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Boosting sustainability and social change through Youth
led-community development

Call for interest – Youth Community Incubators

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Call for project ideas – Community Youth Incubator

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Are you a young person? Are you interested in engaging youth in the local communities involved to co-plan community projects that matter your own needs?

The BEYOU project is made for **YOU!**

The BEYOU consortium is looking for young people aged from 16 to 25 years old, interested in becoming young leaders in their communities coming from Italy, Greece, Spain, Romania, and Cyprus that want to be actively engaged and to take a leadership role in their own community development.

The selected candidates will have the chance to take part in local training courses and a transnational seminar in Greece, acquiring key competences and EU certification for their daily work and be part of the Youth Community Incubator programme in order to exchange learning experiences, share the youth-based community projects ideas, and develop common recommendations.

Hereby, the BEYOU project aims to foster social responsibility and innovation valuing and pushing the change coming from younger generations can add to the development of their community contexts through their active participation and youth-led development initiatives.

The objective of the call is therefore to engage disadvantaged young people to plan, submit, implement and evaluate n° 4 youth-led community projects per country that address their own needs and contribute to inclusive and sustainable development in their own communities. Emphasis in the project ideas will be given to gender equality, inclusiveness, sustainability, active citizenship in the field of youth and education.

The young people will be attracted by the idea of participating in 2 national training courses and an international seminar. They will have the chance to develop and formulate their project ideas, learn about social generativity and youth-led community development, theory of change, project management, sustainability and social innovation in youth work and evaluation of learning achievements. The number of places available is limited and participation is totally free.

Activities

For the selected candidates (n. 4 per country) the participation to the Youth Incubator programme and the whole BEYOU project activities will be fully covered by the project.

The main activities alongside the project are:

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□ Local training courses targeting young leaders in project management of the selected project ideas (November - December 2023)

The young people will be trained and equipped by a community educator per country in order to develop and formulate their project ideas in the frame of social generativity, theory of change and project management, sustainability and evaluation of learning achievements.

□ Implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of n.20 youth-led community projects in the local communities involved. (November 2023 - February 2024)

The young people are responsible for the implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation of n.4 small youth-led community projects in each participating local community (n.20 small youth-led community projects in total). The young people will be engaged directly and gain their first experiences in leadership, community resources mobilization, project management, finance and administration. Each project should have a duration of min.2 months and max. 3 months. Eligible costs (from Euro 250 to 1,000) will include only goods and services.

□ Peer learning: transnational final workshop in Greece, 5 days (May 2024)

Through peer-learning and non-formal education, the transnational seminar will provide an opportunity: to share lessons learned and to exchange the community experiences of each community youth incubator and to share the youth-led community projects in each participating local community; to provide opportunities for networking & dialogue on how to follow up, mainstream and multiply the project results at EU level.

Roles and Responsibilities

The young leaders will:

- Be engaged to plan, submit, implement and evaluate youth-led community projects that address their own needs.
- Contribute to inclusive and sustainable development in their own communities.
- Participate in the local training courses to develop and formulate their project ideas and learn about the topics: social generativity, theory of change, project management, sustainability and evaluation of learning achievements.
- Implement, monitor, report and evaluate the small youth led community projects.
- Participate in the transnational peer learning in Greece and exchange good practices.
- Engage duty bearers, public and private stakeholders, policy makers, the local community and raise awareness about youth participation and sustainable development.

Duration

From August 2023 until July 2024.

Requirements

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- Coming from a disadvantaged background/community.
- Be aged between 16 and 25 years old;
- To be located in: Italy (provinces of Trapani and Agrigento), Greece (Athens), Spain (Alcalá de Henares), Cyprus (Nicosia), and Romania (Craiova);
- Having a European Health Insurance card;

Target group-Social area

Coming from a disadvantaged background/community: educational poverty, gender inequality, unemployment, health care, homelessness, living in a disadvantaged area, human traffic, drug dealing, refugee crisis, integration of minorities, school abandonment, ex-prisoner.

How to apply

In order to express your interest in participating in the aforementioned activity please fill in the following [Google form](#).

Deadline

31th October 2023 by 12 p.m. (CET time).

AWARD CRITERIA

Relevance: Extent to which the project idea matches the priorities and objectives of the call, target group, possibility to use the results such a good practice in the same or other communities (target group, project's objectives, context, timeline). (10 points)

Quality: Logical links between the identified problems, needs and solutions proposed, methodology for implementing the project (methodology, project activities, project's duration, timeline). (10 points)

Impact: Ambition and expected long-term impact of results on target groups/their communities. Defined how the project is innovative, experimental and how it can be exemplary for others. (target group, dissemination, sustainability) (10 points)

Budget management: Description what services and goods are needed for the implementation of the ideas. (estimate costs) (10 points)

Gender equality and inclusiveness: A transversal gender perspective will be taken into consideration. Clearly defined what is foreseen to ensure engagement and inclusiveness. (target group, project activities) (10 points)

Sustainability, active citizenship in the field of youth and education: Clearly defined what is foreseen to ensure sustainability and active citizenship of the project. (project activities, sustainability) (10 points)

Award Criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Relevance	5	10

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Quality	5	10
Impact	5	10
Budget management	1	10
Gender equality, inclusiveness	1	10
Sustainability, active citizenship in the field of youth and education	1	10
Overall (pass) score	18	60

Info

In case you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at evi@organizationearth.org, m.carpinteri@fcagrigenotrapani.it

Description of the Project

Financed by the Erasmus+ programme, the BEYOU project (acronym for Boosting sustainability and social change through Youth led-community development) aims to generate youth led-community development processes that strengthen mechanisms of active participation and social responsibility of young people in marginalised community contexts in Italy, Spain, Greece, Cyprus and Romania, that are characterised by a high proportion of youth risk of social exclusion and educational poverty.

Through an innovative socio-educational intervention the project foresees the launch, testing and validation of a “Community Youth Incubator” programme, aiming at engaging actively both youth workers and young leaders into inclusive, green and sustainable development of their local communities.

Impact of the project

N.20 disadvantaged young people will be engaged in grass root projects that address community issues that matter to them, take responsibility & contribute to the sustainable development & social innovation of the community in which they want to grow and live through the supervision and the mentoring of n. 4 committed youth workers that will be part of the Youth Community Incubators programme.

The expected social impact at both local/national and European level is:

1. Increased socio-professional development, active citizenship and social responsibility of N.20 youth workers that are equipped with knowledge, key competences & employable tools in the frame of the Community Youth Incubator programme to be applied in their daily work with/for vulnerable young people & children.
2. Increased community engagement of N.20 young people that are engaged to become active citizens, address their own needs, develop innovative community-based projects, make their voice

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heard on issues that matter to them directly and generate social change in their own local communities.

3. Fostered transnational peer learning, exchange of good practices and cooperation between youth-based organizations, NGOs, associations, universities, schools, local authorities, policy makers, stakeholders and partner organizations in the field of youth and community development, including the capacity of the applicant and partners to communicate the European Union's values.

4. Co-developed, tested and validated an innovative and multi-stakeholder youth-led community-based model that strengthened mechanisms of active participation and social responsibility of young people to enhance inclusive and sustainable development at local & EU level.

Consortium members

- Fondazione Comunitaria di Agrigento e Trapani – Italy
- Organization Earth – Greece
- University of Alcalá (UAH) – Spain
- Asociatia Nationala de Dezvoltare Continua a Tineretului din Romania (ANDCTR) – Romania
- The Hub Nicosia Ltd (Hub Nicosia) – Cyprus