



# Bridging Horizons: Youth Engagement and Green Practices in Island and Rural Communities



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ERASMUS+  
PARTNERSHIP BUILDING  
ACTIVITY



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**GUADELOUPE,  
France**



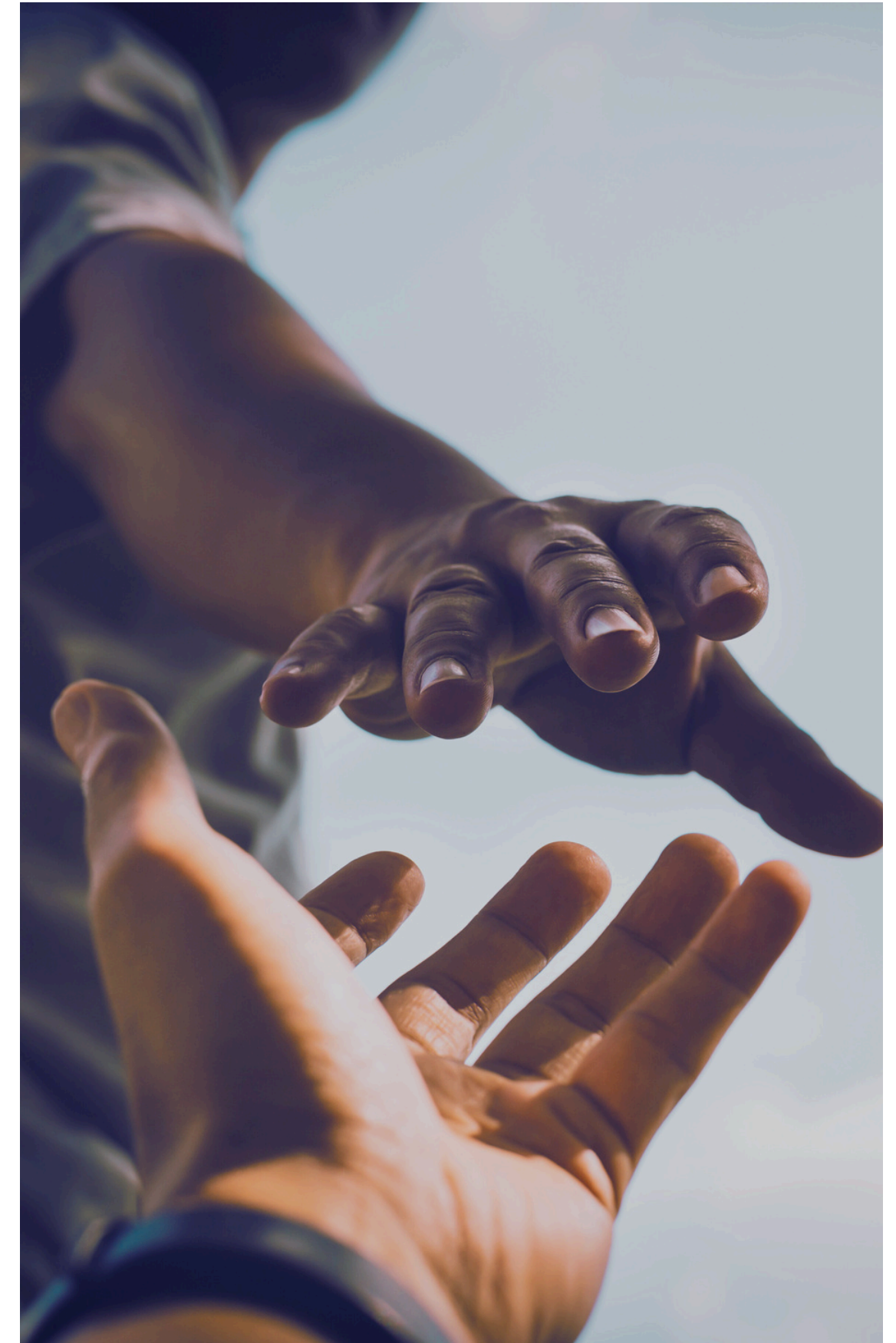


# PROJECT OVERVIEW

*Youth in island and rural communities face unique challenges, including geographical isolation, limited access to education and employment opportunities, climate vulnerabilities, and youth migration to urban centers. Despite these challenges, these regions also offer strong community ties, cultural heritage, and opportunities for sustainable local development. This Erasmus+ partnership-building activity will bring together youth workers and organizations working in these areas to share best practices, foster cross-border collaboration, and co-develop innovative approaches to youth engagement and empowerment.*

*This activity aligns with Erasmus+ priorities by:*

- Promoting youth participation in civic life and policy-making.*
- Fostering sustainable development through youth-led initiatives in island and rural communities.*
- Encouraging digital and entrepreneurial skills to improve employability in remote areas.*
- Building strong transnational partnerships for future Erasmus+ projects.*





# BASIC INFORMATION

The 7-day partnership building activity will actively engage project coordinators, youth workers and youth leaders from all participating countries. We aim to have 25 participants from approximately 12 different countries. The PBA will have an innovative form, and it will include also opportunities for co-creation (you will be contacted in due time). It will be held in Sainte-Rose, located in the north of Basse-Terre in Guadeloupe (Eastern Caribbean). The venue will support the PBA, providing a rural island atmosphere, surrounded by nature.

