

Call for expressions of interest for Erasmus + projects : "Building with young Europeans the territories of new solidarities"

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European territories will have changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, an unprecedented health, economic and social crisis for Europeans. Young people have been particularly impacted by this situation. For the first time, this generation had to deal with measures of social distancing in an increasingly connected society. Today, they have to face the worst economic crisis of their existence at a decisive moment in their lives when they have to make the choice of their educational orientation or their integration into the labor market. However, this episode helped to reveal the emergence of new forms of solidarity. Young people have been witnesses and actors of a raising new world with plenty of new opportunities such as digital solidarity through the use of social networks, innovative mobilizations to help healthcare staff, or even the experimentation of the digital school. In a time of reflection on how to build the territories of tomorrow, these new solidarities appear to be opportunities to create the world of our future generation. It is time to give the floor to young people so that they can grasp, understand and discuss on these issues in order to build the united territories of tomorrow.

In order to achieve this objective, **the Erasmus + programme** gives the opportunity to carry out **a youth project supported by the European Union**. This document is therefore **a call for expressions of interest** concerning potential projects on the theme **"Building with young Europeans the territories of new solidarities"**. The aim is to build a local and European partnership to bring this project together before the the Erasmus + programme authorities. Europe en Hainaut offers you 3 project tracks, corresponding to 3 actions that can be supported by the Erasmus + programme, which will need to be worked on with all of the local and European partners. These project tracks are as follows:

- 1) Youth mobility project: Building together the territories of new solidarities
- 2) Youth dialogue with political stakeholders project: Our solutions for building territories of new solidarities
- 3) Youth workers mobility project: Adapting the youth work environment to the territories of new solidarities

1) Potential youth mobility project: Building together the territories of new solidarities

This project would be an exchange of young Europeans (from 13 to 30) around non-formal learning activities on the theme of territories of new solidarities. This exchange would consist in sharing the situation experienced, in order to draw the consequences, and to propose solutions to build territories based on these new forms of solidarity. This project, carried by the young people themselves, offers them the opportunity to acquire skills that would strengthen their ability to integrate socially and professionally into the post-Covid 19 world.



The objectives

- Reflect together on the challenges revealed by the COVID-19 crisis
- Share on the new forms of solidarity highlighted by the COVID-19 period
- Reflect on solutions to build post-crisis territories on the basis of these new forms of solidarity
- Summarize the exchange to fuel the public debate in the country of origin



The potential activities

- Upstream preparation on the theme of emerging forms of solidarity highlighted by the COVID-19 crisis
- Linguistic preparation on this topic
- Editing of a film on the project
- Development of a website to raise public awareness
- Conference debate organized by the young participants
- Games on the theme (quiz; treasure hunt...)
- Visits of organizations that played a role in the crisis in the host country
- Writing a charter of proposals



The targeted skills

- Awareness of civic and social issues
- Awareness of culture and expression
- Communication in the mother tongue and in a foreign language
- Improvement of digital and technological skills
- Improvement of the self-esteem
- Better knowledge of the European project and the values of the European Union

2) Potential youth dialogue with stakeholders in politics project : Our solutions for building territories of new solidarities

The aim of this project would be to involve young people (from 13 to 30) in the decision-making process, by issuing their recommendations so that these new forms of solidarity are taken into account in public policies. Young people could be heard and make their proposals on subjects such as: digital solidarity, support for the local economy, forms of solidarity in times of social distancing ... This event can take the form of an international seminar. The objective is to put young people in direct contact with political decision-makers and youth experts.



The objectives

- Debate the issues revealed by the COVID-19 crisis
- Immerse young people in the decision-making process
- Question decision makers on youth policies in response to the coronavirus crisis
- Sensitize young people on public policies
- Develop recommendations for submission to policy makers



The potential activities

- Organization of a conference / working meeting / consultation between young people, political decisionmakers and experts from the youth work
- Upstream preparation on the theme
- Linguistic preparation
- Editing of a film on the whole project
- Development of a website to raise public awareness
- Writing a charter of proposals



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The targeted skills

- Awareness of democratic, civic and social issues
- Expression capacity building
- Communication in the mother tongue and in a foreign language
- Strengthening digital and technological skills
- Improving employability and career prospects
- Better knowledge of the European project, European policies and Union values

3) Potential youth workers mobility project: Adapting the youth work environment to the territories of new solidarities

This mobility project for professionals and volunteers in the youth sector would be a discussion on the innovative and creative solidarity practices implemented during the COVID-19 period. Together, these actors could consider solutions to perpetuate these practices, taking full advantage of digitalization and responding to the challenges of socio-professional integration of young people in the post-COVID 19 Europe. Enriched with new skills, these actors would bring added value to their activity in favor of youth.



The potential activities

- Good practice exchange activities to adapt the social work for young people
- Upstream preparation on the COVID 19 impacts on the youth work
- Linguistic preparation on the theme of COVID 19
- Editing of a film on the whole project
- Development of a website to raise public awareness
- Organizing a conference debate
- Sharing games on the theme (quiz; treasure hunt...)



The objectives

- Share on new youth support practices implemented during COVID-19
- Reflect on solutions to adapt these new practices in favor of the integration of young people
- Reflect together on the challenges of the crisis on the social offer for young people
- Share the discussion to fuel the debate on youth policies



The targeted results

- Development of professional skills in the field youth work
- Adapting the social work for young people to the post-COVID-19 situation
- Development of a partnership network
- Maintaining interest in developing projects for young people
- Better knowledge of the European project and of the European Union policies and values ...

This document is a call for expressions of interest to carry out projects supported by the Erasmus + programme. The project tracks presented in this document must be specified with all of the local and European partners.

If you are a youth actor, looking for a valuable European experience and anxious to improve the social offer for the young people future, these project tracks are made for you! Please contact Europe en Hainaut to express your interest, **before May 30, 2020 inclusive**, specifying the project track(s) that interest you.

Application deadline: October 1, 2020 for projects starting between January 1 and May 31, 2021. Possible duration of projects: between 3 and 24 months.

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