



## ABOUT US

*Ri-puliamoci* is an organisation based in Altamura, Puglia (in the South-East of Italy), entirely composed of young people concerned about environmental issues in their town and keen on improving their intercultural European dimension.

Read more about the history of the organisation in our official [SALTO profile](#).



## PROJECT SUMMARY

The purpose of this project is to raise awareness among young participants on the need to enhance their and others' level of knowledge of environmental issues in order to allow an eco-sustainable development in a way that solutions come from the individuals, thus starting a sort of *revolution from below*.

We aim to empower young people to foster improvements at the local level, providing them with adequate instruments through group activities within the context of non-formal education.

We want to increase their sense of initiative so that they can put in place concrete actions to improve their own local community and the society in which they live.

Our objectives are the following:

- To raise awareness on environmental issues and on the respect and care of the ecosystem in which we live.
- To increase the spirit of initiative in the young participants and the willingness to work in person to contribute actively to the improvement of society.
- To improve their handicraft skills through the construction of a greenhouse from recycled materials, stimulating the creativity and the sense of entrepreneurship in the participants.

- To foster and to develop innovative ideas as well as to share best practices between young people from different European countries.
- To develop and to strengthen the social, intercultural and European dimension of the young participants, promoting social inclusion through the love for the nature.
- To develop key competences in young people to increase their level of employability and possibilities to find work.
- To increase the personal Soft Skills luggage and the ability of thinking outside the box to acquire competences that are useful throughout the whole lifetime.

The main activity will consist in a Youth Exchange in which 30 young people from 4 different countries will meet and work together towards the goals of the project.

The most important result will be the collective construction of a greenhouse made of plastic bottles, functioning to all intents and purposes, which will be able to keep a temperature of 10-15 degrees centigrade higher than the outside temperature when under the sun. It will also be self-watering thanks to the action of the rain and it will have a good weathering resistance.

## **PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE**

We need a gender balanced group of 6 participants aged 18-25, plus 1 group leader in your organisation (18+). We also aim to include people with fewer opportunities, specifically those ones with Geographical and Social obstacles: ideally, in each national group there should be at least 2 young people facing these kind of difficulties (but you can also have more).



The most important thing is that all of the participants are interested in the project topic and highly motivated to be actively involved into all the activities, including the dissemination of results.

## **PARTICIPANTS' SELECTION**

Every partner will be in charge of selecting its own candidates. As the hosting organisation, we might provide help in the selection process, if needed.

You can use your own methods to choose your participants, as long as you make sure to take into account the participants' profile we asked for.

## VENUES & PLANNED DATES

(Please consider that our planned dates are still flexible, to a small extent)



→ **Youth Exchange** at the beginning of August 2017

- 6 participant + 1 leader from 4 countries
- **Planned Dates:** 31 July - 08 August 2017
- **Duration:** 9 days (incl. travel days)
- **Venue:** [Altamura](#) (BA), [Apulia](#), Italy

→ **APV** at the beginning of June 2017

- 1 Group Leader from each Partner
- **Planned Dates:** 03-04 June 2017
- **Duration:** 2 days (excl. travel days)
- **Venue:** [Altamura](#) (BA), [Apulia](#), Italy



## PARTNERSHIP

If you are interested in co-operating with us for the success of this project, please fill in the Partner Application Form at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/0DubYRUdedOMeXyC2>.

The deadline for submitting your application is set for 18th January 2017.

## CONTACT DETAILS



Dear partners,

We are *Michele Nuzzolese* and *Antonella Sforza* and we are the coordinators of this project.

In case you have any question, do not hesitate to contact us at [ripuliamoci.info@gmail.com](mailto:ripuliamoci.info@gmail.com).

Kind Regards,

*Michele & Antonella*

