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Introduction

This document has been created within the framework of the ACEA project, co-financed by the Erasmus+ program.

This document has been realized with the contribution of young people from France, Spain, Italy and Portugal during the youth exchange from 21 to 28 February 2024 in the Baztan Valley (Navarra, Spain).

With this document we want to make known youth opportunities of participation mainly and specifically related to the environment. Throughout the document you will find opportunities at European level, but not only. There are also global and national opportunities. We have tried to ensure that all the opportunities listed here meet the selection criteria of the Erasmus+ program in its action for young people.



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Project's Objectives

ACEA is a youth exchange within the framework of the Erasmus+ Program in which the group of young participants was the protagonist of the activities carried out. Thus, the main objectives of this project were:



- To raise awareness of youth opportunities and participation
- To learn about movements and organizations related to the environment and mitigation of the climate crisis.

On the other hand, it was expected that, thanks to the participation in this activity, the group would acquire other life skills. Useful and transversal competences to other aspects of their daily life.







What is this document for and what will you find in it?



This document, created under the framework of the ACEA project, has been created thanks to the activities carried out by the group of participants who attended the exchange from France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. Thanks to the active participation of the group, we have been able to compile almost 100 opportunities that you can be part of. We hope that this document will serve as a seed to raise awareness of youth participation and how occupying spaces makes young people's voices heard.



In this document you will find how to participate in different organizations, movements, especially focused on environmental issues.

We hope you find it useful :)






International Programs

This section will include all international opportunities and organizations or programs in which you can participate. It will explain what each one does and give a link to get more information.

- **Erasmus+ - Youth Exchanges**  Erasmus+

An opportunity for all young people between 13-30 years old.



Contact the organisations in your country to know more about them. One of the priorities is #Environment. Became a youth leader by creating your own project!

- **Erasmus+ - Training Courses**

For those +18 who work with young people to continue learning and improving their competences and skills.

Check: [SaltoYouth](https://salto-youth.eu). Register and enjoy the learning!





• Erasmus+ - Youth Participation Activities

If you are passionate about your local community and you want to develop something for that, this is your action in the Programme!

- **ESC - International Volunteering**



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SOLIDARITY
CORPS

For young people between 18-30 years old who is looking for an immersive learning opportunity while developing personal skills, ESC is your place.

Check the [website](#)

- **ESC - Solidarity Activities**

Solidarity activities imply to implement volunteering at local level involving young people in the whole process.

Check the [website](#)

- **ESC - Humanitarian Aid**

This experience looks for people who wants to increase their active feeling belonging in countries outside the European Union facing humanitarian tragedies.

Check the [website](#)



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- **EU Youth Dialogue**

The Programme who join young people and decision makers to discuss about action for implementing the EU Youth Strategy.

Website



- **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**



Transnational exchange program that offers new entrepreneurs and people who want to start a business the opportunity to learn from experienced entrepreneurs running small businesses in other participating countries.

participants.

A good opportunity for those who want to learn how to start a green entrepreneurship.

Website

Erasmus for Young
Entrepreneurs





- **Internship in the European Commission - Bluebook**

5-month paid internships to be carried out in the various Directorates General (DG), Services or Executive Agencies of the European Commission. If you want to boost your professional career, let's apply for it!

Website



Traineeships

Blue Book traineeship programme.



- **LIFE Programme**

The LIFE Programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action. If you work for a company or in an organisation linked to sustainability and environment.

Website



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- **European Youth Parliament**

Europe's largest youth platforms for civic education, intercultural encounters, and the exchange of ideas – run by young people, for young people. Their mission is to inspire and empower a young generation of informed, open-minded, responsible, and active citizens that shape society and drive impact.

Website

EUROPEAN **YOUTH** PARLIAMENT



- **Youth HUB**

The official platform of the European Parliament where you can find events and opportunities of participation.

