



YouthProAktiv

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INTRODUCTION

2025 has been a year of consolidation, growth, and strategic impact for YouthProAktiv. Operating from Brussels and engaging across Europe, we continued to bridge grassroots youth realities with European policymaking and innovation ecosystems. Our work throughout the year has been structured around two core pillars:

EDUCATION & INNOVATION

ADVOCACY & PARTICIPATION

Together, these pillars reinforce our mission: equipping young people with the tools, knowledge, and platforms to actively shape a more inclusive, democratic, and sustainable Europe. Through Erasmus+ KA1, KA2 and KA3 projects, Youth Goal Webinars, structured institutional engagement, mobility activities, and policy-driven events, we strengthened youth employability, democratic literacy, social entrepreneurship, and inclusive participation.



Innovation Projects



Social Entrepreneurship as an Inclusion Enabler

The SESI project (Erasmus+ KA2) officially concluded after two impactful years dedicated to promoting social entrepreneurship as a driver of social inclusion.

By focusing on practical training, mentorship, and community-based activities, SESI equips young people with the tools to design and implement social entrepreneurship projects tailored to their local needs.

Main achievements:

- Dissemination of the SEED Connect App
- SESI International Webinar.
- Presentation of final results in the Multi-country youth-centered policy dialogue (Spain, Romania, Poland, Belgium) in our final conference at the European Parliament hosted by MEP Alicia Homs from S&D that took place on September 24th.





you-cycle

Young Changemakers for Circular Local Economy

The YOU-CYCLE project empowered young people to engage in circular economy practices is now entering entered its final phase. Throughout 2025, partners have worked closely to support young changemakers, educators, and local actors engaged in circular economy initiatives rooted in community needs.

Key milestones:

- Publication of the You-Cycle Handbook
- Policy Briefing Presentation
- International Social Impact Hub (Istanbul)
- Launch of official website and [LinkedIn](#) group
- Mentoring of youth circular entrepreneurs

This project will finalize in March 2026 with a Final Conference hosted at the European Parliament by MEP César Luena.



Connecting, engaging & empowering youth across Europe

The KA3 project CEEYOUTH4EUROPE started in January 2025, aiming to:

- Raise awareness of EU policy frameworks
- Increase participation of disadvantaged youth
- Build structured dialogue mechanisms
- Strengthen the Youth Ambassadors Network

Along with our partners from Spain, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Lithuania and Letonia we delivered:

- [Webinars](#) connecting with the Youth Goals. YPA was in charge of delivering the one focused on **Youth Goal 7: Quality Employment for All: The EU Policy Framework for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth**
- Local Webinar to disseminate project advancements in December 17th





KA2 - Inclusion and Diversity through the professionalisation of volunteering structures in youth organisations

In 2025, we started working in INVOLD project. A project aiming to professionalize volunteering structure while including marginalized youth, specially NEETS. In October Consotrium organizations kicked off the project with Activity 1 of 3 in Madrid in which we focused on how **How to Attract More Young People to Volunteer: reaching NEETs.**

A first step towards meeting project objectives towards:

- Strengthening participatory governance mechanisms
- Enhancing youth voice i
- Promoting inclusive volunteering and civic engagement structures



International Trainings

Hybrid Mobility: Understanding the EU Strategic Agenda 2024–2029: How Can Youth Work Contribute?

(Madrid, 21–23 March)

This hybrid mobility combined online sessions with in-person training to explore the priorities of the EU Strategic Agenda 2024–2029 and their relevance to youth work. Participants analysed key policy areas such as social inclusion, green transition, digital transformation, and democratic resilience, translating them into concrete local action plans. The mobility strengthened youth workers' capacity to align grassroots initiatives with European priorities and to position youth work as an active contributor to EU policy implementation.

Hybrid-Mobility for disadvantaged youngsters on the topic on “EU-led Employability programs, initiatives and opportunities that I can access as a young person”

(Madrid, 14–16 November)

This hybrid mobility aimed to equip disadvantaged young people with practical knowledge of EU-led employability programmes and funding opportunities. Participants explored initiatives such as Erasmus+, traineeships, youth guarantees, and entrepreneurship support schemes, while developing skills to access, apply for, and benefit from these opportunities. The mobility strengthened participants' confidence, career orientation, and ability to navigate European employment pathways.

ADVOCACY & PARTICIPATION

Throughout 2025, YouthProAktiv strengthened its advocacy work to amplify youth voices and promote meaningful civic participation across the European Union. Through digital campaigns, policy dialogues, youth-led events, and recognition initiatives, our actions focused on visibility, participation, and impact.

