

CALL FOR PARTNERS



VOICES ON THE HORIZON

Youth exchange for teenagers

From 4 to 18 July 2026

Where: in the association du Centre de Beaumotte, located in Beaumotte-Aubertans, 30km away from Besançon and Vesoul.

Participants : 20 participants from 4 different countries

- Age: from 15 to 17 years
- Each group will be composed of 4 teenagers and 1 leader

Participation fees : Free; this project is financed by Erasmus+ program

Postage costs: The Centre de Beaumotte will pay the partner associations 100€ per participant and leader joining the entire project, in recognition of the previous work to prepare the project.

APV: Online, to be scheduled between April and June 2026.

CENTRE DE BEAUMOTTE

The Association Centrede Beaumotte moved into a former paper mill in 1979. It has now become a large house that provides permanent accommodation for around 15 people. The main project of this popular education association is to **welcome people in serious difficulty, whether young people or adults**. To keep this project alive; we work with social, cultural and generational diversity, convinced that it is because of this diversity that people change and that **together we can change society**. Here they live people with complicated backgrounds (adults and teenagers), international volunteers and permanent employees who take care of the smooth running of the place ensure the smooth running of the home. **For the duration of the project, participants will have the opportunity to share moments with all these people.**

INTRODUCTION

This project aims to bring together adolescents from four European countries around a central question: how can they make their voices heard today ? Through the theme of **freedom of expression**, participants will be invited to reflect on what they want to say, defend, or question, in connection with current issues affecting European youth.

The exchange will take place in a rural setting, close to nature. This environment will allow participants to **explore ecological issues that directly concern young people** : environmental protection, relationships with the living world, and ways to imagine a more sustainable future. Participants will be able to share their ideas, concerns, and hopes while discovering the perspectives of peers from other countries.

Throughout the project, adolescents will be encouraged to express themselves, engage in debate, and listen to others, transforming their ideas into a collective message that is visible and shared. The project's objectives include:

- encouraging them to speak up and assert their opinions;
- developing critical thinking and the ability to engage in respectful dialogue;
- raising awareness of ecological issues and sustainable lifestyles;
- experimenting with artistic creation as a means of collective expression;
- experiencing an intercultural European exchange based on cooperation and mutual learning.

The project will culminate in the **creation of a collective mural of approximately 30 m²** on an **outdoor wall**, produced with the guidance of a **professional graphic artist**. Designed and created by the participants, the mural will draw inspiration from nature and the living world to convey the messages they wish to share, in harmony with the surroundings. This project aims to provide adolescents with a space to express themselves, create, and engage differently, allowing them to experience freedom of expression concretely through a collective, artistic, and European experience.



ACTIVITIES

The program will combine modules on getting to know each other, intercultural exchange, and language learning, as well as thematic workshops focused on freedom of expression and the living world. Part of the program will be dedicated to the collective creation of a mural with a professional graphic artist, turning ideas and discussions into a tangible work. Participants will also contribute to the daily organization and coordination of activities.

Mornings will be devoted to activities promoting freedom of expression and intercultural dialogue :

- Exchanges and discussions to get to know each other better and share experiences;
- Moments of reflection and debate on current topics related to expression and the living world;
- Creative workshops, including the design and creation of the collective mural with a professional artist;
- Exploration and experimentation with popular education tools.

In the afternoons, participants will alternate between :

- intercultural exchange workshops ;
- a variety of games
- collective activities ;
- free time based on local discovery and getting to know each other ;
- casual time.

Exemples of possible additional activities :

- Walks, visits to Besançon, concerts, etc.
- Activities proposed by the participants.
- International meal with the villagers
- Evening by the fire



POPULAR EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Over the two weeks, the participants will be **living and doing things together throughout the stay**. This is an important component, as it means that the young people will be cooking, washing up and cleaning the communal areas. They will also be expected to eat every meal together, take part in the programme and **suggest activities**. We want the participants to be responsible for daily life: this is the basis of the intercultural nature of this project. **In a popular education and non-formal education dynamic, 'doing together' remains the most important tool for a real encounter.**

SKILLS REQUIRED

No particular skills are required to take part in this exchange; all that counts for us is **motivation** for the project and also the willingness to live a collective life. The project will be open to 20 young people aged 15 to 17 from four different countries, including France. We would like each partner country, as far as possible, **to respect the balance between genders, social backgrounds and life trajectories**. We would also like them to reserve 1 or 2 places for Young People with Fewer Opportunities/marginalised/in minority. The Centre de Beaumotte will not be asking for any financial contribution from participants.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

L'association du Centre de Beaumotte uses a collective space to carry out its projects. A team of activity leaders will be established to implement the action. There will be a reference leader for each country, to make things easier for the young people and the on-site teaching team. **A teens workcamp will be held on the same site at the same time.**

- Participants will be accommodated at the Centre de Beaumotte on a **single-sex** basis, in large **collective tents** (8 to 16 places), on bunk beds. Participants should bring their own duvets and pillows. A fallback site is available in the event of weather conditions requiring it.
- They will have access to the Centre's bathrooms and toilets, as well as dry toilets outside.
- The food will be prepared in a professional kitchen. At Beaumotte, we only eat **meat twice a week**. We are raising awareness about eating vegetarian and balanced.
- **Limited wifi access**, on a fixed time slot, outside of activities (unless necessary).
- There is **no washing machine** on site.
- The association's minibuses will be used for scheduled **outdoor activities**.

The centre also receives young people with social difficulties, who are accompanied on a daily basis by a specialised educator. There is always a support worker on site, day and night, including weekends and public holidays.



FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Travel costs will be partially reimbursed in accordance with the Erasmus + pricing policy:

- **28€** for the distances from 10 to 99 km
(56€ in case of green travel)
- **211€** for the distances from 100 to 499 km
(285€ in case of green travel)
- **309€** for the distances from 500 to 1999 km
(417€ in case of green travel)
- **395€** for the distances from 2000 to 2999 km
(535€ in case of green travel)
- **580€** for the distances from 3000 to 3999 km

For participants to be reimbursed after the project, as the sending association you will need to **collect all the tickets for your group** (young people + leader) and send them to us. Our association will reimburse the transport and postage costs in a single bank transfer, no more than 3 months after the end of the project. This bank transfer will take place once we have received proof of travel and the travel diary has been duly completed.



Contact Us!



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