

ACT & Connect



Multipliers play an active role in empowering young people to participate and take action within our society. Transnational Youth Initiatives within *Erasmus+* could be an interesting tool to facilitate this. How can we motivate young people to take initiative? How can we support them in their learning process as they manage projects?

AIM

The aim of this project is to improve the quality and diversity - and raise the quantity - of active youth participation in *Erasmus+* YiA Programme countries through developing the competences of multipliers with the focus on Transnational Youth Initiatives.

CONTEXT / BACKGROUND

One of the specific objectives of the *Erasmus+* YiA Programme is to promote youth participation in democratic life in Europe and active citizenship. Within the *Erasmus+* YiA Programme, strategic partnerships in the field of youth support the development of Transnational Youth Initiatives.

A Transnational Youth Initiative is a European project initiated and carried out by young people themselves where they can explore needs or ideas important to them. It gives young people the chance to try out ideas through initiatives which give them an opportunity to be directly and actively involved in planning and carrying out a project.

In addition, participation in a transnational youth initiative is an important non-formal learning experience. A young person participating in a Transnational Youth Initiative can acquire important skills such as responsibility, risk-taking, negotiation, creativity, communication, a sense of initiative and social awareness which are all useful for personal and professional development.

A Transnational Youth Initiative also promotes intercultural awareness and a sense of understanding of what European citizenship means for young people.



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Training Course
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5 Reasons for taking part in the ACT & Connect training course:

1. This training is designed to help you build your multiplier toolkit, to equip you with soft and hard skills, knowledge and reflections about yourself and your role as a Motivator, Mentor, Coach and Facilitator in the process of project management and learning.

2. You will enter a community of multipliers ready to shape the strategies and techniques of motivation, mentoring and managing, and in the future, facilitate Transnational Youth Initiatives in cooperation with you.

3. ... provides a safe yet challenging, creative and reflective atmosphere. It is an excellent playground or starting point for your future work and projects with young people.

4. A dedicated team of trainers and organizers is ready to support and accompany you along your journey in non-formal and experiential learning.

5. Stop being the guide! Start to work in a learner-centered way!

Turkish National Agency



OBJECTIVES

We will focus on the following objectives:

- Exploring relevant issues related to Youth Participation and Active Citizenship in the EU and linked to the priorities of the *Erasmus+ YiA* Programme
- Sharing and exchanging our experiences of youth participation with the focus on what was previously Youth Initiatives (YiA)
- Exploring how to implement and work with the Transnational Youth Initiatives element of *Erasmus+ YiA* Programme
- Identifying conditions for successful and sustainable youth participation within the whole process of project management
- Developing relevant competences of multipliers: to motivate, empower and support young people to develop and implement their ideas
- Creating appropriate methods and tools
- Developing links for future cooperation

TARGET GROUP

Are you working with young people and want to motivate them to take initiative?

Do you want to explore Transnational Youth Initiatives within *Erasmus+*?

Do you want to support young people in managing their own projects?

Do you want to facilitate and empower their learning process throughout the duration of the project?

Are you looking for some partners for future cooperation?

The *ACT & Connect* training is open for voluntary and professional multipliers such as youth workers, youth leaders, youth representatives from the *Erasmus+* Programme countries who have a background in or/and wishing to focus on youth participation.

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Methodology

The training course will be based on non-formal education methods and will involve non-formal and informal learning. It will be learner-centered, practice-oriented and based upon the needs and expectations of the participants. Moreover, a special emphasis will be laid on self-assessment and on a self-directed learning process.

Profile of Participants

The course is open for applicants who are:

- minimum 18 years old
- prepared to take active part in the training course for its full duration
- able to work in English
- are active in an organization, public body or informal group of young people
- are in a position to encourage young people to get involved in creating projects around their own interests and ideas
- interested in setting up (international) youth projects within *Erasmus+ YiA*

Trainers

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