

Europe is not just a geographical continent and the European Union is not just a union of a few nation states.

For young people and those who work with them, Europe is also a continent full of opportunities, programmes and initiatives that allow them to travel, study, grow personally and professionally, get to know new cultures and countries, and build careers.

With this small guide, available online in 34 different languages, we want to offer you all a window to this fantastic world.

Whether you are a young person, a student, an activist in a youth organisation, a job-seeker, an adult working for and with young people, a social worker or a young person not in education or training, this guide will help you to discover new horizons, to benefit from new and varied opportunities, to be experienced in a group or alone, for a short period of a few days or for a year.

You will find information on the best known and most widespread programmes, such as Erasmus+ or the European Solidarity Corps, as well as lesser known but no less important programmes and initiatives. *

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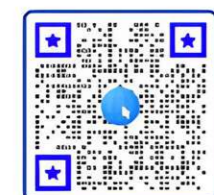
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All members promote volunteering and information to strengthen social cohesion and democratic engagement in society, as well as active citizenship, intercultural understanding, solidarity, empowerment and participation of young people in community life.

As a network, our daily work and efforts are aimed at teenagers and young people, as well as youth workers, educators and grassroots organisations working in the youth field. Particular attention is paid to young people in socio-economically and culturally disadvantaged situations, such as those living in suburban or rural areas, ethnic and cultural minorities, migrants, young people with disabilities or in conflict with the law.

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Programmes and initiatives for young people in Europe

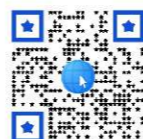
Political priorities of the European Commission

- Transversal priorities for all European programmes
- European Youth Strategy and European objectives



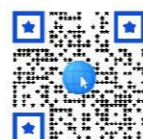
Creative Europe

- European Cooperation Projects
- Mobilities for individuals and small groups of artists
- Artistic and cultural residencies
- Creative innovation Labs



Erasmus+

- **Erasmus+ for young people**
 - Youth exchanges
 - Youth participation initiatives
 - DiscoverEU
- **Erasmus+ for school, university and VET students**
 - Study abroad
 - Internships abroad
 - Erasmus+ Mundus Joint Masters
- **Erasmus+ for youth and socio-educational workers**
- **Erasmus+ for sports sector staff**
- **Erasmus+ for education and training staff**
 - Training opportunities
 - Teaching opportunities
- **Erasmus+ for organizations and institutions**
- **Erasmus+ accreditation**
- **Learning mobility**
- **Innovation and cooperation between organizations and institutions**
 - Cooperation partnerships and small-scale partnerships
 - Capacity building and strengthening (Youth Sector)
- **Support for policy development and cooperation**
 - Support and cooperation with international youth organizations
 - European Youth Together
- **Erasmus+ for sports organisations**



European Solidarity Corps (ESC)

- **ESC for young people**
 - Volunteer projects
 - Solidarity projects
 - Humanitarian aid
- **ESC for organizations**
 - Hospitality/sending volunteers and project coordination
 - Sending volunteers to humanitarian aid projects



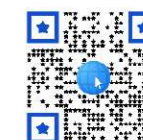
CERV – Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values

- The values of the Union
- Equality, rights and gender issues
- Citizen involvement and participation
- Actions against violence, including gender-based violence. Daphne action



The Council of Europe

- European Foundation and European Youth Centres
- Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission



Other European initiatives and opportunities

- ALMA (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve)
- Erasmus+ for young entrepreneurs
- Eures and Eures TMS. Support work in Europe
- Eurodyssey . Internships between the Regions
- Internships in EU institutions, bodies and agencies



Other useful resources

- European Youth Portal
- National Youth Councils in Europe
- EPSO - Starting a career in the European institutions
- Eryica - Quality youth information in Europe
- Eurodesk - Information and guidance network on learning mobility
- OTLAS - Finding partners and youth projects
- Salto - Resources and initiatives for training in the youth sector
- Youth Wiki. European encyclopedia on national youth policies



* - It is important to note that, in addition to providing general information on each of the programs listed, in cases where several strands/actions are foreseen, this Guide only includes those which, according to our evaluation and opinion, may be of interest to young people and for organisations/institutions working with and for young people. Complete information on each program and all its actions can be found via the external links contained in the Guide.

