

INVITATION



REACH+

REACH+ NETWORK:
SUPPORTING LGBT+ YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS



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Dear Partner,

The REACH+ project is an Erasmus+ funded initiative aimed at reaching young LGBT+ people living in rural areas and support organisations across Europe in building capacity and exchanging good practices to support this target group.

Young LGBT+ people living in rural areas face many challenges. Besides higher rates of discrimination, they often have less access to health and wellbeing services, support and opportunities in comparison to their peers.

Our project aims at establishing the first European network to support LGBT+ people living in rural areas and engage organisations like yours in adopting new approaches and thinking new EU-wide initiatives with other institutions.

As part of the project, we are also developing an online platform for young LGBT+ people, where they can find information about national services and support, as well as contacts of the friendly and supportive organisations in the REACH+ network.

This leaflet contains key information for participating in the network, what are the requirements and the benefits, as well as contact points.

Kindest Regards,

The REACH+ Partnership

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT

The REACH+ project is an Erasmus+ project funded through the Italian National Agency (Agenzia Nazionale dei Giovani) and aims at empowering young LGBT+ people living in rural areas through digital storytelling across Europe. Specific goals of our project are:

- 1: Establish a sustainable network to support LGBT+ people in rural areas with min. 9 European countries
- 2: Develop a digital platform with useful information for young LGBT+ people in rural areas
- 3: Empower min. 15 LGBT+ people living in rural areas through a digital storytelling course

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It has an estimated budget of €26.2 billion. This is nearly double the funding compared to its predecessor programme (2014-2020). The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life. Erasmus+ offers mobility and cooperation opportunities in

- higher education
- vocational education and training
- school education (including early childhood education and care)
- adult education
- youth
- sport

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BENEFITS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE REACH+ NETWORK

- Exchange of good practices about rural young LGBT+ people inclusion and support with professionals across Europe
- Participation in initiatives and projects about inclusion and diversity
- Promotion of your organisation on an European level
- Better capacity to involve and support young LGBT+ in the activities of your organisation
- Higher understanding of European issues and barriers linked to discrimination
- Fully funded participation in the First International Meeting of the REACH+ Network in Italy in 2023.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE REACH+ NETWORK

- Participate actively, according to their capacity, in the initiatives and projects of the network
- Support the creation of the REACH+ platform and the translation, in their national language, of 1 page of the platform.
- Promote the REACH+ network and work at national level, in line with their capacity and scope.
- Share a point of contact on the REACH+ platform for national young LGBT+ people interested in educational initiatives.