Youth Goals Webinars

In 2025, YouthProAktiv expanded its Youth Goals Webinar Series. Between February and December, we delivered an 11-part webinar series exploring key priorities of the EU Youth Strategy through expert-led, practice-oriented sessions. Topics ranged from youth participation and gender equality to inclusive employment, sustainability, and digital civic engagement. The series equipped young people and youth workers with concrete tools to engage with EU policies and drive change at local and European level. All recordings remain available on our [YouTube](#) channel.

These sessions:

- Connected youth directly with policymakers and experts
- Addressed misinformation and digital democracy
- Promoted gender equality and rural youth empowerment
- Provided concrete advocacy tools



Institutional Engagement: CULT Committee

YouthProAktiv maintained regular presence within the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT).

Key policy areas followed:

- Traineeships Directive
- EU Talent Pool
- European Universities Alliances
- 2026 EU Budget priorities
- Erasmus+ funding protection

Through monitoring, exchanges, and advocacy, YouthProAktiv ensured youth perspectives remained visible within legislative discussions.

#MeetYourMEPs Series

Following the new legislative term, YouthProAktiv launched the #MeetYourMEPs series, increasing youth understanding of:

- MEP roles
- Legislative processes
- Policy priorities
- Democratic accountability

We had the pleasure to interview MEPs from the European Peoples Party (EPP): Bodgan Andrzej (PL), Martine Kemp (LU) Borja Giménez (ES), Manuela Ripa (DE), from the Socialist & Democrats: Idoia Mendia (ES, S&D), César Luena (ES, S&D), Marcos Ros (ES, S&D) and Sabrina Repp (DE, S&D) and from the GREENS and the European Free Alliance (EFA): Nela Riehl (DE, GREENS/EFA), Vicent Marzà (ES, GREENS/EFA), and Damian Boeslager (DE, GREENS/EFA)

These are available in our [Instagram](#) profile.



YouthProAktiv at EYE2025:

In June, our delegation joined the European Youth Event in Strasbourg to lead interactive workshops at the European Parliament in Strasbourg and host a stand in the Advocacy Corner. We brought a diverse delegation of young leaders, youth workers.

We supported young participants in:

- Formulating policy recommendations
- Engaging directly with Members of the European Parliament including: Marcos Ros Sempere, Sabine Verheyen, Lukas Sieper, and Hannes Heide.
- Strengthening their understanding of legislative processes
- Expanding transnational youth networks

The experience reinforced democratic literacy, advocacy skills, and institutional confidence among participants.



EU Youth Contest : Award Ceremony

On June 30th, the 2025 edition of our EU Youth Contest, Youth Shaping Communities, concluded with an online Award Ceremony. After receiving 28 applications from across Europe and neighbouring countries, the jury selected three outstanding projects:



1st Prize: Birmograin Community Lab, a project that will provide training in renewable energy, agroecology, carpentry, and literacy, with a strong focus on empowering vulnerable youth and women.



2nd Prize: Oportune, a youth-led platform offering verified educational, career, and civic opportunities to over 1,200 young Romanians. It includes a digital app, career guidance, and partnerships with more than 250 organisations.



3rd Prize B-Inclusive, a Romanian youth-led volunteering initiative dedicated to promoting inclusion, accessibility, and equal opportunities for young people with visible and invisible disabilities within education systems and broader social participation.

The three winning initiatives showcased remarkable youth-led efforts in renewable energy, disability inclusion, and career guidance, for more information check out the inspiring report in the publications section.

Publications

In 2025 we continued our publications in our website:

- [Our 2025 Policy briefing](#) analysing how the new political landscape following the 2024 European Parliament elections is shaping EU priorities on employment, education, inclusion, and youth opportunity
- [The Youth Declaration for 2025](#) in which we call for systemic action to restore the social value of disability across Europe. The Declaration highlights that young people with disabilities continue to face barriers in democratic participation, education, employment, and social inclusion, despite existing EU frameworks like the CRPD and the EU Disability Strategy.
- [Collection of Best Practices](#) on Inclusive Non-Formal Education Activities Fostering and Promoting the Six Core EU Values
- [Inspiring report](#) as the result of the EU Youth Contest



CONCLUSION

2025 confirmed YouthProAktiv as:

- An innovation hub via KA2 partnerships
- A democratic participation platform through KA3 and Youth Goals Webinars
- A structured institutional interlocutor within the European Parliament

With Hybrid Mobilities, KA2 and KA3 innovation projects and advocacy efforts, YouthProAktiv strengthened its impact at both grassroots and institutional levels.

Our direction remains clear:

- Empower youth locally.
- Connect them institutionally.
- Transform participation into structural change.

