

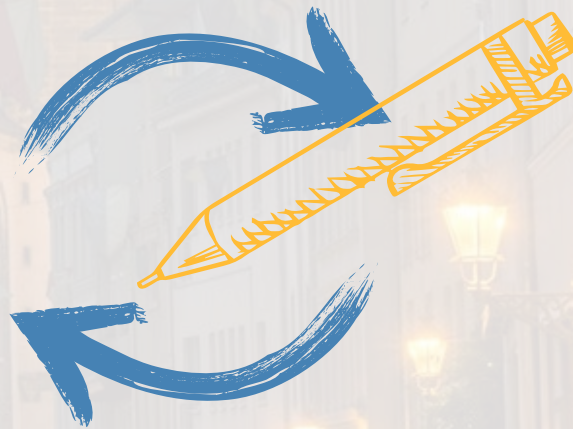


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Infopack | Training Course

Design your Youth Exchange (DIY)



18/11/24 – 24/11/24

Lutherstadt Wittenberg

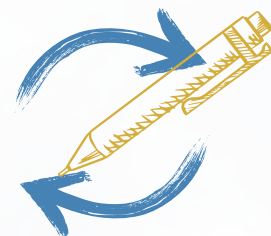


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About "Design your Youth Exchange (DIY)"



In this Training Course, we will learn how to successfully **organise** and **design** an **international youth exchange** with the Erasmus+ Youth program. During the one-week training, we will improve our ideas, gain the **necessary expertise** and **create a suitable project design** to implement a youth exchange.



With the expertise acquired, each participant should be enabled to draft an Erasmus+ application and **develop a suitable project** for our specific target groups. The training course also offers time to get to know each other and **exchange experiences** for inspiration and learning from each other.

Training goals

- Creation and improvement of **own project designs** for Youth Exchanges
- Learning and deepening of knowledge about **Erasmus+** (and other funding possibilities)
- Getting to know (creative) international youth work **methods in practice**
- Competence development for the integration of **young people with fewer opportunities**
- Discussion of **relevant topics** for the implementation of your projects
- Submission of at least 3 Youth Exchanges in the next Erasmus+ deadline (among the whole training group)





Target group

- Project coordinators
- Group leaders
- Youth workers
- NGO staff
- Other interested people working with youth and willing to design a youth exchange



Furthermore, the participants:

- have at least some basic ideas to realize a youth exchange
- are motivated to learn about the implementation possibilities of Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges
- are willing to participate in the entire program
- are supported by an organization or informal group to realize Youth Exchanges
- have a sufficient command of the English language
- are minimum 18 years old

Apply now !

To apply for the training, you have to be **resident in one of the Erasmus+ Program countries (All EU member states or North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Türkiye)**. Also, you need to have a sending organization (check info box). In case you don't have one, we'll support you in finding one.

The participation fee is **50,00€** and has to be paid in advance via bank transfer. The fee covers accommodation, meals and all program-related costs.

Please fill out the application form by September 1st at the latest. You will be informed of our selection by September 5th.

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What is a sending organization?

A sending organization is a partner organization of the host organization. It supports the participants in the preparation and follow-up of the project and is the point of contact if problems cannot be resolved on site with the host organization.

Each sending organization must be registered and have a valid OID number.

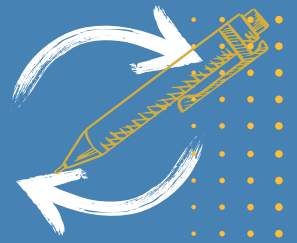
Participation without a sending organization is not possible! In case you don't have one, you'll need to find one but we will support you through our network of partner organisations in Europe.

If you do not have a sending organization but you come from one of the following countries, we can assign you a sending organization:

Germany - VILLA gGmbH
Estonia - Monada MTU
Greece - ESN Greece
Latvia - Re:view
Spain - La Vibria
Slovenia - MC ZOS

If you are from another Erasmus+ programme country, we ask you to find a sending organization on your own. Of course, we can support you for that.

Venue / Accommodation



Lutherstadt Wittenberg, situated on the Elbe, is a city with a rich historical heritage. Known as the center of the Reformation, Martin Luther and his time still shape the cityscape today. Our accommodation is close to the castle church with the Thesis Door, on which Luther posted his 95 theses. The cobbled streets of the old town and the well-preserved buildings from the Renaissance period add to the historical ambience. The town combines history and culture while offering a peaceful, charming atmosphere.

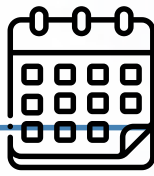


We are accommodated in shared double rooms in the **DJH Youth Hostel Wittenberg** where we are also going to have our meals. We also have two workrooms at our disposal in the youth hostel.

