



Erasmus+



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# Green Influencers Europe

## Youth, environment, participation

The young people of **Green Influencers** want to compare themselves with other young people from all over Europe on the issues of environmental sustainability and their ability to act as active citizens.

The project was born on the initiative of a group of young people who have been constantly attending the Link association for about one to two years. Over the last few months, also due to the severe limitations due to COVID-19, most of the interactions took place online with thematic meetings on the activities to be started at the time of the "restart". One of the issues most felt by young people is that of protecting the **environment** and fighting **climate change**. The project, funded by the Italian National Youth Agency as part of the Erasmus + program / Youth participation activities, was divided into a series of concrete actions for the protection of the environment and social communication actions aimed at involving other young people, adults and policy makers in an effort to change our behaviors.

The project is divided into 12 months of activity, the first and last of which dedicated respectively to the preparation and final evaluation and follow-up. The **project** responds to the general objectives of the **structured dialogue** and promotes the active participation of young people in line with the motto "engage, connect, empower". The young people involved are engaged by carrying out activities within their local communities to promote sustainable behaviors and choices; they connect, activating group initiatives and communicating their work externally through social media and take responsibility by acquiring awareness of participatory and decision-making processes, understanding the functioning of democracy and accepting the challenge of contributing to public debate and political choices.

**Read the report:** [https://linkyouth.org/images/GREEN\\_INFLUENCERS\\_SUMMARY.pdf](https://linkyouth.org/images/GREEN_INFLUENCERS_SUMMARY.pdf)

The final phase of the project foresees the realization of a national seminar (in November) and this **international meeting** to favor sharing and the creation of European networks.

# Who is it for?

The international seminar is a meeting between young people and political decision makers whose goal is to share the results of the project, exchange good practices on youth and environmental policies, build networks of young people engaged in structured dialogue. The central theme will be employment: green jobs and the opportunities offered by the post-pandemic (remote work) to revitalize rural and inland areas. Participation is primarily aimed at the partner organizations of the project from **Greece, Portugal, Spain and Slovenia**. However, it is also possible to participate from other EU countries by completing the registration form.



The meeting will be hosted in Altamura from **1 to 5 December 2022** and will involve 30 participants (max 6 per country).

**Target: young people and policy makers, representatives of start-ups, from the world of technological innovation, educators, activists, bloggers, journalists and other stakeholders interested in the topic.**

**In particular, the intervention of other young people is welcome who:**

- they have carried out youth participation projects financed by the Erasmus+ program, also on different themes;
- they are involved in other local environmental actions and have initiated structured dialogue projects with the political decision-makers of their respective territories.

Young people from rural and / or depopulated areas will be privileged. Policy makers will be local administrators in dialogue with young people and youth organizations; representatives of the business world will be invited on the basis of previous experiences of activating innovative and sustainable products and services, or young entrepreneurs who have returned to their territories and have activated resilience projects.

The age limit, although not mandatory, is:

- minimum 16, maximum 35 for young people
- minimum 18, maximum 45 for policy makers and other stakeholders.

# How to apply

The project is fully granted by the Italian National Agency (ANG) through Erasmus+ (KA154, Youth Participation Activities). Board and lodging will be covered by the project. Travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the distance calculator. Applications must be sent by **5 November** and the results of the selections will be communicated by 15 November 2022.

[\*\*Application form\*\*](#)

# Provisional program

Timetable	Activities	Non-formal and informal learning methods used <i>(for events, please cover this information in the specific timetable for events)</i>
DAY 1		
AM	Get to know each other	Ice-breaking games, name games, team building activities, hope and expectations
	Get to know the local reality	Presentation of the Italian group and Associazione Link APS
PM	Get to know the local reality	Visit to best practice experiences (NGOs) in the field of environmental protection
	Exchange of experiences	Bilateral meetings to exchange results of the actions
DAY 2		
AM	Dialogue on youth participation and environment	National meetings between youth groups and their decision makers: local/national strategies
	Plenary	Sharing results of the national meetings, towards a common strategy
PM	Visit to Craco	Rural areas and new jobs (remote work) - Meeting with the Mayor and political representatives
	Dinner in Craco	Visit to the Craco Museum and international activities of the Municipality
DAY 3		
AM	White paper	Definition of a common final document on youth participation, environment, green jobs /discussion in small groups
	White paper	General plenary and agreement on the document
PM	Possible follow-up	Exchange of ideas, planning youth exchanges, trainings and other initiatives
	Final evaluation	Individual evaluation (non formal and written questionnaire), Youthpass, Final comments in plenary
For additional days, please copy the above rows. For longer-term activities, please provide a standard week activity plan.		