Website



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Youth Portals



- **European Youth Portal**

The European Youth Portal offers European and country level information about opportunities and initiatives that are of interest to young people who are living, learning and working in Europe.

The European Youth Portal addresses young people, but also other stakeholders working in the field of youth (youth organisations, youth workers, policy makers, etc.).

[Website](#)



EUROPEAN
YOUTH PORTAL

- **EuroDesk**

European youth information network created in 1990. As a support organisation to Erasmus+, Eurodesk makes information on learning mobility comprehensive and accessible to young people and those who work with them.

[Website](#)



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- **Youth Opportunities**

Youth Opportunities is the largest opportunity discovery platform for youth across the world. Millions of youth have trusted Youth Opportunities as the most effective platform to find latest opportunities for free and avail important educational contents for continued self-development.

[Website](#)



- **Great Youth Opportunities**

A large platform that publishes available opportunities in the world for youth.

[Website](#)



- **Opportunities for Youth**

Another platform that publishes available opportunities for young people.

[Website](#)





Specific Actions & NGO




- **European Young Greens (EYG)**




EYEG is the European umbrella organisation for Young Green organisations from all over the continent, from Azerbaijan to Ireland and from Cyprus to Norway. They arrange a wide array of events for capacity building, networking and political meetings.

Website

- **Youth and Environment Europe (YEE)**



YEE focuses on youth participation, empowerment, non-formal education, and intersectionality. They lead advocacy work for climate justice and support meaningful and inclusive youth participation in environmental fora. Check Website



- **Youth for Exchange and Understanding**

Youth for Exchange and Understanding works to promote peace, understanding and co-operation between the young people of the world, in a spirit of respect for human rights.

Check the website



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- **International Young Naturefriends**

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IYNF is an international organisation bringing together Young Naturefriends and their organisations across Europe. It is a network and a training of groups and organisations.

Website



- **International Movement of Catholic Agricultural and Rural Youth**

European coordination network for rural and Christian youth organisations all over Europe. The aim of the organisation is to defend the future and the interests of the rural world and the people who live in it.

Check Website



- **Rural Youth Europe**

European Non-Governmental Organisation for rural youth. It is a member-led organisation: democratically constituted and led by young people for young people.

Website





TDM2000
INTERNATIONAL



- **TDM 2000 International**

A dynamic and inclusive non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting cooperation and collaboration across Europe.

Website



- **Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations**

An International Non-Governmental Youth Organisation. It represents national voluntary service organisations that promote intercultural understanding, peace, democratic participation and equality, in the spirit of respect for universal human rights.

Check Website

- **European Council of Young Farmers**

A forum for dialogue between Europe's next generation of farmers and key decision-makers

Website



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- **Committee for national and international relations of youth and non formal organisations**

The platform for youth and popular education associations in France

Website



- **European Confederation of Youth Clubs**

A European network of youth work and youth club organisations that practice and promote open youth work and non-formal education.

Check Website

- **European Free Alliance Youth**

Make young people aware of Europe's diversity and to foster respect for cultural, linguistic and ethnic richness.

Website





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- **European Federation for Intercultural Learning**

Umbrella platform for AFS organisations in Europe and the Mediterranean. They contribute to Europe's future by providing intercultural education, European citizenship and the active participation of European citizens in the continent's life.

Website

- **Erasmus Student Network**



Non-profit international student organisation. They represent international students, providing opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development.

Check Website

- **Climate Vanguard**



A youth-led organisation empowering the youth climate movement through radical political education. They develop the radical transformations that stop Earth breakdown and build a just, habitable world.

Website



- **Fridays for Future**



Youth-led and organised movement to protest against the lack of action on the climate crisis.

[Website](#)

- **AIESEC**

Community of young people, passionately driven by one cause: peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential. It was established in 1948, more than 126 countries participate in their actions.

[Website](#)



- **Climate Action Network Europe (CAN Europe)**

A Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change. A unique network, in which environmental and development organisations work together to issue joint lobby campaigns and maximise their impact.

