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PROJECT REPORT

About the Project

Green New Deal Youth Exchange brings together 36 participants from Croatia, Romania and North Macedonia for an Erasmus+ learning experience in Zagreb from **1 July 2026** arrival day to **9 July 2026** departure day.

The programme explores how young people can become more sustainable, slow down climate change, reduce waste, communicate climate solutions and make practical changes in everyday life.

- Croatia: 10 young people + 2 youth leaders + facilitator
- North Macedonia: 10 young people + 2 youth leaders
- Romania: 10 young people + 2 youth leaders
- Implemented by Student Dormitory Ivana Mazuranica Zagreb



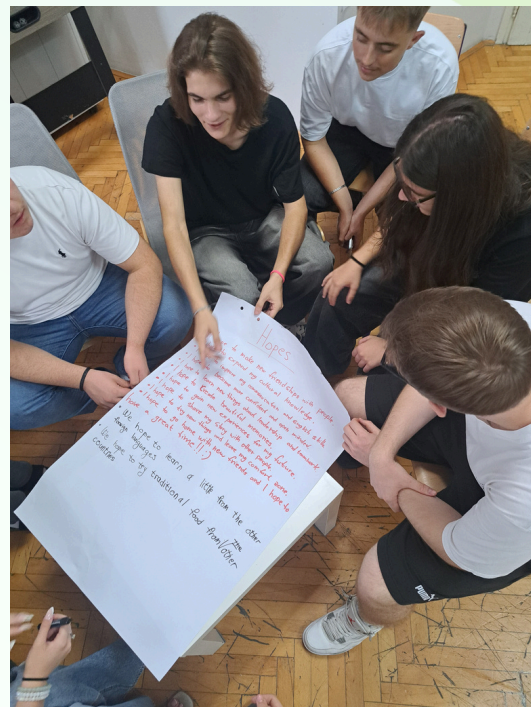
The project combines energizers, teamwork, poster-making, theatre, debates, cooking, practical demonstrations and final social media outputs.



Zagreb & Host Organisation

Zagreb is Croatia's cultural, scientific, economic, political and administrative centre. The city connects continental and Mediterranean influences and offers a safe, lively and accessible environment for international youth activities.

The project coordinator, **Student Dormitory Ivana Mazuranica**, is a well-known student residence in a central part of Zagreb. It offers a practical student hub with shared spaces, community life and easy access to public transport, faculties and everyday amenities.



Location
Zagreb, Croatia

Dates
1-9 July 2026

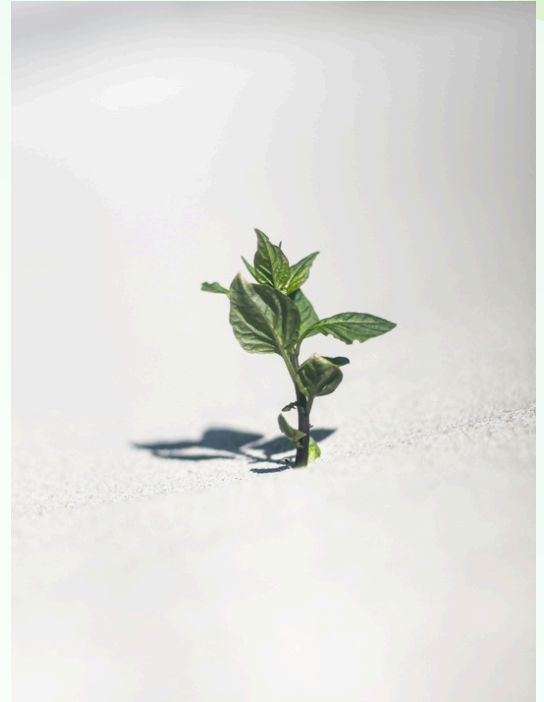
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Youth Exchange



Aims and Objectives

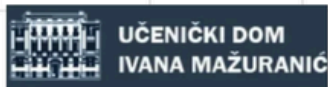
The project responds to the urgency of climate change and the need for stronger youth participation. Participants will learn about climate agreements, personal carbon footprints, climate myths, brain biases, activism and concrete sustainability actions.

