

# CALL FOR PARTNERS: ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE “COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND COMPETENCE BUILDING FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND WELL-BEING”



We are excited to announce a call for partners for the Erasmus+ Youth Exchange “Collaborative Research and Competence Building for Sustainability and Well-being.” This project aims to empower young people to envision and actively shape their future by identifying, developing, and exchanging key competencies to create sustainable lifestyles in their communities. Participants will be accompanied in a process of identifying their needs and, in working groups, creating a workshop for the other participants on their chosen topic.

We seek partner organizations who share our values of community, participation, and sustainability and are committed to offering growth opportunities for young people. Ideal partners are active in areas such as youth empowerment, community building, non-formal education, participatory education, sustainable lifestyles, and social transformation.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project consists of three phases:

1. **Envisioning:** Participants will engage in a guided process to imagine their ideal way of living, identifying both the skills they need and those they already possess. This phase will take place over online video calls, concluding with the formation of subgroups based on shared interests.
2. **Collaborative Learning:** Participants will meet in Northern Italy for an in-person experience, co-living as a group, and preparing activities within their subgroups to share knowledge and practical skills on their chosen topic with the rest of the group.
3. **Integration and Local Action:** The final phase involves integrating what participants have learned into their daily lives and establishing local collaborations to continue their journey.

The first phases will include 1-2 online calls with the participants and a preparatory visit with the group leaders of each working group, while the second phase will consist of approximately 9 days in summer 2026, held in Northern Italy (exact dates and location to be confirmed).

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Empower youth to envision their future and become active change-makers
- Foster collaboration among participants from diverse countries
- Establish foundations for local initiatives and collaborations
- Develop competencies in well-being and sustainability
- Enhance team-working and non-formal research skills
- Create a platform for youth to exchange skills and knowledge



## PROMOTING ORGANIZATION

*Exploring Anima Mundi* is a social ecology project founded by a group of young people dedicated to fostering sustainable, meaningful lifestyles that support well-being in harmony with the natural world. Over the past year, it has grown into a vibrant community focused on experiential learning, non-formal research, and collaborative action. Locally, *Exploring Anima Mundi* organizes community days centered on relationship-building, shared learning and playing in respectful engagement with each other and nature. The group also develops and organizes non-formal education workshops and other initiatives on topics identified as relevant to both the projects' and local community based on a participatory action research approach. Beyond its local impact, *Exploring Anima Mundi* collaborates with individuals and organizations across Europe that share similar values, contributing to workshops, research retreats, and Erasmus+ projects. Lorenzo Bazzurro and Samuele Marletto, facilitators of this Youth Exchange, are local volunteers that have experience with the research process as well as facilitation through local initiatives and Erasmus+ projects.

More information: <https://linktr.ee/exploring.animamundi>

## BENEFITS FOR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- Opportunity to co-create an impactful and innovative project
- Possibility to expand the youths' skills in the field of well-being and sustainability
- Facilitate local impact advanced by the participants once returned
- Access to materials and resources about the participatory methodology that can be integrated into educational and outreach activities
- Involvement in a network of international organizations active in the sector
- Enhancing the organization's visibility and reputation in the field of youth education and sustainability



## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS TASKS

- Sharing the call for participants and supporting the selection process
- Supporting the participants in the preparation of the project and travel arrangements
- Supporting the participants in finding local opportunities of growth related to the topics they chose to explore (first phase)
- Supporting participants in integrating what they learned into their home context and welcoming eventual contributions they want to make to the organization based on what they learned during the project (third phase)
- Giving visibility to the project on social media and other networks

## MORE INFO AND HOW TO JOIN

If you have any questions or feel inspired and would like to join this project, please contact us. We are looking forward to collaborating with you!

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