[Website](#)



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- **Volonteuropa**




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They actively encourage political decision-makers to protect and improve the interests of citizens and volunteers, thus creating better social justice.

Website

- **ESU**



European Students' Union is the umbrella organisation of 44 National Unions of Students (NUS) from 40 countries. Its aim is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students towards all relevant bodies.

Website



- **Sustainable Development Solutions Network**

Mobilizes the world's knowledge community for science-based solutions for sustainable development.

Check the Website



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- **Earth Journalism Network**

A global network of reporters and media outlets in virtually every region of the world.

Website



- **Amnesty International**

A global movement of more than 10 million people who are committed to creating a future where human rights are enjoyed by everyone. United by their shared humanity, they know that the power to create positive change is within all of us.

Website



- **The Fund for Global Human Rights**

Created in 2002, the Fund fills a critical gap in the charity sector by connecting grassroots human rights defenders to flexible funding, long-term strategic support, and a global network of allies.

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- **WWOOF**

A worldwide movement to link visitors (WWOOFers) with organic farmers, promote a cultural and educational exchange, and build a global community conscious of ecological farming and sustainability practices.

Website



- **GoEco**




A leading eco-tourism company with a varied selection of affordable, ethical volunteer projects abroad. Our team is made up of experienced and passionate specialists who are eager to give you the voluntourism vacation of a lifetime!

Website



- **Habitat for Humanity**



A nonprofit housing organization that helps low-income people around the world access decent housing.

Check Website






- **AFS Intercultural**

An international, voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world.

Website



- **VSO**




Organisation whose purpose is to create lasting change through volunteering

Website



- **Ashoka Fellowship**



Ashoka identifies and supports the world's leading social entrepreneurs, learns from the patterns in their innovations, and mobilizes a global community that embraces these new frameworks to build an "everyone a changemaker world."

Check Website



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- **Greenpeace**

International environmental NGO. It campaigns around the world on issues such as organic farming, forests, climate change, anti-consumerism, democracy and counter-power, disarmament and peace, and ocean stewardship.

Website

GREENPEACE



- **Europarc**

The network for Europe's natural and cultural heritage. Created by our members, the Federation works, to improve the management of Protected Areas in Europe through international cooperation, exchange of ideas and experience, and by influencing policy.

Website



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Contests

Another way to participate in the society is through different contests. In this section, you are able to find some contests, mostly of them have yearly-open calls. Let's participate through them!

- **EcoRise**

<https://www.ecorise.org/news/g4c-student-challenge/>

- **Earth Day Network's Youth Art Contest**

<https://www.earthday.org/>

- **Stockholm Junior Water Prize**

<https://siwi.org/stockholm-junior-water-prize/>

- **Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) Competition**

<https://www.yre.global/>

- **Caring for Our Watersheds**

<https://caringforourwatersheds.com/>

- **Ocean Awareness Contest by Bow Seat**

<https://bowseat.org/programs/ocean-awareness-contest/contest-overview/>



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- **UNESCO Green Citizens**

<https://en.unesco.org/greencitizens>

- **Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change**

<https://unfccc.int/>

- **National Geographic Student Expeditions Photo Contest**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions/trip-types/student/>



- **Clean Tech Competition**

<https://thecleantechchallenge.uk/>

- **EarthX Eco-Art Competition**

<https://earthx.org/>

- **World of 7 Billion Video Contest**

<https://www.worldof8billion.org/>

- **Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge**

<https://www.discoveryeducation.com/>



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- **Intel ISEF Environmental Engineering Category**

<https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/categories-and-subcategories/>

- **Global Forest Watch (GFW) Tech Contest**

<https://www.globalforestwatch.org/>

- **Global Green Film Festival for Youth**

<https://www.greenscreen-festival.de/en/youth/>

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- **Sustainable Cities Design Contest**

<https://sustainablecitieschallenge.org/?locale=es>

- **Youth Climate Action Plan Competition**

<https://eyp.org/what-we-do/projects-and-activities/climate-youth-action-plan/>

- **Environmental Storytelling Contest**

<https://www.glpfilms.com/ssc>





Youth Councils

If you are already part of an organisation, consider that you will amplify your impact if you join under the umbrella of other bigger organisations, such as the youth councils.

