



SAY 'YES TO SUSTAINABILITY'!

WHO ARE WE?

We are a **network** of young people and youth workers with a need to live in a sustainable way with ourselves, our local communities and nature, both in cities and rural areas. We bring young people close to ecovillages and other sustainable initiatives through Erasmus+ Youth projects.

We are connected to different **National Networks of Ecovillages** in Europe and with **Next-GEN Europe**, the youth wing of the Global Ecovillage Network Europe (GEN Europe). Also, we are linked to **GEN Europe** and have representation in their Projects Working Group.

OUR VISION

"A world in which young people are empowered to create resilient communities, contribute to regenerative cultures and take care of the planet."

OUR MISSION is based on four pillars that mutually support one another:

SUSTAINABILITY

To connect young people to ecovillages and sustainable initiatives where they can discover alternative low-impact lifestyles and find inspiration to align their personal choices with their values and the needs of the planet.

EMPOWERMENT

To empower young people to find their inner strength, take responsibility, take action, and embody the change they wish to see in the world.

LEARNING

To create opportunities for young people to grow personally and to explore sustainability in all its dimensions (social, ecological, economical, cultural...) through transformative and experiential learning.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

To connect young people so that they can exchange practices and ideas, discover diverse worldviews and experiences, feel part of an international and inclusive community and share a sense of belonging.



If you want know more, check out our website: www.yestosustainability.org

WHAT DO WE DO?

We weave an international network of individuals, organisations and venues involved in bringing young people close to ecovillages and other sustainable initiatives through Erasmus+ Youth projects. We support mainly 2 types of **European Youth projects within our network**: Youth Exchanges (YE) and Mobilities for Youth Workers.

Youth Exchanges (YE) are a type of learning mobility within the Erasmus+. They represent a common living for a short period of time where young people (18-30 y.o.) are implementing a non-formal learning programme (a mix of workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, simulations, outdoor activities, etc.) on a topic of their interest.

If you want to have a reference for the kind of projects we do, visit our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

SO, YOU WANT TO ORGANISE A SUSTAINABILITY YOUTH EXCHANGE UNDER THE YTS UMBRELLA?

THIS IS WHAT WE OFFER YOU:

- A “How-To” [brochure](#) on creating a sustainable youth exchange
- A strong network of ecovillages and sustainable initiatives that include:
 - Venues for hosting your YE
 - Potential partners for collaboration - youth workers and youth organisations
 - Potential participants for your YE
- Promotion of your project on our social media and within our network
- Dissemination of your project results on our social media and within our network
- Peer support platform



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- Mentoring and support in the creation, application writing and implementation of your project by experienced youth workers INCLUDING:
 - Guidelines and resources on how to write a successful application
 - Methods and tools for activity implementation
 - Economic guidelines

THIS IS WHAT WE ASK FOR IN RETURN:

- The logo of YTS visible on your Infosheet and other materials
- Designing your project budget using the YTS economic guidelines
- Upon the approval of your YE we ask for a contribution between 100 and 500 € depending on your decision on how to allocate your budget

Welcome to our network where a sustainable way of living is possible!

IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF OUR NETWORK, PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM: <https://forms.gle/bJggjbuMHZxWBxvt8>

In the form, please give your consent to Yes to Sustainability to store your email address to keep you informed about future opportunities and collaborations within Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects.

If you have any question, please contact us:

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