ERASMUS+ TRAINING COURSE · KA153-YOU

Digital and Innovative Smart Youth Work

Training for the Future Youth Workers

Cervia, Italy

11 – 17 December 2026
including travel days



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What is it about?

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Digital and Innovative Smart Youth Work: Training for the Future Youth Workers is an international training course that prepares youth workers to engage young people with modern digital tools, methods and approaches.

Its goal is a more innovative, resilient and inclusive youth work sector, with skills that stay with participants long after the project ends.

The course strengthens the digital competences, innovation capacity and adaptability of youth workers.

Participants explore artificial intelligence, gamification, digital storytelling, online safety and social media strategies through hands-on, non-formal learning.

Each participant designs a mini-project and an action plan to apply back home with young people.

Project Objectives

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1. **Strengthen** the digital competences of youth workers so they can use digital tools confidently in daily youth work.
2. **Integrate** innovative and smart approaches – gamification, virtual facilitation, digital storytelling and AI – into non-formal education.
3. **Foster** the resilience and adaptability of youth workers, including remote and blended youth work in times of change.
4. **Encourage** cross-sectoral collaboration and knowledge exchange among youth workers from different countries.
5. **Increase** the quality and visibility of youth work at local and European levels.

What we will work on

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Training topics

01
Artificial intelligence in youth work

02
Digital tools for communication and engagement

03
Social media strategies for awareness-raising

04
Online safety and cybersecurity for youth

05
Gamification in non-formal education

06
Digital storytelling for youth empowerment

How we learn

- Hands-on digital tool workshops
- World café and group discussions
- Digital simulations and role plays
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Creative labs with design thinking
- Daily reflection groups

Project Coordinator

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ARCUS is an Italian independent youth association based in Carpi (Modena).

Since its foundation in 2007, its aim has been to offer local youth the best opportunities to enrich their lives through intercultural learning and non-formal education, to broaden their horizons and improve general well-being.

All workshops, seminars, experiential learning and skills development events delivered by ARCUS are designed to be engaging, participatory and actively involving.



Partner Organisations

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Organisation	Country	Role
Associazione ARCUS	Italy	Coordinator
Inovatif Potansiyel Uretim ve Teknolojileri Dernegi (INPUT)	Türkiye	Partner
Youth and World z.s.	Czechia	Partner
Network for European Citizenship and Identity Hellas (NECI GR)	Greece	Partner
Asociacija Aktyvistai	Lithuania	Partner
Asociatia ALLONS-Y	Romania	Partner
Mediterranean Forum for Social Development	Morocco	Partner
Desert Bloom for Training and Sustainable Development	Jordan	Partner

Participants

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18+
youth workers, no upper age limit

4
participants per country

8
countries taking part

Countries

Italy · Türkiye · Czechia · Greece · Lithuania · Romania · Morocco · Jordan

Each organisation sends a gender-balanced group of 2 women and 2 men.

Who should apply

- Youth workers active at local or international level who are motivated to bring digital and smart tools into their work
- Ready to act as a bridge between the project and young people in their own communities
- Willing to share results through local workshops, blog posts, videos and social media

Inclusion: youth workers from rural areas, minority backgrounds or working with marginalised young people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Your Journey in the Project

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1. Before

- Online preparatory meeting
- Needs Assessment Form
- Local orientation session

2. During

- Training course in Cervia
- Mini-project and action plan
- Daily reflection groups

3. After

- Local workshops and info sessions
- Online campaigns or digital projects
- Alumni network

4. Share

- Blog posts and video testimonials
- Multiplier events and webinars
- Final evaluation meeting

Key Dates

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Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
DEC	DEC	DEC	DEC	DEC	DEC	DEC
Arrival day	Training	Training	Training	Training	Training	Departure day

Extra days allowed

You may arrive up to 2 days before 11 December or leave up to 2 days after 17 December, in line with Erasmus+ travel rules. Accommodation, meals and other personal costs on these extra days are not covered by the project and must be paid by the participant.

Arrive on 11 December (check-in from 2:00 PM) and **leave on 17 December** (check-out by 9:00 AM).

Expected Outcomes

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Participants will strengthen their digital competences, gain confidence with innovative tools and leave with concrete ideas to modernise their youth work.

1

Youthpass certificate

Recognition of the competences you develop, based on the 8 key competences.

2

Digital training toolkit

An open-access summary of the tools and methods used in the course.

3

Online resource hub

A shared space with participants' videos, blog posts, project ideas and good practices.

4

Local follow-up

Workshops, campaigns and digital projects run by you in your own community.