In this section, you will know more about this way of participation.

- **Councils**

Youth Councils are institutions at local, regional, national or international levels whose aim is to ensure the rights of the young people. Specially for the European Union, all states members must have a Youth Council.

Generally, Youth councils are an umbrella platform to make advocacy with policy-makers on behalf of different organisations composed by young people.

In the [YouthWiki](#), you can find more about them (note that it is not updated)



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Environmental Erasmus Projects

In this section you will find European projects in which organizations from CATA's participating countries (Spain, Portugal, Italy and France) are involved. These projects will still be active during the years 2024, 2025 and 2026. They are a source of participation and learning for young people. These projects are related to participation and environment.



- **EcoReactEU : Reaction to eco anxiety for a common transition in Europe**

2022-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000103696

EcoReactEU aims to ensure the development of the skills of youth workers and of the whole European educational community, in order to promote the integration of eco-anxiety in their practices with young people and thus propose a first educational response to it.

More info: [Website](#)




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- **Escape games as a tool to raise awareness on the SDGs**



2022-1-PT02-KA220-YOU-000086096

Create 2 educational tools to promote SDGs to youth people in an entertaining way and train 25 youth workers on how to create an educational escape games.

More info: [Website](#)


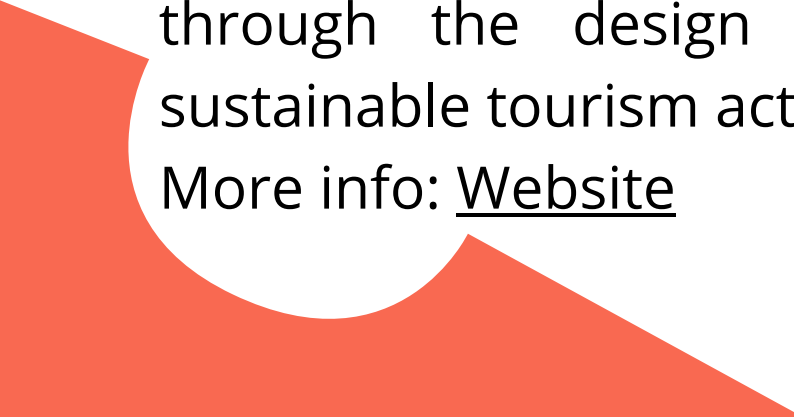
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- **ECOROUTES: Unlocking the potential of Youth in the tourism sector by transforming youngsters into PROMOTERS and GUARDIANS of the European Natural and Cultural Heritage through the uptake of sustainable business activities**

2022-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000096242



aims to promote YOUTH EMPLOYMENT in the tourism sector by transforming youngsters into PROMOTERS AND GUARDIANS of their country's cultural and natural heritage through the design and development of sustainable tourism activities.

More info: [Website](#)





- **GLOBAL EDUCATION AGORA: YOUTH'S STREET ACTION TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE**

2023-2-IT03-KA220-YOU-000183344

GEA project aims to develop for the European Youth Workers community an innovative educational methods that combine the fields of non-formal and global education with street animation/education to attract and sensitize young people in the street about climate change and promote their involvement in local and sustainable initiatives.

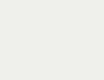




More info: [Website](#)

- **Sport as a Tool for Environmental Sustainability Learning**

2023-2-IT03-KA220-YOU-000185230

Enhancing environmental education of youth promoting ethical behaviours through sporting tools

More info: [Website](#)





- **OSCAR: Fostering YOUTH Behavioural Change Towards Sustainable Choices Concerning WASTE of ElectRonic Devices**

2023-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000178430

OSCAR develops a novel Digital Training Hub by which youth trainers can exploit a range of training resources to empower and motivate youth to adopt sustainable behaviors and make informed choices regarding the disposal and consumption of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE), thereby reducing electronic waste and its environmental impact.