- Understand climate change causes, effects and realistic solutions
- Learn about the Paris Agreement, NDCs, net-zero and the European Green Deal
- Calculate and reflect on personal carbon footprints
- Challenge common climate denial myths with facts
- Explore why people do not act and how to overcome brain biases
- Create final outputs for peer education and dissemination



Schedule Overview

Time	DAY 01.7.2026	Day 2.7.2026	Day 3.7.2026	Day 4.7.2026	Day 5.7.2026	Day 6.7.2026	Day 7.7.2026	Day 8.7.2026	DAY 9.7.2026
8:30–9:45	ARRIVAL	Group and team building	Understanding climate change (CRO)	Mythbusters (MAC)	Personal eco habits	Youth activism stories (MAC)	Creating final outputs	Reviewing final outputs	DEPARTURE
9:45–10:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	DEPARTURE
10:00–11:15	ARRIVAL	Group and team building	Paris Agreement and EGD (MAC)	Why we don't act (MAC)	Mid-term evaluation	Debate (RO)	Creating final outputs	Reviewing final outputs	DEPARTURE
11:15–11:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	DEPARTURE
11:30–12:45	ARRIVAL	Group and team building	Carbon footprint calculator (RO)	Meat-free cooking (RO)	Free afternoon	Precious plastic project (CRO)	Creating final outputs	Writing Youthpass	DEPARTURE
12:45–13:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	DEPARTURE
13:00–14:15	ARRIVAL	Group and team building	Lifestyle reflection circle (CRO)	Connecting green choices (RO)	Free afternoon	Precious plastic machine demonstration (CRO)	Creating final outputs	Final evaluation	DEPARTURE
14:15	x	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	x
19:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	x



Current programme blocks include arrival, team building, topic workshops, mid-term evaluation, debate, Precious Plastic sessions, final outputs, Youthpass, final evaluation and departure.

Workshop 0 - 1st Day Activities

The first programme day focuses on creating trust, setting expectations and preparing participants for intercultural teamwork.

- Name game with country repetition
- Human bingo and getting-to-know-each-other activities
- Trust falls and trust-building exercises
- Rope-passing competition in teams
- Secret friends game
- Participants set shared group rules
- Learning plans and Youthpass introduction
- Conflict management workshop: language barriers, alcohol abuse, unequal group work, cultural sensitivity and respectful cooperation



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A group of five young people are gathered in a room with wooden floors. They are sitting on a dark green sofa and blue chairs. In front of them is a small white table with a sign that reads "Daniel uses his computer too much. Not only has he had the power environment but he has had the power. ELECTRICITY USE". One person is holding a tray of colored pencils. The room has a window with white curtains and a potted plant on a white shelf in the background.

Topic Workshops 3-4

Workshop 3: Precious Plastic Project Presentation

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The dormitory team presents the Precious Plastic project: why plastic waste matters, how plastic is collected and separated, what tools and methods are used, and how students can participate in turning waste into useful products.

Workshop 4: Precious Plastic Machine Demonstration

Participants see the practical side of the project through the plastic shredder and plastic injector. The focus is on how reused plastic can become keychains, mobile phone holders, cases and other items.



Topic Workshops 5-6

Workshop 5: Mythbusters - Climate Change Denial

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Groups investigate why people deny climate change using visual methods such as the iceberg model, pyramid of influence, escape-room myth cards, myth trading cards and a balance scale of denial reasons versus scientific evidence.

Workshop 6: Paris Agreement and European Green Deal

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Participants explore the Paris Agreement, NDCs, net-zero and the European Green Deal through creative posters: Climate Action Tree, Climate Commitment Ladder, Net-Zero Balance Scale, Green City of the Future and Two Futures Path.



Topic Workshops 7-8

Workshop 7: Why Don't We Act - Brain Biases

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Participants map four psychological barriers to climate action: bystander effect, hyperbolic discounting, sunk-cost fallacy and lack of concern for future generations. The session ends with an anonymous secret ballot reflection.

Workshop 8: The Dark Side of Activism

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Groups explore when activism becomes harmful or overwhelming: road blockades, attacks on art and heritage, doomsday messaging, violent confrontations, and burnout or depression. The aim is responsible and sustainable advocacy.



Topic Workshops 9-10

Workshop 9: Carbon Footprint Calculator

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Groups calculate the carbon footprint of one participant as a case study, identify the biggest contributors and create mini- posters with total CO₂ results, top emission sources and suggestions for reducing impact.



Workshop 10: Persuasive Communication Skills

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Pairs practise climate conversations with sceptical friends, relatives or classmates. The focus is on listening first, asking questions, connecting to shared values and avoiding preachy communication.



