



PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE (KA153 – Mobility of Youth Workers)

Project Title: International Youth Worker Mobility for Sustainable Communities (IYWMSC)

Lead Organisation: JEDEV – Jeunesse, Développement, Écologie et Valeurs (Cameroon)

Project Duration: 6 to 12 months

Location: To be confirmed with coordinating partner (EU country)

Type of Activity: Mobility of Youth Workers (Training Course + Study Visit + Networking)

1. CONTEXT & RATIONALE

Youth workers play a crucial role in addressing today's global challenges: social inclusion, unemployment, sustainability, gender equality, mental health, digitalization, and youth participation.

In Africa, as in Europe, many grassroots organisations lack access to structured tools, international networks, and up-to-date methodologies. At the same time, cooperation between EU and African organisations remains limited, despite huge potential.

JEDEV seeks to strengthen this cooperation by creating a project where European and African youth workers can:

- share best practices,
- strengthen their competences,
- develop new methodologies,
- create long-term partnerships,
- and generate new Erasmus+ projects.

This KA153 mobility will act as a strategic platform to build a sustainable EU–Africa youth network.

2. OVERALL GOAL

To enhance the quality, professionalism, and international cooperation of youth work between Europe and Africa through capacity-building mobility activities.

3. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen the competences of youth workers in non-formal education, project management, sustainability, gender, inclusion, and youth participation.
2. Promote cooperation between African and European youth organisations, enabling joint Erasmus+ applications (KA152, KA210, KA220, ESC, PBA, Study Visits).

3. Develop innovative tools (toolkits, activity methods, non-formal education modules) that participants can implement in their local communities.
 4. Build a long-term strategic network that supports future mobility and cooperation projects.
 5. Increase the involvement of youth with fewer opportunities in international mobility schemes.
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4. MAIN ACTIVITIES

A. 7-day Training Course (EU country – host partner)

- Non-formal education methods
- Intercultural learning
- Youth leadership & participation
- Sustainability & SDGs workshops
- Digital tools for youth work
- Designing youth projects & proposals

B. Study Visit (2–3 days)

Participants will visit:

- local youth centres
- NGOs
- social projects
- community initiatives

To learn real-life practices and transfer ideas back home.

C. Partnership-Building & Project Labs

Participants will work in mixed groups to:

- design future Erasmus+ projects
- create project outlines (KA152, KA210, KA220)
- exchange organisational challenges
- develop follow-up activities

D. Dissemination Activities

- Social media content
 - Final booklet (best practices)
 - Videos & testimonials
 - Workshops with local youth (after returning home)
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5. TARGET GROUP

- Youth workers
- Youth leaders
- NGO staff & volunteers
- Project managers
- Educators working with young people

Age: typically 20–45 years

Countries: EU + African partner organisations

6. EXPECTED IMPACT

For participants

- Stronger skills in youth work
- Improved project writing and management
- Better understanding of European and African realities
- Increased employability
- New professional network

For organisations

- New international partnerships
- New Erasmus+ proposals
- More structured organisation
- More visibility in EU–Africa cooperation

For communities

- Better-quality youth activities
- More opportunities for young people
- Long-term sustainable cooperation

7. PARTNERS & CONSORTIUM

We are looking for:

EU Partners (Preferred):

- Accredited or experienced NGOs
- Organisations active in: sustainability, inclusion, civic engagement, youth work, digital skills

African Partners (Optional):

- Organisations active in youth development
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8. ROLE OF THE PARTNERS

Coordinating Organisation (EU)

- Submit the KA153 application
- Manage the budget and logistics
- Host the mobility activity
- Provide trainers

Partner Organisations

- Select and prepare participants
- Contribute workshops or expertise
- Assist in creating the final booklet
- Disseminate project results

JEDEV (Applicant or Partner)

- Provide content related to ecology, inclusion, youth participation
- Identify youth workers from Cameroon
- Coordinate African participation
- Strengthen EU–Africa cooperation
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9. BUDGET FRAMEWORK (Erasmus+ Standard)

The budget will follow Erasmus+ KA153 lump-sum structure:

- Travel support (depending on distance)
- Individual support (food + accommodation)
- Organisational support
- Exceptional costs (if needed)

Paid directly to the coordinating partner.