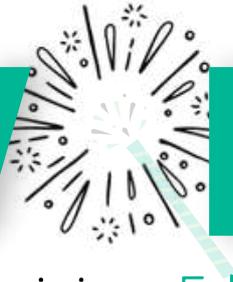


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Participation

International Youth Exchange

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THE CALL



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We are launching Fireworks

And we are looking for firelighters,

Do you believe there is a need to rethink the way young people often engage in youth projects, and consequently in their communities and the world around them?

Well, we think so too!

That is why we are organising the FIREWORKS International Youth Exchange!

Between 6 and 10 April 2026, we will gather a group of 20 enthusiastic young people, from 16 to 22 years old, from different EU Countries, to enhance new competencies that can support you to be the change you wish to see in the world, in your community and in the organisations you engage with!

Contact your national partner organisation and check here what we are preparing for you,

ECOS	Faro, Portugal	Coordinator
ABOVE Foundation	Budapest, Hungary	Sending organization
Scout Society	Târgu Jiu, Romania	Sending organization
Fundación Social Universal	Montilla, Spain	Sending organization
Tavo Europa	Vilnius, Lithuania	Sending organization

“**FIREWORKS: Fun & Inclusion on Reimagining Education for Youth Participation**” is an initiative coordinated by ECOS (Portugal), in partnership sending partners from several EU Countries.

Between 2025 and 2027, FIREWORKS will promote a series of international events that combine practice exchange, joint reflection and co-creation on youth participation and alternative pedagogies, among young people, youth workers and educational experts. Get to know more at www.ecos.pt/fireworks.html

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About the Youth Exchange

Are you ready to meet young people from Romania, Hungary, Spain, Lithuania, and Portugal and take part in an exciting week of learning, fun, and cultural exchange? Through workshops, games, debates, role-plays, and outdoor activities, you will explore topics that matter to you, develop new skills, and work together with peers from across Europe. This is your chance to share ideas, make new friends, and experience something unforgettable, all while learning in a creative and supportive environment inspired by the European Youth Goals.

What we will do in Faro

We will be 20 young participants (between 18 and 25 years old) from Hungary, Portugal, Romania and Spain + 1 youth worker per country

By participating in this Youth Exchange, we will:

Strengthen your understanding of meaningful youth participation

You will explore what participation means beyond tokenism and discover how young people can influence decisions in their communities at local and European level.

Develop skills for active citizenship and youth leadership

You will improve your communication, teamwork, critical thinking, facilitation and initiative-taking skills – essential to take active roles in youth organisations and civic spaces.

Increase intercultural awareness and inclusion competences

Through intercultural activities and peer learning, you will deepen your understanding of diversity, human rights and inclusion, while learning how to create safer and more inclusive environments for all young people.

Design concrete ideas for local action

Together with other participants, you will co-create practical ideas, small initiatives or creative approaches that you can implement in your own community after the exchange.

Build European connections

You will have the opportunity to create new bonds with young people from Hungary, Portugal, Romania and Spain, expanding your European network and opening doors for future collaborations, mobility opportunities and friendships.

Methodologies: Non-formal education methods of peer learning, co-creation, arts-based, creative workshops, reflection circles and intercultural learning activities

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day	05 APR	06 APR	07 APR	08 APR	09 APR	10 APR	11 APR
BF	ARRIVAL	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	DEPARTURE
AM		Meeting & Connecting	Questioning & Exploring	Collaborating & Creating	Acting & Transforming	Integrating & Moving Forward	
LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
PM		Meeting & Connecting	Questioning & Exploring	Collaborating & Creating	Acting & Transforming	Integrating & Moving Forward	
DINNER		WELCOME DINNER & EVENING	ICL DINNER & EVENING	ICL DINNER & EVENING	ICL DINNER & EVENING	FAREWELL DINNER & EVENING	

The Exchange will take place in different venues of Faro, such as ECOS office, the National Youth & Sports Institute, the municipal garden of Alameda, the Tilia Hostel and Faro Beach.



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Meals and accommodation

ECOS will provide meals and accommodation from dinner on the arrival day until the morning following the end of the course.

Accommodation for all participants is reserved at Tilia Hostel, within a great location right next to Faro downtown. The participants will stay in a dormitory, separated by gender.

Breakfast will also be covered by ECOS and will be autonomously prepared by participants.

TILIA HOSTEL



R. Serpa Pinto 29, 8000-431 Faro

www.tiliahostel.com/

What to bring with you

Clothing and accessoires

Comfortable shoes and clothes and warm outerwear for evenings

Sun protector Hat and swimming clothes

Flip flops or beach shoes

Some typical local snacks from your country for the intercultural coffee breaks.

Reusable water bottle (tap water is drinkable)

Beach towel

Documents:

ID Travel tickets

Copy of parents autorizations (for minors - original delivered to the team leader)

Valid EHIC (European Health Insurance Card).

ECOS will confirm with PT Nacional Agency if anything else needed.

Insurance

Insurance for all participants covering accidents, travell events and others will be provided by the sending organization,

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Flights

Each partner organisation is responsible for booking the flights for its participants. Please get in touch with your sending organisation beforehand. You will come together with your group and groups leader.

ARRIVALS: 05 April

DEPARTURES: 10 after 15h00 or 11 April

Group leader

Each national group will be accompanied by one group leader who will support you before, during and after the Youth Exchange.

Your group leader will:

- Help you prepare for the exchange together with your sending organisation
- Support you with travel arrangements and practical questions
- Accompany your national group during the mobility
- Facilitate reflection moments and group dynamics
- Be your main contact person, providing guidance or support

The group leader is there to make sure you feel safe, informed and empowered throughout the whole experience.

The city of Faro

Faro is the capital of the Algarve region, located in the south of Portugal. The municipality has around 65.000 inhabitants distributed over 210 km², with around 30% of this area is part of the "Rio Formosa" Natural Reserve. Faro is a millenary city to be (re)discovered. Discover more about the city of Faro:

- <https://faro.pt/>
- <https://visitalgarve.pt/en/19/faro>

Rules and Instructions

All Youth Exchange participants shall follow specific rules to ensure safety and wellbeing. You can find them [here](#).

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After the exchange

After the Youth Exchange, participants must complete a short Erasmus+ questionnaire (5–7 minutes) about their experience.

You will also receive a Youthpass certificate, which documents the skills and learning they gained, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, and can be used to showcase your personal and professional development.



NEXT STEPS

The sending organization from your country will let you know if you were selected and guide you through the following steps:

- Complete and sign the Mobility Agreement (official Erasmus+ document).
- Prepare and let you know about travel arrangements.
- Let you know what documents you will need (check what to bring section for major ones)
- You may be invited to participate in an online preparation meeting with your national group.

Note: Your participation is only confirmed after validation by your sending organisation and the hosting team.

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Educator Pass 2026. You are welcome to join our new educational programme for 2026!

Dive into non-formal learning exploration for a 75 euro fee that will unlock your potential to join all training courses, professional study visits, events in Lithuania and abroad until the end of the year, and also supports us to find new exciting and exclusive opportunities for community members!

Please do not pay any fee until you receive a confirmation letter to join the programme. If you want to join the project, please fill the application form, whether you have already participated or not.

Bear in mind that Tavo Europa keeps the right to send the most suitable and motivated participants to all of our projects.

For more projects:

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