

Projects Proposal



LEADERS OF TOMORROW: EMPOWERING YOUTH
WORKERS FOR EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHANGE

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Introduction

During the "Leaders of Tomorrow" Bootcamp, held in Rome from May 16 to 21, 2025, the participants – youth workers from Italy, Greece, Spain, and Malta – took part in an intensive and highly collaborative training experience.

One of the core moments of the programme was the Project Lab, a hands-on group activity where participants, divided into small teams, were tasked with developing concrete project ideas targeting various disadvantaged youth groups. Each group symbolically represented a specific category of young people with fewer opportunities, approaching the task with creativity, empathy, and a spirit of innovation.

Using a simplified version of the Business Model Canvas, the participants laid the foundations for inclusive, sustainable projects aligned with the core values of the Erasmus+ Youth Programme. These proposals emerged from a combination of the skills acquired during the Bootcamp and the personal and professional experiences of the participants — in some cases, directly reflecting challenges they had faced themselves.

The following project ideas are not only the outcome of a well-structured group exercise, but also a clear demonstration of the transformative potential that youth workers can express when placed at the heart of an international learning journey focused on social impact.



Group 1 – Young Migrants and Refugees (Blind participant)



Project Title: Inclusion Without Barriers

Subtitle: Empowering blind young migrants through accessible integration

- Target Group: Young migrants and refugees with visual impairments
- Value Proposition: To offer accessible pathways to inclusion for blind migrant youth, promoting autonomy, rights, and social integration
- Main Activities:
 - Urban mobility and orientation courses
 - Training in assistive technologies (screen readers, audiobooks)
 - Inclusive intercultural workshops
 - Peer support groups
- Key Partners: Associations for the visually impaired, cultural mediators, integration centers
- Channels: Audio materials, accessible websites, youth center meetings
- Key Resources: Accessibility-trained facilitators, volunteers, adapted educational materials
- Stakeholders: Families, local authorities, inclusion services, migrant associations
- Cost Structure: Accessibility tools, training costs, assisted transportation
- Funding Sources: Erasmus+, inclusion funds, foundation donations
- Expected Impact: Active inclusion and autonomy for blind migrant youth; reduced social isolation

Group 2 - NEETs (Formerly incarcerated participant)



Project Title: Second Chance Studio

Subtitle: Empowering NEET youth with justice backgrounds through skills and self-expression

- Target Group: NEET youth with past experience in detention or alternative sentencing
- Value Proposition: To restore dignity and opportunity through creativity, career guidance, and reintegration support
- Main Activities:
 - Video production and autobiographical storytelling workshops
 - Career coaching and CV writing
 - Mentorship by successfully reintegrated former detainees
 - Group sessions and psychological support
- Key Partners: Social services, employment centers, trainers, reintegration-focused associations
- Channels: Digital platforms, youth centers, social media
- Key Resources: Video equipment, storytelling experts, psychologists, educators
- Stakeholders: Families, ethical employers, reintegration professionals
- Cost Structure: Trainers, audiovisual materials, logistics, mentorship
- Funding Sources: Erasmus+, European Social Fund, ethical sponsors
- Expected Impact: Support successful reintegration, reduce recidivism and self-exclusion

Group 3 – Girls and Young Women in Rural Areas



Project Title: She Leads Local

Subtitle: Empowering rural girls through leadership and digital access

- Target Group: Girls and young women living in rural or remote areas
- Value Proposition: To reduce isolation and the opportunity gap by providing leadership training and digital access
- Main Activities:
 - Online bootcamps on female leadership
 - Storytelling and public speaking workshops
 - Community micro-projects
 - Mentoring by successful female role models
- Key Partners: Rural schools, women's associations, local authorities, digital hubs
- Channels: WhatsApp groups, local social networks, libraries and community centers
- Key Resources: Female trainers, internet access, tablets/laptops, tutors
- Stakeholders: Families, teachers, rural women entrepreneurs
- Cost Structure: Digital equipment, internet, training, transportation
- Funding Sources: Erasmus+, gender equality funds, corporate CSR programs
- Expected Impact: More female leadership in rural areas and increased active participation of young women

Group 4 - LGBTQ+ Youth (Transgender participant)



Project Title: TRANSform

Subtitle: Leadership and wellbeing journey for trans and non-binary youth

- Target Group: Transgender and non-binary young people
- Value Proposition: To promote wellbeing, rights awareness, and civic leadership among trans youth
- Main Activities:
 - Identity and self-esteem workshops
 - Education on legal rights and healthcare access
 - Artistic campaigns (zines, murals, spoken word performances)
 - Safe space gatherings and peer support circles
- Key Partners: LGBTQ+ associations, anti-discrimination centers, psychologists, activists
- Channels: Telegram, Instagram, Pride events, school help desks
- Key Resources: Peer educators, art supplies, cultural mediators, psychologists
- Stakeholders: LGBTQ+ committees, inclusive youth centers, human rights organizations
- Cost Structure: Facilitators, materials, safe venues, communication campaigns
- Funding Sources: Erasmus+, civil rights foundations, private donations
- Expected Impact: Increased empowerment of trans youth and promotion of more inclusive, aware environments