



CALL FOR PARTNERS

Project Title:	Fix the Future: Youth Repair Culture for a Circular Europe - KA152
Venue:	Istanbul, Türkiye
Duration of Mobility:	9 Days (7 Activity + 2 Travel Days) + 2 Days APV
Number of Participants:	6 participants per partner organisation

Project Summary

Fix the Future is a KA152 Youth Exchange project about young people's relationship with consumption, objects and waste. Today, replacing has become easier than repairing: a cracked phone screen, a torn pair of jeans or a broken cup is often treated as a reason to buy something new. Even smartphones are increasingly replaced every year, not always because they stop working, but because the newest model has become a symbol of status. In only a few years, this habit can cost as much as a major life expense for a young person.

The project questions this throwaway culture not only as an environmental problem, but also as an emotional and economic one. When we replace everything too easily, we also lose our sense of care, memory and responsibility towards the things we own. Inspired by Japanese ideas and practices such as "taru wo shiru", knowing what is enough, "mottainai", avoiding waste, kintsugi-inspired ceramic repair and visible mending, participants will explore repair as a creative act of care.

Through repair cafés, visible mending workshops, kintsugi-inspired activities, consumption diaries, cost-of-replacement exercises, swap sessions and upcycling labs, young people will learn how to give objects a second life while reflecting on the real cost of constant replacement.

What We Seek

- Partner organizations working with young people aged 20–25
- Participants interested in sustainability, creativity, circular living or hands-on learning
- Partners able to bring local examples of throwaway culture, repair practices or waste-related challenges
- Participants ready to take part in practical workshops such as mending, upcycling, swapping and repair cafés
- Organizations committed to testing and sharing the project outputs in their local communities