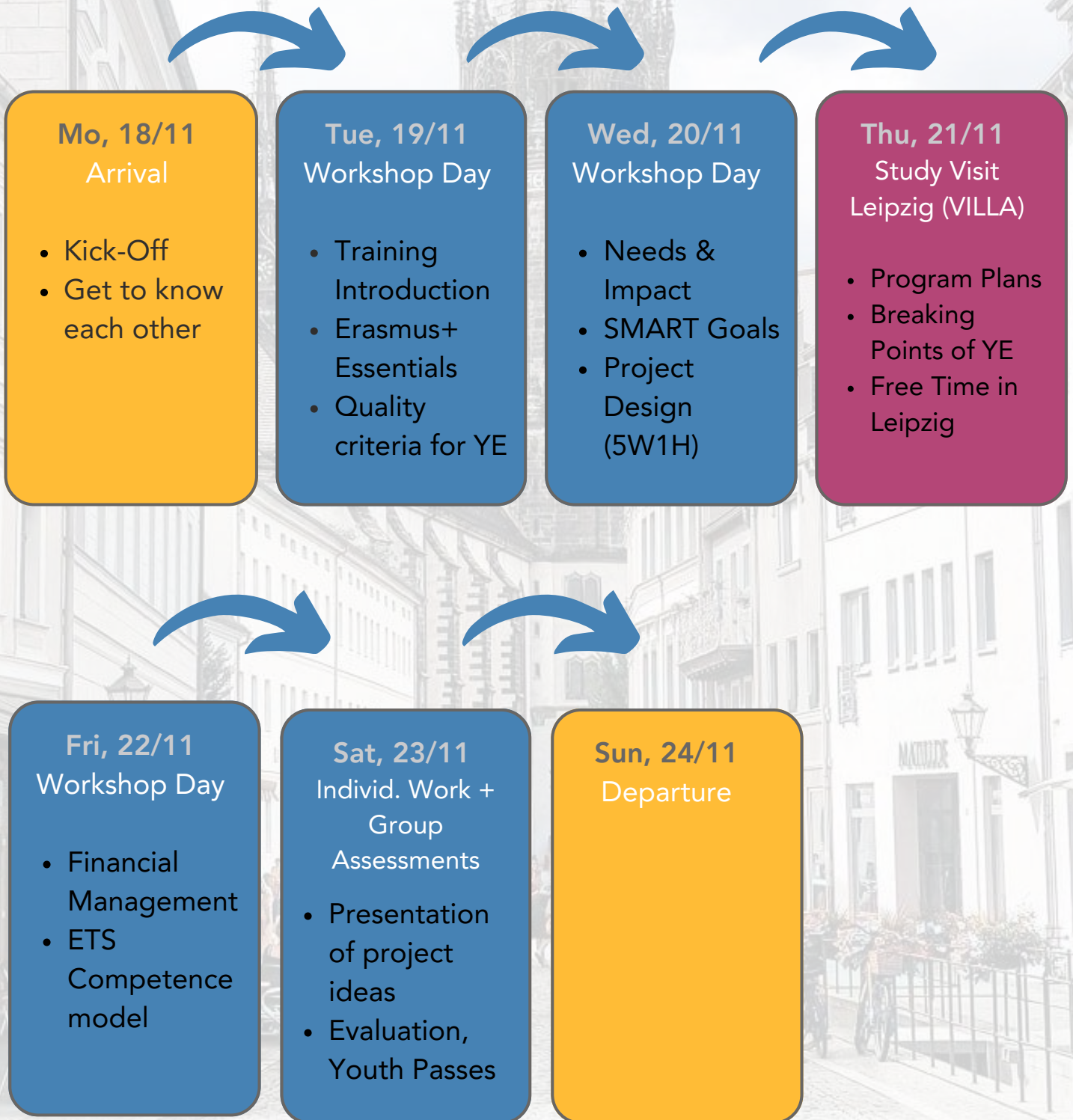
In addition to the two small rooms in the youth hostel, we have a **large seminar room** in the Martas Hotel Wittenberg, where there are no limits to our creativity. We will spend our afternoon sessions there (10 minutes walk from the hostel)



Program

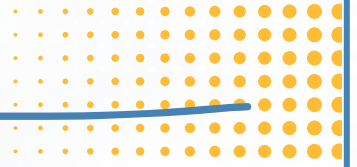


The complete schedule will be published in mid september.
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About VILLA

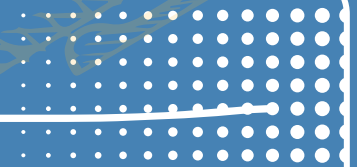


Die VILLA is a modern youth, cultural and social institution close to the center of Leipzig. With over 100 events and courses each week, it offers a wide range of activities for every age group (from early music training with toddlers to back schooling for senior citizens) in a variety of genres.

The centre has five differently equipped event rooms, a media lab, a self-help bicycle-repair center, a café, a band practice room and a sound laboratory, a shared apartment for young people engaged in European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and an open youth club for children and youngsters. The Villa offers a variety of opportunities for young people to participate in European mobility programmes. In addition to the European Solidarity Corps, the VILLA has run almost 60 youth exchanges and trainings since 2018, mainly in cooperation with local youth centers.



