

YOU (th) LEAD



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The project Youth Leadership, Engage, and Advocate for Democracy (Y-LEAD) is the mobility of young people with and without fewer opportunities and special needs to share, explore, practice and co-create tools and practices of effective youth engagement. The youth exchange will be hosted in Kristiansand, Norway, it contributes to Kristiansand Youth Forum during Democracy Week in May 2025, with the aim to learn from the Norwegian model of civic participation, as well as share practices, from diverse stakeholders across Europe.

The exchange brings together 45 young people from as Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, Hungary, Slovenia and Romania. A mix of program and partner countries, countries with consolidated democracy, and those with democracy in transition, as well as countries which have political and social issues among each other (especially Western Balkan countries), is important for young people to meet in a neutral country (like Norway), to reflect, brake prejudice and establish positive relations among each other.

The project aims to contribute to increasing youth engagement in political and social life, and

contributing to an inclusive environment of civic engagement where young people share and learn with each other, and are encouraged to co-create and implement/practice at the local level some aspects of democracy.

Dates of the youth exchange: 1- 7 May 2025

Who Can Participate?

We're looking for **45 young people** who are:

- Motivated by civic participation, community engagement, and democracy-building, and committed to sharing their learnings locally.
- With and without fewer opportunities or special needs (e.g., facing social, economic, geographical, or cultural obstacles)

You may Apply as:

- youth leader (age 18 +; connected to the sending organization)
- young person with fewer opportunities (age 18-30)
- typical young person (age 18-30)
- young person with sensory and/or mobility impairments (age 18-30)
- accompanying persons (age 18+)

Applications

Application is open for participant from above mentioned countries until 20 February 2025. The line of applications is as below:

<https://forms.gle/p1zG9Cv3uymH4VYPA>

What is covered:

Costs such as traveling, accommodation and food will be covered by the project.

In addition, every participant should be aware themselves to arrange the health insurance costs if needed so. We encourage every participant to cover themselves.

Participant Profile: Forty-five young people with and without fewer opportunities and special needs, aged 18 to 30, from Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, North Macedonia, Hungary, Slovenia, and Romania, will take part. The participants will include young

people facing social, economic, geographical, and cultural obstacles, as well as youth from minority groups, refugees, LGBTIQ+ individuals, and young people with hearing, visual, and mobility impairments, among others. The program will also engage young people motivated by civic participation, community engagement, and democratic processes, who are willing to disseminate what they learn at the local level.

Young participants will be between 18 and 30 years old, while youth leaders can be 18+ years old.

Role of Youth

- Collect tools of democracy from their country
- Simulate a peaceful protest during the Exchange
- Organize and coordinate an online campaign.
- Produce materials such as videos, podcasts, infographics, posters, etc., according to their interests, skills, and inspiration.
- Share these products on their own social media channels, as well as through the channels of their supporting organizations in each respective country.
- Organize local meetings and workshops to share their learning, promote project results, demonstrate democratic tools, and use some of the activities they experienced during the youth exchange.
- Adapting and Sharing the Call to Action: Together with youth workers from each partner organization, participants will adapt the call-to-action document to the local context, translate it, and share it with local stakeholders.

Partner Organizations

1. Peace Volunteering Network Norway
2. Peace Volunteering Network Albania
3. Association for Youth Activism and Growth - Excel Skopje, The Republic of North Macedonia
4. Együtt az Interkulturális Akcióért Alapítvány , Hungary
5. UDRUZENJE ZA DRUSTVENO ISTRAZIVANJE GLOBAL ANALITIKA, Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. INNOVACTIVE CENTER FOR SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT, Kosovo
7. Centar za socijalno preventivne aktivnosti GRiG Serbia
8. Asociatia Babilon Travel, Romania
9. Samsen kulturhus, Norway
10. Zavod za izobraževanje Ad astra Ljubljana, Slovenia

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