More info: [Website](#)



- **Generate change toward sustainability through youth participation, sport and exploration**

2022-2-IT03-KA220-YOU-000096792

To answer young people's need for an effective sustainable education. The approach will be created through a multidisciplinary cooperation, applicable in different territorial and learning contexts and supported by an assessment tool.

More info: [Website](#)





- **Active Youth for Disaster Resilient Society**

2023-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000173783

Empower, train, connect and involve young people as active disaster workers and rescuers; at the same time raising their awareness of the climate change protection, promoting the transition from awareness to active engagement.

More info: [Website](#)




- **RYSE (Reinforcing Youth in Sustainable solutions towards Employment across Europe)**

2023-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000170143

contribute to the employability of young people across countries by empowering them and raising awareness on the complexity of sustainable development and the interconnectedness of its environmental, social, and ecological aspects through fostering transformative knowledge exchange and educational activities.

More info: [Website](#)





- **Green Stories from Youth to Stage**


2022-3-FR02-KA210-YOU-000095843

To provide young people with new opportunities to participate and improve their competences and skills in the field of green issues and sustainability;

More info: [Website](#)

- **ECOSystems**

2023-2-FR02-KA220-YOU-000179634





ECOSystems intends to foster a sense of community and co-responsibility for Sustainability by building bridges between innovative and relevant stakeholders: eco-communities and marginalised youth.

More info: [Website](#)


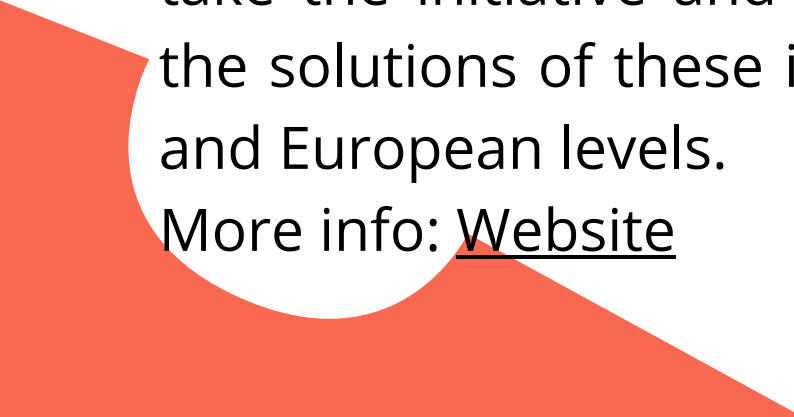
- **Youth Eco-Activism in the EU**

2023-1-FR02-KA220-YOU-000159007



It raises awareness of the climate crisis among young people and provide them with tools to take the initiative and be actively involved in the solutions of these issues at local, national and European levels.



More info: [Website](#)





• **ScaleUPcycling**

2021-2-CY02-KA220-YOU-000050282



ScaleUPcycling project aims to provide a collaboration platform for youth idea owners, youth workers and those interested in the reuse and upcycling ecosystem. By offering new skills on community building through upcycling, our digital platform will increase youth and youth workers' capacity to initiate and manage upcycling activities of their own and become local change makers. This will be achieved through the use of innovative digital tools, e-Learning materials and training modules, which will enable youth and youth workers to gain new skills, competences, as well as practical knowledge.

More info: [Website](#)





Acknowledges

We want to thank all the people who makes possible the creation of these kind of activities, especially the organisations working with a youth approach.

We really invite you to consider to amplify your impact linked to environment and acivitsm by joining any organisation at different level.

Please, don't hesitate to be part of the worl you want to see in the future, because the future won't be possible in you don't take part in the present.

