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Urban Civic Lab

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About the project

Urban Civic Lab is an Erasmus+ mobility project for youth workers, hosted by INNACT, bringing together participants in Ioannina, Ligiades village, Greece, for an intensive 9-day training focused on civic engagement and urban participation, between 10 June 2026 and 18 June 2026.

The project is designed to empower youth workers with the competences, tools, and confidence needed to actively involve young people in shaping the cities they live in. It builds on the vision of strengthening youth participation in public space, promoting inclusive communities, and connecting grassroots youth work with urban development and policy processes.

The project's key objectives are to:

- build the capacity of youth workers to engage young people in participatory urban practices and civic life;
- introduce practical tools such as co-design, participatory mapping, and community dialogue methods;
- strengthen the role of youth work in promoting democratic participation and social inclusion;
- support youth workers in designing local initiatives that connect young people with decision-making processes;



Important Info

- Project title: Urban Civic Lab
- Dates: 10-18 June 2026
(excluding travel days)
- Hosting organization: INNACT
- Location: Ioannina, Ligiades village, Greece

Why join CivicRise?

Because this is more than a training — it's a hands-on experience that will reshape how you see youth work, cities, and participation.

If you are a youth worker, facilitator, community leader, or active NGO member ready to grow and create impact, this opportunity is for you.

What you will gain personally

- Practical tools to engage young people in real civic and community processes
- Skills in facilitation, co-creation, and participatory urban methods
- Confidence to design and lead inclusive, youth-driven initiatives
- Experience working in an international environment with peers from across Europe
- Deeper understanding of how to activate and include marginalized youth voices
- New inspiration, motivation, and perspective for your daily work

What you will take home (and actually use)

- Ready-to-use methods for workshops on civic engagement
- Practical approaches to connect youth work with local communities
- Strategies to involve young people in meaningful, not symbolic, participation
- A concrete action plan to implement ideas in your local context
- Tools to build dialogue between young people, communities, and local authorities

Why this project matters

- Because young people deserve a real role in shaping their cities
- Because youth workers are key actors in connecting communities and democracy
- Because inclusive public spaces create stronger, more resilient societies
- Because participation should be lived, experienced, and co-created—not just discussed

Urban Civic Lab aims to bridge the gap between young people and decision-making, transforming urban spaces into platforms for participation, inclusion, and youth-led change.

Participants

Who can apply?

- Youth workers, youth leaders, educators, facilitators, and community practitioners
- People actively involved in youth organisations, NGOs, community initiatives, or municipal youth services
- Individuals working with young people at local level, especially in the fields of participation, inclusion, and community development
- Participants coming from partner countries (Greece, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Turkey, Italy, Portugal)

Required profile

- Typically 22–35 years old
- Motivated participants outside this age range may also be accepted if they fit the profile and show strong motivation
- Youth workers with different levels of experience (from active volunteers to experienced practitioners)
- Strong motivation to develop competences in participatory methods, co-creation, and democratic engagement

Group balance principles

To ensure fairness and diversity:

- 5 participants per country (equal national representation)
- Strong effort to ensure gender balance (aiming for 50/50)
- Inclusion of non-binary and LGBTQ+ youth workers is encouraged

26

Participants

6

Countries



Location

The training will take place in Ligiades village, in Ioannina city, a picturesque and culturally rich city in northwestern Greece that offers a unique blend of history, nature, and vibrant local life.

Located in the region of Epirus, Ioannina is known for its stunning lake, historic old town, and diverse cultural influences shaped over centuries. This atmosphere creates an inspiring setting for a project focused on participation, community, and meaningful social engagement.

Participants will enjoy a welcoming and relaxed environment, ideal for learning, connecting, and exchanging ideas. The city combines a lively student scene with traditional character and authentic Greek hospitality, making it not only a place for training—but also for deep intercultural exchange.

Surrounded by mountains and centered around the beautiful Lake Pamvotida, Ioannina offers a calm yet energizing setting where participants can fully immerse themselves in the experience while discovering one of Greece's most charming and unique destinations.



Accommodation and meals

Participants will be accommodated at "Arktos Mountain Hotel" - www.arktos-hotel.gr (3/4 people per room).

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the restaurant of the hotel. Hotel is located inside the village. It is surrounded by trees it has a very beautiful view. We will be responsible for dividing the participants at the rooms. The menu will be very specific so make sure to inform us for any dietary restrictions before the beginning of the program.

The accommodation and meals are free.



Travel

Your travel to Ioannina should be planned carefully and in line with Erasmus+ rules. Participants are expected to choose the most economical travel option, prioritizing low-cost and efficient routes.

