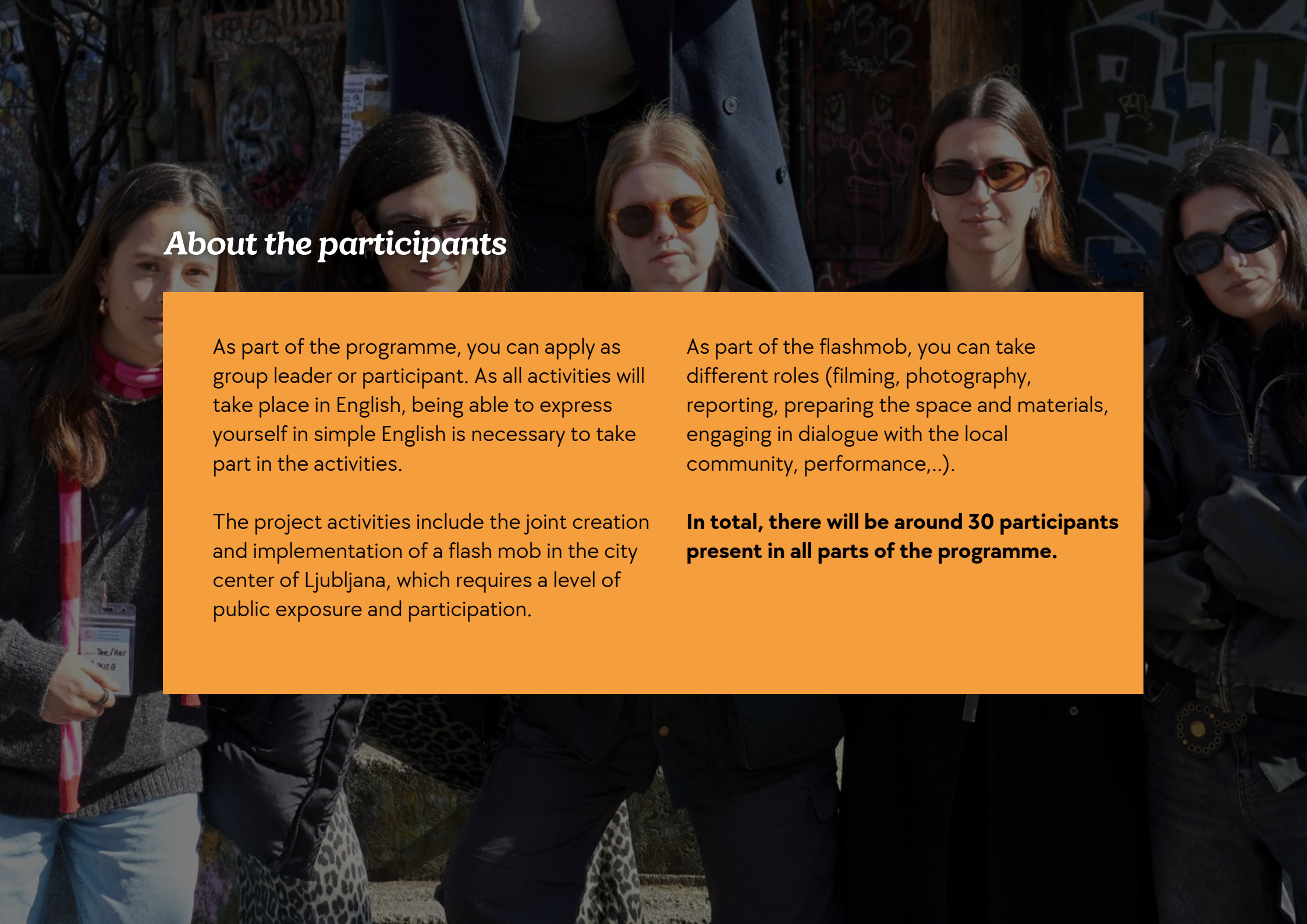
- daily reflection groups, where you can share your learning experiences and insights in a smaller intercultural group (4-5 participants)
- peer learning (working in pairs)
- structured planning of follow-up activities with your country's team
- Youthpass process - documenting learning experiences.

We work based on the values of inclusion, respect, personal accountability and active participation.

A part of this is making sure that **everyone is able to consent to the activities in full capacity, which includes a strict no drugs, substances and alcohol policy.**

Participants who use substances during the programme days will be asked to leave the programme without reimbursement.





About the participants

As part of the programme, you can apply as group leader or participant. As all activities will take place in English, being able to express yourself in simple English is necessary to take part in the activities.

The project activities include the joint creation and implementation of a flash mob in the city center of Ljubljana, which requires a level of public exposure and participation.

As part of the flashmob, you can take different roles (filming, photography, reporting, preparing the space and materials, engaging in dialogue with the local community, performance,...).

In total, there will be around 30 participants present in all parts of the programme.