Additionally, please note that we follow a sobriety policy (no alcohol or drugs or similar) during the activity program and during the whole stay. We also invite you to limit your smoking habits, as the venue is smoking-free.







# IN THIS PBA YOU WILL

- Establish sustainable partnerships between organizations working in island and rural areas.
- Exchange best practices in youth work and community development.
- Develop new Erasmus+ project ideas in line with the priorities of youth participation, digitalization, sustainability, and social inclusion.
- Empower with tools for active participation of young people in community-driven initiatives.
- Promote non-formal education methodologies for active youth engagement in rural and island settings.







# METHODS

All activities in this Partnership Building Activity are based on non-formal education. The proposed activities will be inspired by the following methods:

- Experiential learning & reflection;
- Co-creation & Participatory Methods;
- Storytelling & Narrative;
- Partnership Development Moments;
- Sports as tool for engagement.







# PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

- **Age:** 18 and above (including experienced professionals over 60), as long as they are actively working or volunteering in an organization active or willing to become active in Erasmus+.
- **Background:** Youth workers, trainers, teachers, project coordinators, and NGO representatives who are involved in youth engagement, education, or community development and can actuate and initiate new partnerships.

## Experience Level:

- Participants with little or no experience in Erasmus+ projects who want to learn and develop skills in project design and international collaboration.
- Experienced youth workers who can exchange and share best practices, particularly in engaging young people in island and rural communities.
- **Work Context:** Individuals actively working in island and rural areas, addressing challenges such as youth migration, environmental sustainability, and access to education and participation.
- **Target Group Focus:** Organizations that engage underage participants (minors) are warmly invited (but this is not criteria for exclusion) in non-formal education, youth exchanges, and community-based projects.
- **Interest in Partnerships:** Participants motivated to co-develop new Erasmus+ projects and build long-term transnational collaborations and have an organisation that can support them in this process. Accredited organisations are also welcome.
- **Commitment:** Open to actively participating, sharing knowledge, and developing concrete project ideas to enhance youth work in their local communities.





# PROJECT TIMEFRAME



## TRAVEL - ARRIVAL

**25th** March 2025 (Tuesday)  
to Paris

we book your tickets from Paris to Guadeloupe and back + one night in a hotel in Paris. You are in charge of your travel to Paris, which will be reimbursed afterwards. **Extra stay/arrival before is not allowed.**



## PBA

**26th** March till **1st** of  
April (7 days)



## DEPARTURE - TRAVEL

**2nd** of April departure from Guadeloupe, arrival in Paris on **3rd** (Thursday) back home from Paris (time zone difference)





# PHASES OF THE PROJECT

## PREPARATION

preparational tasks  
given online before  
the mobility

## PBA

programme  
activities

## FOLLOW UP

implementation of a  
workshop in your  
local community &  
sharing the project  
results

## EVALUATION

online evaluation of  
the impact of the  
training



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Guadeloupe, a French overseas region, is an island group in the southern Caribbean Sea. Resembling a butterfly, its 2 largest islands are separated by the Salée River. Hilly Grande-Terre Island has long beaches and sugarcane fields. On Basse-Terre Island, Parc National de la Guadeloupe encompasses Carbet Falls and the volcano La Grande Soufrière. Smaller islands include Marie-Galante and La Désirade.

The project will be located in the northern part of Basse-Terre in Saint Rose, where spacious accommodations are set near the city of Saint Rose and, of course, near nature. At the time of the training course implementation, Guadeloupe will be 5 hours behind the Paris time zone until 30th of March and then 6 hours behind the Paris time zone.

We'd like to ask you to act respectfully towards the property's nature and belongings. You will have to reimburse us directly for any damage.

Please ensure you have your reusable water bottle with you. Guadeloupe is a tropical island, and insects are part of daily life. Dengue is also present on the island.







The participants will be accommodated in shared bungalows (2, 3 or 4 people per room) & there is one toilet in each bungalow (a maximum of 4 people per toilet). There is **no air conditioning**, and the place is fully sustainable and uses green energy. Internet access is provided by starlink, but is not available during the night and can have speed challenges.



Ride In will arrange breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the Accommodations. The working venue will be in another location, called the boat (not in the water), close to the accommodation, reachable by a pleasant 5-minute walk in nature. We will send out a form to the participants so we can ensure we know in case of allergies, intolerance, or similar, and also ask them to bring any medication that they use.



# VENUE



# IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE



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