

Homes Through Time

Call: European Youth Together 2026, ERASMUS-YOUTH-2026-YOUTH-TOG

Deadline: 17:00 CET 26 Feb 2026

Start and end date: 01/10/2026 - 30/09/2028

Duration: 24 months

Partners: 5 civil society organisations from EU countries working with personal development and active participation of youth

Context

Across the European Union, access to affordable, adequate housing has become one of the most pressing structural challenges affecting young people's autonomy, social inclusion, and participation in democratic life. According to Eurostat, young people in the EU leave the parental home at an average age of 26.4 years, with this figure exceeding 30 years in several Member States, largely due to **high housing costs** and **insecure labour conditions**. The European Commission has identified rising rents, insufficient social housing, and financialization of housing markets as **key drivers of exclusion**, disproportionately affecting young people, students, and young adults with fewer opportunities. Data from EU-SILC show that over one quarter of young Europeans aged 18-34 living independently are **overburdened by housing costs**, while the European Youth Strategy 2019-2027 explicitly recognises housing insecurity as a **barrier to youth participation, mobility, and active citizenship**. Despite housing being a shared concern across generations, policy responses remain fragmented across national contexts, and young people are rarely involved in understanding the historical roots of housing systems or in shaping future-oriented, sustainable solutions. This project responds to this gap by **framing housing** not only as a socio-economic issue, but as a cross-cutting policy challenge directly linked to EU values, democratic engagement, social rights, and intergenerational solidarity.

Objectives

General Objective: To strengthen young people's active participation in democratic life by increasing their understanding of housing as a social right, a historical construct, and a future-oriented policy challenge, while reinforcing the capacity of youth organisations to engage young people in evidence-based, value-driven dialogue on housing policies at European level.

Specific Objectives

S01. To increase young people's awareness and critical understanding of the youth housing crisis in Europe, its historical roots, and its socio-economic, political, and environmental dimensions, using reliable EU-level data and policy frameworks.

S02. To enable young people to analyse how housing policies have evolved over time and how different historical, economic, and ideological choices continue to shape access to housing across European countries today.

S03. To strengthen young people's learning outcomes related to active citizenship, social rights, and democratic participation by delivering a structured, documented learning pathway supported by Youthpass recognition.

S04. To empower young people to actively participate in policy-oriented dialogue and collaborative storytelling, translating lived experiences and historical insights into shared European narratives on housing and youth inclusion.

S05. To enhance the capacity of youth organisations to design, deliver, and sustain innovative, learner-centred educational formats (online modules, mobility-based methods, and digital tools) addressing complex societal challenges.

S06. To promote inclusion and equal participation by involving young people with fewer opportunities who are disproportionately affected by housing insecurity, overcrowding, or unstable living conditions.

S07. To foster innovation in youth work by piloting creative methodologies such as time-travel learning, collaborative storytelling, and blended learning formats that connect historical reflection with future-oriented thinking.

S08. To ensure the sustainability and long-term impact of project results by embedding learning materials, methodologies, and partnerships into the regular activities of participating organisations beyond the project lifetime.

Main activities

- 3 transnational project meetings
- Policy analysis on national level
- 2 learning mobility programmes (joint staff training and youth mobility)
- Online course development for SALTO HOP platform
- Local stakeholder consultations and piloting events
- Final international conference (Budapest, Hungary)

Target groups

The project targets **young adults (18-30)** and **youth workers** from diverse socio-economic backgrounds across participating European countries. Young adults, particularly those in **transition phases** (students, early-career workers, young people living independently for the first time), are among the groups most affected by housing insecurity, rising living costs, and limited access to policy dialogue on housing and social rights. Youth workers are involved as **key multipliers** who support young people's learning, participation, and civic engagement, and who play a crucial role in translating complex policy issues into accessible, non-formal learning processes. The project strengthens intergenerational learning within the youth sector, enhances youth workers' professional capacity, and ensures that young people's perspectives on housing are meaningfully reflected and sustained within youth work practice beyond the project duration.

Coordinator

Youth Bridges Budapest (YBB) is a Hungary-based youth organisation with extensive experience in coordinating complex **Erasmus+ and intercontinental cooperation projects**, focusing on youth participation, democratic engagement, social inclusion, and digital innovation. YBB brings strong expertise in **capacity building, participatory research, and non-formal education methodologies**, combined with proven project management and quality assurance skills. As coordinator, YBB ensures a **structured, inclusive, and context-sensitive approach**, enabling partners with different levels of Erasmus+ experience to work together effectively and sustainably.

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