



# Green Nexus

**PERMACULTURE AND ECO-PRACTICES FOR PLACE-BASED  
ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH WORK**

**++ call for participants ++**

**25.11 - 04.12.2024 | Buccino (Campania, Italy)**

**FUNDING INFORMATION:** Green Nexus is an Erasmus+ KA154 Mobility for Youth Workers financed by the ANG (Agenzia Nazionale per i Giovani) with a grant from the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union.

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**Green Nexus** is an Erasmus+ Seminar designed to bridge the gap between youth work, eco-practices and ecosystems. The project promotes place-based education through adoption of caring actions (e.g. composting, insect-housing, wild plants harvesting, stone wall building, mulching, soilcare, eco-designing) that foster the development of local communities engaged in the process of learning, unlearning and bonding with local ecosystems and their inhabitants (humans, plants, animals, fungi, bacteria).

Through means of permaculture and traditional eco-practices, the project supports discussing and addressing key environmental challenges such as biodiversity loss, soil degradation, and pollution, offering a holistic framework for educating, thinking and acting.

The project will equip youth workers with methods for creating hands-on, place-based education that promotes systemic thinking (and other relevant sustainability skills), with a focus on strengthening the bond between communities and their ecosystems. Educational tools based on NFE methods, outdoor education and permaculture will be explored. The project also aims at building capacities of youth NGOs and permaculture projects in building place-specific ecological education.

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## WHO IS ORGANISING THIS PROJECT?

Mòvesi APS is a youth-lead NGO based in Buccino (Italy), dedicated to fostering community development in depressed rural areas of South Italy. Operating in the province of Salerno, Mòvesi focuses on revitalising marginalised communities, particularly addressing challenges such as depopulation, scarce opportunities and low participation. Our mission is to facilitate movements of people and ideas, aiming to create opportunities, especially for young people, in areas where hope and prospects have dwindled.

Giardino Pedagogico is a living lab and an agro-ecological community which hosts education-action activities. In the last three years it has featured workshops-actions on permaculture, gardening, natural building, non-formal education, food forest planting, as well as cultural exchanges, art workshops, book presentations and concerts.

International partners in the project are Gaia Kosovo (Kosovo), Villagers of Greece (Greece), Permacultura Cantabria (Spain) e NoiOrtadini (Italy).

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## **WHO WILL FACILITATE ACTIVITIES?**

Mario Panzarella is an experienced permaculture practitioner and youth worker, dedicated to environmental regeneration and sustainable development in rural areas through non-formal education. After obtaining a degree in Law and a Master's in Economic Development and International Cooperation, he gained international experience in designing and managing European projects with YEU International and Parcours Le Monde Sud Ouest. Upon returning to Italy, he co-founded Mòvesi, an NGO focused on rural revitalization through permaculture and ecology. He leads the Mimì and Peppino Pedagogical Garden, a permaculture and agro-ecology lab hosting Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps volunteers, where he trains young people in sustainability and ecological practices. Mario specializes in creating educational programs that empower youth through permaculture, fostering community and environmental resilience.

Luigi Vicinanza is a landscape agronomist, a role that combines ecological-environmental knowledge with design skills typically associated with architects. He holds a degree in Agricultural Science from the University of Basilicata and a master's in Landscape and Green Design from the University of Turin. His work includes designing parks, gardens, and green spaces, as well as providing technical assistance to ornamental plant nurseries in Campania and Basilicata. His projects blend creativity with environmental care, emphasizing a multidisciplinary approach.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reimbursement of the travel tickets will be 100% up to the maximum amounts here indicated:

<b>Distance</b>	<i>Non-green travel</i>	<i>Green Travel</i>
10 - 99 km	€28	€56
100 - 499 km	€211	€285
500 - 1999 km	€309	€417
2000 - 2999 km	€395	€535
3000 - 3999 km	€580	€785
4000 - 7999 km	€1188	

For more info Check [Erasmus Guide 2024](#).

Distances (from your place of residence to Buccino) can be calculated with [Erasmus+ Distance Calculator](#).

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We strongly encourage green travel (i.e. avoid travel by plane, if possible; instead travel by train and bus). We are available to give you advice on this and we offer a higher travel budget for eco-friendly options. Other necessary expenses, such as visa fees will be reimbursed after approval by organisers. Any difficulties or expensive travel situations can be discussed with coordinators.

## **YOUR PROFILE**

**A Youth Worker or Educator:** You are engaged in or interested in environmental education, especially with a focus on sustainability. You want to apply place-based approaches and permaculture to enhance your work with young people.

**Community and Ecosystem-Focused:** You recognize the importance of connecting communities with their ecosystems. You're eager to learn how to foster these connections and support ecological education.

**Collaborative and Open to New Ideas:** You are excited to work with other organisations, share knowledge, and develop new educational tools to address environmental challenges. You value collaboration and learning from both traditional and innovative eco-practices.

**A Practical Advocate for Change:** You are motivated to engage with local stakeholders and decision-makers to promote sustainable practices and integrate them into broader community strategies.

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## **READY TO APPLY?**

If you are excited by what you have read and feel ready to be part of Green Nexus, apply [here](#)!

Got questions or need more info? Reach us out at [movesiaps@gmail.com](mailto:movesiaps@gmail.com) or get in contact with our partners in your country.

Application deadline: [15 November 2024](#).