The Venue

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Mare e Vita Village – Pinarella di Cervia











Bring your own towels – they are not provided by the accommodation.

Check-in
from 2:00 PM

Check-out
9:00 AM

At check-in each participant leaves a €30 cash deposit, refunded at check-out unless damage has been caused.

Getting to Cervia

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Nearest airports

FRL	Forlì Airport	23.4 km from Cervia
BLQ	Bologna Airport	88.9 km from Cervia
FLR	Florence Airport	105 km from Cervia

By train: go to Cervia–Milano Marittima station. From Bologna Airport, take the Marconi Express to Bologna Centrale, then a regional train to Cervia.

By bus: regional buses connect Forlì, Ravenna, Cesena and Bologna to Cervia (main operator: Start Romagna).

Important!

Before booking, send your flight plan and **wait for ARCUS' approval.**

Keep all original **boarding passes and travel tickets.**

No reimbursement can be made without proper documentation.

Travel Costs & Reimbursement

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- Economy class and public transport only; one carry-on bag up to 10 kg is reimbursed
- Refund is based on actual costs, on presentation of the ticket invoice, boarding passes with the passenger's name, all other transport bills and payment receipts
- Only the round trip from the sending organisation's country is reimbursed
- Reimbursement starts only after the dissemination task and follow-up actions are completed
- Paid in one single transfer to the sending organisation (or to one designated group member, with the organisation's prior authorisation)

Maximum travel amount per person

Country	Max (EUR)
Italy	**€ 28**
Türkiye	**€ 309**
Czechia	**€ 309**
Greece	**€ 309**
Lithuania	**€ 309**
Romania	**€ 309**
Morocco	**€ 309**
Jordan	**€ 395**

Erasmus+ distance-band amounts, as in the approved budget.

Don’t forget to bring…

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Documents
Passport or ID card, visa if needed, travel documents

Warm clothes
December by the Adriatic is cold, damp and can be foggy: coat, layers, umbrella

Laptop or smartphone
We work with digital tools every day – bring your charger too

Towels & toiletries
Not provided by the accommodation; plus any medicine you need

A taste of your country
Food, sweets, music and games for the Intercultural Evening

Information about your country
Brochures, posters, postcards, a video or short presentation

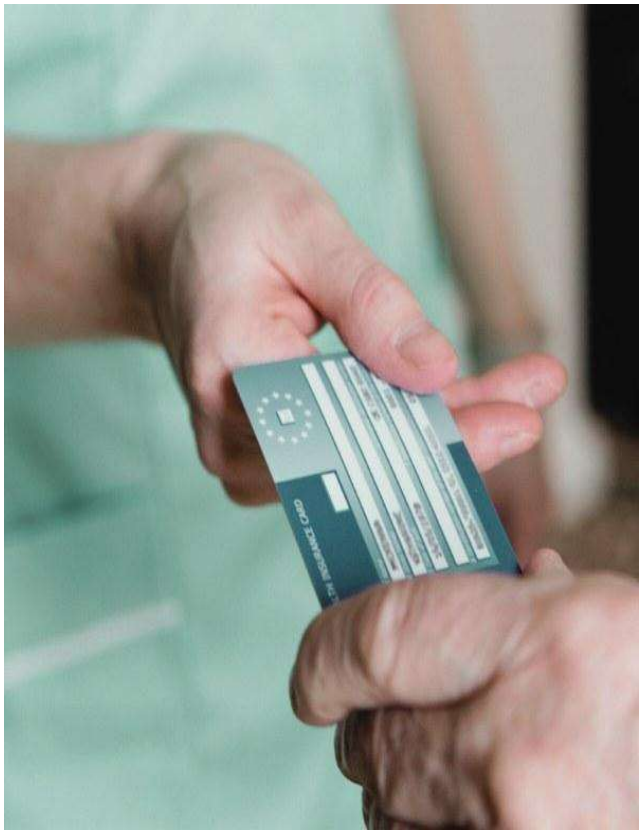
Bring a reusable water bottle – it helps reduce plastic waste.

Insurance & Visas

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- Personal and medical insurance are the responsibility of each participant
- The organisers are not responsible for loss of luggage, money or personal belongings, or for any medical costs
- Participants from EU countries (Italy, Czechia, Greece, Lithuania, Romania): bring your European Health Insurance Card
- Participants from Türkiye, Morocco and Jordan: travel and health insurance is required

Visa: participants from Türkiye, Morocco and Jordan usually need a Schengen visa. Apply as early as possible and request an invitation letter from ARCUS.



Do you need any other information?

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