

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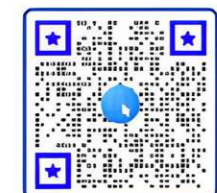
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All members promote volunteering and information to strengthen social cohesion and democratic engagement in society, as well as active citizenship, intercultural understanding, solidarity, empowerment and participation of young people in community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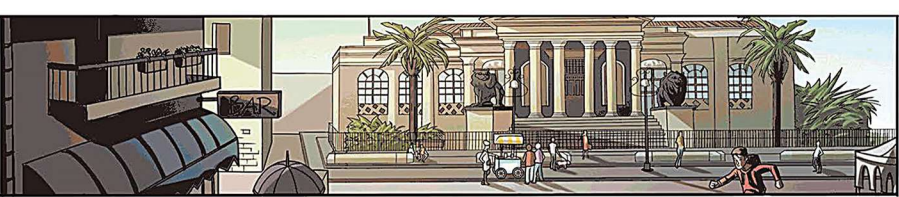


Come and discover European programmes and opportunities for young people: work, study, travel, training, volunteering and much more!



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Programmes and initiatives for young people in Europe



How boring! Nothing's happening... and there's no chance of opportunities!

You're right. They don't care about us. And now they ask for a vote!

Imagine! For elections, they all good at promising. Then disappearing!

A vote here, a vote there... and the more Europe there will be. But what's wrong? What happens?!

We have no time to waste with Europe. We already have enough problems in our country.

Ah-ha! Here are the Eurosceptics. It's easy to criticise what you don't know! Let's see if they listen to me.

Look that guy! Is he flying on a skateboard?

Are you talking about Europe? But do you know what EU REALLY does?

Now I have seen everything! Even the Flying Genius!

Once upon a time some countries were at war

until they decided it was better to be united to work together for their peoples

...and in 1957 they made the Treaties! This we know. But what does Europe actually do?

So, what's Europe doing that's useful? Good point! Let's start our tour in the EU! Be ready for something great!

Welcome to Brussels. This is where programmes are discussed. Including the ones for young people.

Ciao! I am here with Erasmus+ for a non-formal international training.

Indeed! Because Erasmus+ is not just for students. I am taking part in an international youth exchange.

Of course! And this is just one of the programmes with initiatives for youth!

If you want to enter the world of entrepreneurship or business, there is also Erasmus+ for Young Entrepreneurs

Go Genie! Show us what else you can do!

What if I am looking for a job instead?

For that there is EURES, the service that helps you find a job in Europe

Because in Europe there are programmes for every need! Let's see the others!

And did you know you can live in a different country for up to 1 year as a volunteer?

Yeah! With the European Solidarity Corps I have fun. I am useful and have a taste of another country!

I'd love to do music or other artistic and cultural stuff!

That's right! And you can choose to stay from 2 weeks to 1 year!

Absolutely! Creative Europe is the programme for you!

You can meet artists from other countries, experience periods abroad and much more!

I've just come back from an amazing artistic innovation lab!

Well, it's clear that there are opportunities for everyone in the EU!

Absolutely! All programmes are designed to be accessible and supportive to all!

You know what? We absolutely need to make our voice heard in Europe!

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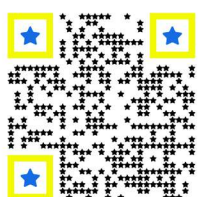
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