

Call for participants for Europe Goes Local Project Lab

In the framework of the Europe Goes Local project, the German National Agency of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes are looking for participants for the Europe Goes Local (EGL) project lab.

THE PROJECT

The EGL project is a long-term strategic partnership between the Erasmus+ National Agencies and their partners.

The core aim of the project is to raise the quality of local youth work in particular through enhanced cooperation between various stakeholders that are active at the municipal level. The Partnership currently involves about 200 members who represent around 120 municipalities in the participating countries.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE PROJECT LAB

Project Labs in the frame of Europe Goes Local are **international training and networking events** that bring together officials and practitioners in youth work **to strengthen the usage and exploitation of the possibilities offered by the ERASMUS+ and the European Solidarity Corps programmes for youth work at municipal level.**

Specifically, Project Lab aims to ...

- **provide information and training** on the possibilities of the European mobility programmes, and how to use them;
- **present and curate good practices** in using the programmes, with a focus on youth work at municipal level;
- **support partnership-building and networking**, with a focus on youth work at municipal level;
- allow for **project development** with a focus on the usage of the European mobility programmes, and **provide coaching** thereof;
- provide **direct contact and support by the network of National Agencies** to the potential project promoters / beneficiaries

In the bigger picture, Project Labs contribute to the promotion of the European mobility programmes, bring them closer to municipalities, and enhance the impact, recognition and visibility of youth work at municipal level.

Parameters of the Project Lab in Germany: Project lab with a general focus

Date:	19- 21 October 2022 (including arrival and departure)
Venue:	Bonn, Germany
Number of participants:	30-40 people from the programme countries and neighbouring partner countries of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes.

A preparatory webinar for the participants: **Inspirational webinar** (90 minutes) and **Meet & Match session** (90 minutes): during the week of 3-9 October

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

- **basic knowledge of European mobility programmes**
- **connected to youth work at municipal level.** In case the participant represents an “independent” institution (eg an NGO), then a mechanism is needed to check the relation to youth work at municipal level (eg endorsement by municipality or sending NA, description of relation to municipal youth work in application form, ...)
- **available to join main event (Project Lab) as, well as pre-eding and follow-up webinar**
- willing and in a position to **develop and commit to co-operation projects** using the European mobility programmes, enhancing youth work at municipal level
- ideally already has an **idea or preference for possible co-operation projects** or themes

FORMAT, SETUP AND EMBEDDING OF THE ACTIVITY

With the project labs, we offer a package of activities to prepare the participants before they meet in the residential event.

Events:

- **Inspirational webinar** to showcase good practices in how to use the European mobility programmes to enhance youth work at municipal level. That webinar is open to the general public.
- **Meet & Match:** there is a mandatory online meet-up before, where participants get to know each other and get to know existing and potential ideas / wishes / needs for co-operation projects.
- **Project Lab:** residential activity

The Inspirational webinar and Meet & Match session will take place on the same day, please, see the indicative week above. The sepcific date will be defined later on.

Digital embedding

The Europe Goes Local intranet will be used as a on o-line support tool where the trainers and participants will be able to have interaction and share materials in relation to the event.

Costs

- All costs of travel, board and lodging incurred in relation to the meetings and events will be covered by the organisers from the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes.
- Some National Agencies collect a symbolic participation fee. Please, contact your NA or regional SALTO Centre to find out about this fee.

Deadline to apply: 5 September 2022

With questions and requests for additional information please contact the coordinator, Mr Claudius Siebel (siebel@jfemail.de): Each applicant will be notified by the 15th of September.