Topic Workshops 11-12

Workshop 11: Debate - Nuclear Energy and Net- Zero

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A human-line debate lets participants position themselves between strongly agree and strongly disagree on statements about nuclear energy, renewables, safety, waste, cost and the path to net-zero by 2050.

Workshop 12: Meat-Free Cooking and Local Solutions

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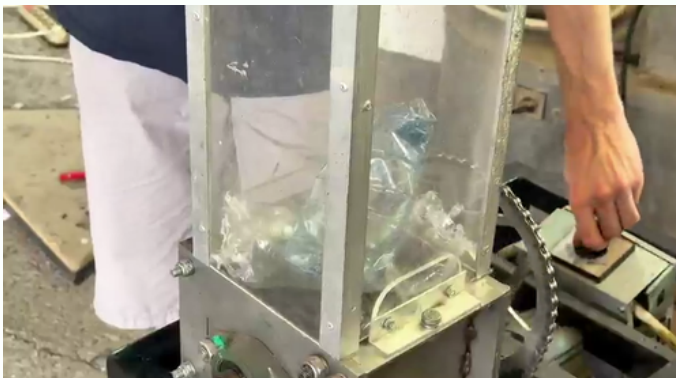
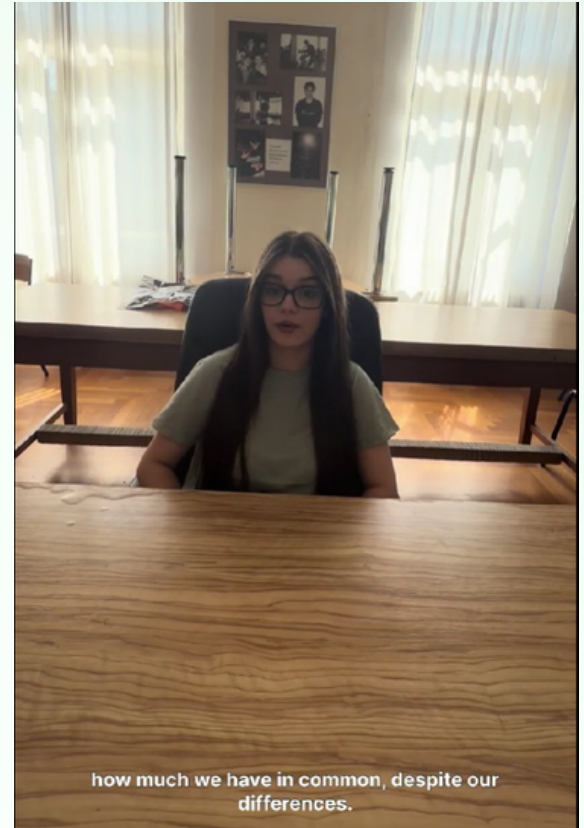
Participants prepare quick vegetarian snacks or dishes, discuss meat-heavy eating habits and local alternatives, then create posters about environmental, health and budget benefits of eating less meat.



Making of the Social Media Campaign

On the last working day, participants transform their learning into dissemination materials for peers, schools and online audiences. Groups plan messages, choose formats, divide roles, record, edit and prepare materials for publication. All of the outputs are available on social media of Student dormitory Ivana Mažuranića

- Select target audience and key message
- Create scripts, storyboards and poster concepts
- Record videos and collect photos from workshops
- Edit videos and review visual identity
- Prepare outputs for YouTube and social media channels of Student Dormitory Ivana Mazuranica



Intercultural evening

The Intercultural Evening was one of the most joyful and meaningful parts of the Youth Exchange. It gave participants from Croatia, Romania and North Macedonia the opportunity to present their countries, cultures, traditions and everyday life in a creative and informal way.

During the evening, each national group prepared a short presentation about their country. Participants shared interesting facts, traditional music, dances, food, popular places, customs, language expressions and fun stories from their local communities. This helped everyone learn more about the diversity of the participating countries and discover both differences and similarities between cultures.

The activity also created a friendly space for participants to connect outside the formal workshop programme. Through tasting traditional snacks, listening to music, dancing, asking questions and sharing personal experiences, participants built stronger relationships and developed mutual respect. The evening encouraged curiosity, openness and intercultural dialogue.



Testimonials

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Testimonial

Miruna



My experience in this project was very positive. I learned many new things, improved my skills, and enjoyed working with the team. It helped me gain practical knowledge and confidence in solving real-world problems.