About the participants

Group leaders:

- you have some experience with active citizenship / activism
- you are able and willing to contribute to the programme by facilitating workshops and/or reflection groups with 4-5 participants
- you are committed to taking part in the full programme and activities (including preparation, the learning programme in Ljubljana and follow-up initiatives)
- you are ready to take responsibility for your learning experience
- you are ready to support your country's team of participants during the programme
- you have a proactive and collaborative attitude and approach towards non-formal learning and cocreating constructive learning environments.

Participants:

- you are between 18 and 30 years old
- you are highly interested in active citizenship and activism and motivated to learn, regardless of your experience with it
- you are willing to take responsibility for your own learning experience and to increase your personal competences, work in a group and expose yourself to new experiences
- you are committed to taking part in the full duration of the learning programme (preparation, the activities in Ljubljana and follow-up initiatives back in your local environment).

Each participant and group leader will receive a certificate of participation to the programme and a Youthpass certificate to confirm and recognise learning experiences.

About the logistics

Hotel Celica and Ljubljana

We will be staying and working in the historical hostel Celica.

The hostel is located in the middle of Metelkova, a squatted autonomous social and cultural centre in the city centre of Ljubljana. Formerly, the site was the military headquarters of the Army of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, then it became the Slovenian headquarters of the Yugoslav People's Army.

The building of Hostel Celica served as a military prison for more than 100 years, and is now a modern and lively hostel with a strong artistic touch; several artists gave a new life to the building and turned it into a hostel in which every corner tells a story. In Slovene, "celica" (pronounced "tzeleetza") means "cell", all the rooms in the hostel used to be prison cells.

We will be staying in rooms with 2 - 4 beds, with shared bathrooms. Breakfast will be served in the hostel, and our working space will be in the hostel's gallery.

As part of the programme, we will also spend time outside, on the streets and around the city.



Agreements

By participating in this youth exchange, you agree to the following:

1. General principles and conduct

- non-discrimination: We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, or any other personal characteristic. Everyone must be treated with respect.
- participant fees: Sending organizations are not permitted to collect extra participation fees from participants. If you have been asked to pay a fee to your sending organization, please inform the hosting team.

2. Reimbursement requirements

- attendance and punctuality: Reimbursement is tied to full participation. Missing activities or arriving late to the program without a valid reason may result in the forfeiture of your travel reimbursement.
- documentation: Participants must submit all original tickets, boarding passes, and invoices via the designated Google Form.
- follow-up and reporting: Reimbursement will only be processed after the participant completes the following:
 - a. The official EU Survey (sent via email after the project).
 - b. The project follow-up/dissemination activities.
 - c. Submission of all travel documents (tickets/invoices).

3. Deadlines and timeline

- submission: You are committed to sending all required documents and links within 14 days of the activity's conclusion.
- payment: The hosting organization commits to processing the reimbursement within 14 days of receiving the final required document from the participant.
- travel dates: Travel must occur on the official travel dates specified in the Infopack. Any deviations must be pre-approved by the organizers.

4. Responsibility and communication

- clarification: If any part of the Infopack or related communication is unclear, it is the participant's responsibility to ask for clarification from the hosting or sending organization before traveling.
- accountability: If a participant fails to communicate issues or misunderstandings in a timely manner, the hosting organization cannot be held responsible for any resulting financial or logistical consequences.

About the travel reimbursement

There is a maximum amount of travel expenses that can be covered by the programme:

Country	Sending organisation contact	Travel reimbursement maximum
Slovenia	Moja mavrica - michelle.risman@mojamavrica.si	no reimbursement
Italy	Cassero LGBTQIA+ Center - global@cassero.it	285 EUR (for green travel) 211 EUR (for non-green travel)
Romania	Asociatia Vulgar - alex.zorila97@gmail.com	309 EUR
Latvia	Active Rainbow - info.activerainbow@gmail.com	309 EUR
Spain	Verbenacoop - anna@verbenacoop.com	417 EUR (for green travel) 309 EUR (for non-green travel)

Attendance to the programme is free of charge for all participants who commit to the full duration of the activities, including preparation and follow-up activities.

Accommodation, food, and program materials are covered by the Erasmus+ program. Travel reimbursement will happen upon completion of the learning programme via a bank transfer according to the country you are coming from, through your sending organisation.

If you are selected, you will receive a confirmation letter with all details about your participation in the activities of the project. You can start booking your travels only after the confirmed selection.

How to apply

In order to apply to the learning programme, fill out this application form: <https://forms.gle/t8Th6njWhRo6DiMF8>

If you are selected, you will receive a confirmation email with the next steps. To make sure you don't miss this email, take care to type in the correct email address in the application form and check your spam folder.

If you have questions, need clarifications or you would like to know more, contact us at **michelle.risman@mojamavrica.si** or **info@mojamavrica.si** and we'll be happy to provide more information.



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