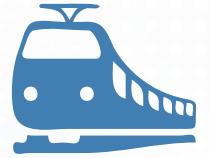
About Satellites



Satellites is a non-profit NGO whose mission is to foster international youth work and bring it to places and people where it has barely or not yet been developed. Satellites work closely with other youth work organizations, institutions and communities to carry out projects such as youth exchanges and workshops. The focus of our work is to develop the skills of youth workers in the field of international youth work and the implementation of exchange projects with young people with fewer opportunities - especially in Eastern Germany. Satellites was founded 2023 by a group of project coordinators, youth workers, volunteers who work with young people and researchers. Even though the NGO itself is still quite young, most members have years of experience in implementing international youth work projects.



Travel costs & Reimbursement



Your travel expenses can be reimbursed up to a maximum fixed amount (see table on the right). To calculate your distance, please **use only** the EU Distance Calculator.

Travel distance	Standard travel	Green travel
10 – 99 km	23 EUR	
100 – 499 km	180 EUR	210 EUR
500 – 1999 km	275 EUR	320 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	360 EUR	410 EUR
3000 – 3999 km	530 EUR	610 EUR

Hints for travel reimbursement !

Origin: The starting point and end point of your travel is usually your place of residence. If your travel does not start from or end at your place of residence, please prove to us that the cost of your ticket is no more expensive than if you had traveled from or back to your **place of residence (city)**.

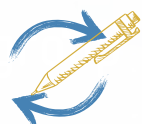
Green Travel: Green Travel is defined as a travel that use low-emissions means of transport for the **main part of the travel** (>50%), such as bus, train, bike or car-pooling. The decisive factor is the number of kilometers traveled, not the travel time.

Travel arrangement: Please arrange your travel based on economy class / 2nd class tickets. Please **do not book any tickets before you got our confirmation of participation**. If you need help or advices, please contact us.
All selected participants will get more detailed travel advices after the date of selection.

Travel days: In order for us to recognize your travel documents, you must arrive no more than 3 days before the official arrival date (18.11.) and depart no more than 3 days after the official departure date (24.11.).

So you are welcome to use the time before and after the project for free time. Please note that we cannot provide food and accommodation for these additional days.

Travel receipts: Please provide us with your complete original travel receipts. Copies and Scans are not permitted. Digital receipts can only be accepted if there are no physical travel receipts.



Project leaders | Trainers



Silvan Carius | Coordinat. , Trainer (DE)

Silvan Carius is a full-time project coordinator for European youth projects at the sociocultural center "Die Villa". He has coordinated, managed and accompanied more than 50 Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges since 2018 - most of them with a focus on young people with fewer opportunities. He advises other youth work organizations and helps them to get their projects off the ground. He passes on his experience in training courses and knows the challenges in international youth work.



Monada



Ilias Giannopoulos | Trainer (GR)

Ilias Giannopoulos is a member of the Pool of Trainers for the Greek National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth and Co-Founder of Monada, our Estonian partner. Ilias brings a wealth of expertise in project design and the European Training Strategy (ETS). He has led numerous Youth Exchanges and Training Courses for various youth organizations. His extensive experience equips him to create valuable learning opportunities and support the inclusion of individuals and organizations in the Erasmus+ world.



Vreni Striggow | Trainer (DE)

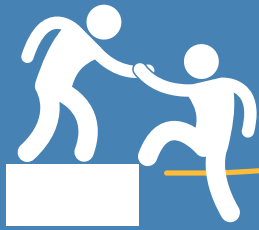
In her role as a teacher and theatre educator Vreni Striggow has worked with various people across all ages and backgrounds. In her trainings she strives to move people and connect to our inner urge to play in order to learn and express creativity.

Vreni already led several Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges and has many years of experience in leading group learning settings, especially with young people.

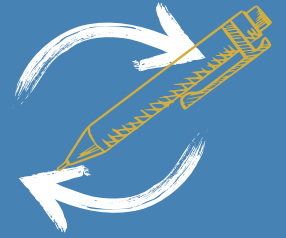


Pamela Bran | Coordinator (GT)

Pamela Bran is a Co-Founder of Satellites and works in the communication of the organization. She has already accompanied several projects in the context of international youth work. She is responsible for the needs of the participants and will help you with everything concerning your stay. She will also help you in the preparatory phases of the project and is your contact person for administrative questions.



Support / Contact



Support for all participants living in the following countries: Estonia / Greece / Latvia / Spain / Slovenia, please contact Pamela Bran (Satellites):

satellitesprojects@gmail.com



Support for all participants living in all other countries (including Germany), please contact Silvan Carius (VILLA gGmbH):

silvan.carius@villa-leipzig.de

Consultation before applying

If you have any questions and would prefer to talk to us in person before applying, we are offering a consultation hour via Google Meet on **August 29th between 5:00 and 6:00 pm (CET)**. Participation is not mandatory for interested applicants. If you're interested in participating in the consultation, please send a mail to satellitesprojects@gmail.com.

Personal notes