Through this project, I learned how to plan and complete tasks effectively, communicate and collaborate with others, solve problems, manage my time, and apply my knowledge in a practical setting. I also gained a better understanding of the project's subject and the importance of teamwork and continuous learning.



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Croatia

Testimonial

Marino



I had so much fun during this project, I didn't know the time flew so fast and I found many new people.

I learned many things, the program was great and learned many things in such time, in fun and serious at same time.



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Testimonial

Mustafa Andi



My experience in this Erasmus+ project was great. I met amazing people from different countries, learned about their cultures, and worked together on environmental topics. I also improved my English, teamwork, and communication skills. It was a very enjoyable and valuable experience.

I learned more about the European Green Deal, climate change, and how we can all help protect the environment through small everyday actions. I also learned the importance of teamwork, cooperation, and sharing ideas with people from different cultures.



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NORTH MACEDONIA

Testimonial

Tina



I really enjoyed being part of this youth exchange. It was a great experience because I met amazing people from different countries, learned about their cultures, and made new international friendships.

Through the activities and workshops, I learned more about global issues, teamwork, communication, and how important it is to respect different opinions and backgrounds. I also became more confident speaking English and sharing my ideas in a group.

The facilitators made everything interesting, interactive, and fun. I will remember this project not only for what I learned, but also for the memories, friendships, and positive energy I am taking home.



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Testimonial

Julian

: My experience here has been amazing. I learned more about green energy, improved my public speaking skills, and developed both personally and professionally.

: I learned that almost everything produces carbon emissions, which helped me understand the importance of sustainability. I also learned more about Croatian culture and traditions, making this a valuable and enriching experience.



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Croatia

Testimonial

Valentina

My experience in the Erasmus project was very nice and exciting. I met many new friends from different countries, and I was happy to spend time with them. We played games, learned new things, and took part in many fun activities together. My favorite part was learning about different cultures, food, traditions, and the way people live in other countries. Traveling was also a great experience, and I made many wonderful memories. I had a lot of fun, but I also learned many new things. I would love to join another Erasmus project in the future.

In this project, I learned many useful things. I learned how to work better in a team and communicate with other people. My English improved, and I learned about different cultures. This project helped me become more confident and make new friends.



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Final Outputs

Participants create different video and media materials that will be available on YouTube and social media of Student Dormitory Ivana Mazuranica.

Video about Erasmus+

What it is, what a youth exchange is, how to apply and how the experience worked.

Eco-friendly tips video

Practical tips and tricks on how to be more environmentally friendly.

Precious Plastic video

Plastic shredder and plastic injector demonstration.

Educational posters

Materials for schools about climate change and eco-friendly behaviour.

National presentations

Dissemination presentations for partner countries.

Participant testimonials

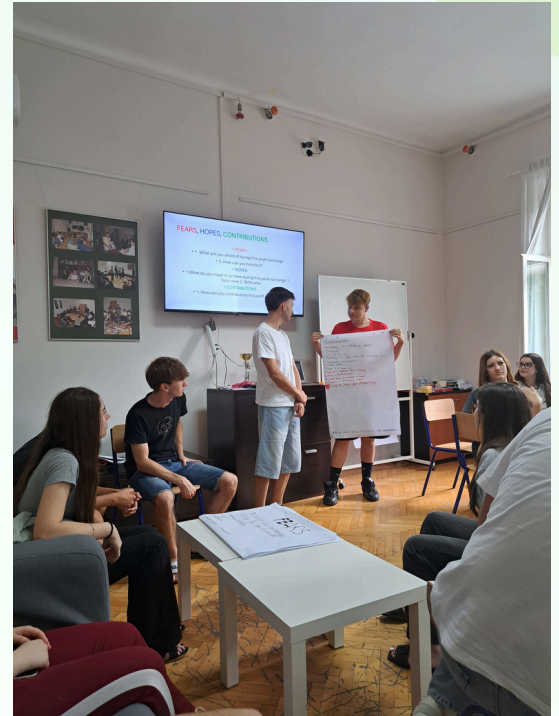
Personal reflections and learning stories.



End of Youth Exchange Workshops

The final programme space supports recognition of learning, closure of the group process and celebration of achievements.

- Review final outputs and prepare them for sharing
- Write Youthpass reflections and learning outcomes
- Final evaluation of activities, methods and personal development
- Closing circle with appreciations and testimonials
- Departure preparation and follow-up dissemination tasks



Participants leave with practical skills, stronger climate awareness and tools to inspire their peers.

Youthpass