The closest airports to Ioannina are:

- Ioannina Airport
- Thessaloniki Airport (approx. 280 km)
- Preveza Airport (approx. 100km)
- Athens Airport (approx. 400 km)

If participants chose the airports far from Ioannina they can continue to Ioannina by bus.

Before purchasing any tickets (flight, bus), you must send us the full travel details for approval, including price, departure and arrival cities, travel dates, and airline or transport company. Please wait for our confirmation before booking. If tickets are purchased without prior approval, reimbursement may be reduced or refused.



Important travel guidelines

To ensure smooth reimbursement and coordination, please follow these principles:

- Book the cheapest reasonable option available
- Prefer return tickets rather than separate one-way bookings
- Avoid multi-city, open-jaw, or stopover itineraries
- Do not include extra paid options such as seat selection, insurance, meals, or flexibility (these are not reimbursed)

Alternative travel options

Travel by bus, or car sharing (e.g. BlaBlaCar) is encouraged and fully acceptable.

Using a private car is possible under certain conditions (minimum two participants, prior agreement, shortest route). Only fuel and toll costs will be reimbursed. Rental cars are not eligible.

For all alternative travel arrangements, please contact us in advance for approval.

Extra travel days

Participants may request to arrive earlier or depart later by up to 2 extra days in total, subject to prior approval. Please note that:

- Travel costs must not exceed the cost of travelling on official dates
- Accommodation and personal expenses during extra days are not covered





Travel Budget

Travel costs will be covered according to the Erasmus+ distance-based lump sum system, which allocates a fixed maximum amount depending on the distance between your country and Komotini. This means that each partner organisation has a specific travel budget limit that cannot be exceeded.

Country	Persons	Green travel	Cost/ person
Greece	6	Yes	56€
Italy	4	No	309€
Czechia	4	No	309€
Lithuania	4	No	309€
Turkey	4	No	309€
Portugal	4	No	395€

Project Timeline



DAY 1



Building the Learning Community

- Welcome to the project and Erasmus+ framework
- Group-building through interactive challenges
- Civic identity exploration: what does civic engagement mean to me?
- Group agreement and collective learning contract

DAY 2



Youth Participation and Civic Space

- Deep dive into youth participation: models, examples, frameworks
- Power mapping exercise: identifying who holds influence in public space
- Exploring exclusion in civic life and urban space
- Visual gallery walk: voices of marginalised youth

DAY 3



Understanding Urban Realities

- Urban walk: mapping youth presence in Ioannina
- Street-level observations and reflection in teams
- Telling the city's story: connecting spaces to emotions
 - Collective storytelling through photos, memories, and places

DAY 4



Participatory Tools in Youth Work

- Introduction to participatory tools for civic engagement
 - Exploring co-design and civic prototyping
- Role-play: mock youth council session on public space
 - Debrief and analysis of facilitation dynamics

DAY 5



Local Study Visit – Youth in the City

- Visit to youth-led spaces and urban initiatives in Ioannina
 - Meeting with youth workers, activists, or municipal staff
- Facilitated roundtable with local stakeholders
 - Reflection on relevance and transferability

DAY 6



From Observation to Action

- Synthesising key lessons from the field visit
 - Identifying themes and challenges for youth work
- Tool carousel: testing three participatory youth work tools
 - Peer exchange on adapting tools to local needs

DAY 7



Facilitation and Transferability

- Skills lab: facilitation challenges in diverse groups
 - Practising active listening, responding to group needs
- Adapting tools to different contexts and youth realities
 - Developing individual transfer plans

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DAY 9



Follow-up, Youthpass and Closure

- Guided reflection on learning journey and competences
 - Youthpass writing support
- Final evaluation and collective group harvest
 - Certificates, closure, and celebration

See you in Ioannina! ❤️



What to Bring

- Comfortable clothes for activities.
- Bring an umbrella or raincoat in case of bad weather.
- Bring your European Health Insurance Card.
- Bring any personal medication you may need. Due to safety and allergy considerations, the organizers cannot provide medication. If needed, we will accompany you to a pharmacy.
- Bring a small amount of cash for personal use. Most costs (accommodation, food, activities) are covered, but you may wish to buy souvenirs or small items.
- For the intercultural evening, please bring traditional food, drinks, or small souvenirs from your country to share with the group.

By joining our project, you are confirming active participation in all phases of the project.

During the project we require active participation on 100% of workshops and activities prepared by our facilitators team.

After the project, participants would need to accomplish tasks which would include for example some dissemination.



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