

YES – Youth Exchange Superheroes

WHAT

YES is a mobility of Youth Workers. It's not only a **meeting** between youth organizations, it's not only a **seminar**, it's not only a **training course**, not only a **contact making seminar**. It's a little bit of all those things and it's the first youth workers mobility organized by Link after getting accreditation for **Erasmus+/Youth** with the new program 2021-2027.

The main contents of YES will be:

- Strengthening the partnership, consolidating the informal network of EU NGOs;
- Sharing Link's strategic plan for 2022-23, give to the participants/partners the opportunity to share their strategy to define partnerships and cooperation agreements;
- Focus on youth exchanges and their impact on youth in the post-pandemic scenario, especially regarding the role of youth leaders;
- Work on quality of the partnership and cross-sectorial cooperation;
- Develop common tools to affront the new challenges, namely climate change, digitalization and participation.

Do you think it's too much? Maybe. But we have the feeling that after two years where confrontation and dialogue have been compressed by many video calls, there is a need to meet together again, face to face, and re-launch our common work in favor of youth and communities.



WHO

Link is a youth organization active in Southern Italy and in Europe since 2003. If you are reading this call most probably you have had some cooperation with us in the past, that's why we want you to be in Italy for this meeting. YES is open to all organizations working with youth, especially those involved in Erasmus+ Exchanges, but it's open to old and new partners. The old ones to go deeper in best practice and partnership, the new ones to widen our horizons and bring new lymph in our daily work.

We need to stress the importance of sending a person who is really into the organization and has the capacity to contribute actively, to take decisions and bring concrete proposals. When needed, it's possible

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to accept two participants from the same organization, one senior and one junior youth worker. Primarily we would like to invite all the organizations belonging to the informal network with which we already cooperate, moreover we plan to reserve 30% of places to new organizations who should send a detailed description of their work and explain why they want to participate.

WHEN & WHERE

The meeting will be hosted in Altamura – Puglia, Southern Italy, **from the 16th to the 20th of May 2022**. 16th and 20th are traveling days, activities from the 17th to the 19th (3 full days). We know that this year is a very busy year for many organizations but we ask for full commitment for the 3 days.

WHY

Link got Erasmus+ accreditation and planned to implement 7 youth exchanges and 2 mobilities of youth workers during the first year. The same amount of projects has been planned for the second year. We know many other organizations in Europe are in the same situation, that's why we think it's important to exchange information and plan better cooperation within the network. Beside this, we would like to reflect together and identify common strategies to improve the quality of our common work.

HOW

If you are interested, please complete until **01 March 2022** the following short google form <https://forms.gle/KxcqDEpSW34nBAwO8>

We are available to answer your questions through email projects@linkyouth.org

Hoping to meet you personally soon, we send you virtual hugs and greetings!

Lucia, Mino, Birgit, Dario, Andrea, Giuseppe, Ilaria, Filipa together with all our amazing ESC volunteers

