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## FOREWORD

The Final Report 2019-2020 records the progress of INA-ICE/YEPP EUROPE (further referred to as YEPP EUROPE) according to the YEPP EUROPE Strategic Goals and activities in the field of service provision, advocacy, international networking & partnerships, dissemination and expansion, fundraising & income generation, coordination & management. It covers the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020.

The narrative section is followed by the financial report.

The Final Report is based on the evaluation reports of YEPP EUROPE international activities, site visit reports of the YEPP EUROPE Team members, as well as on the minutes of the YEPP EUROPE Team Meetings, the Annual YEPP EUROPE Advisory Board Meeting and the regular updates for the YEPP Community Network.

### I. Strategic Goals 2019-2020

20 years of work in the field of youth and community empowerment since the start of the Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme (YEPP) allowed YEPP EUROPE to position itself and the YEPP Community Network as a key player in addressing a wide range of challenges affecting youth, in particular young people with fewer opportunities. The focus of YEPP EUROPE therefore remains on young people, communities with fewer opportunities and marginalised groups within those communities.

Poverty and social exclusion, lack of educational and employment opportunities, lack of belonging, as well as faith in the future and civic engagement are the challenges that YEPP EUROPE addresses in its work. It does so by supporting the implementation of the “YEPP” approach and methodology which has been enriched with community-based entrepreneurial tools and by empowering young people and communities with a special focus on capacity building programmes and opportunities for stakeholder engagement and active civic participation.

The priorities of YEPP EUROPE in 2019-2020 were based on the three Strategic Goals 2019-2020 and the results of the annual YEPP EUROPE Team Evaluation which took place in February 2019. They include further development and implementation of capacity building programmes for young people and youth workers in the areas of youth and community development, social inclusion, human rights, active citizenship, project management, advocacy, media work and community-based entrepreneurship; coordination and expansion of the YEPP Community Network and sustaining YEPP EUROPE and the YEPP Community Network beyond 2020.

The Strategic Goals 2019-2020 are as following:

#### **STRATEGIC GOAL 1: Empower young people and local communities with fewer opportunities through the “YEPP” Approach and Methodology with a special focus on capacity building**

*Strategic objectives:*

- support lifelong learning for young people and people working with youth, especially those with fewer opportunities, through development of capacity building programmes on current global issues which affect youth and their communities, such as unemployment, poverty, social exclusion, migration, radicalisation, xenophobia, digital developments and challenges, climate change, and human rights issues,
- foster transnational exchange and learning.

## **STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Mainstream the “YEPP” Goals & Principles and increase outreach**

### *Strategic objectives:*

- build strategic partnerships to develop needs-based capacity building programmes for youth and those working in the youth field through ERASMUS+ programmes and other alliances,
- expand to new communities and countries in and beyond Europe, advocate and promote the YEPP Goals and Principles (<https://yeppeurope.org/yep-approach/>) and inclusive communities in collaboration with stakeholders at local, regional, national and international level.

## **STRATEGIC GOAL 3: Sustain YEPP EUROPE and the YEPP Community Network**

### *Strategic objectives:*

- develop a diversified funding scheme,
- develop new offers and programmes assuring the sustainability and further development of YEPP EUROPE and the YEPP Community Network.

While the first two goals serve the YEPP EUROPE mission as the central entity within the YEPP Community Network and its current operations, the third goal is focused on the sustainability of YEPP EUROPE, the YEPP Community Network and funding schemes for the years 2019, 2020 and beyond.

YEPP EUROPE’s work along each Strategic Goal, as well as the account of strategic objectives, expected outcomes, activities and mid-term assessment is presented in the next section of this report.

## II. Key Activities 2019 - 2020

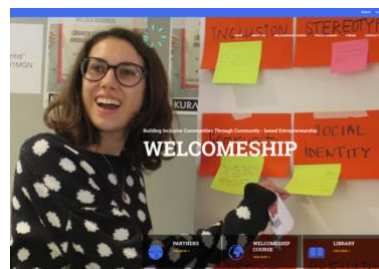
The next chapter provides an overview of YEPP EUROPE key activities 2019-2020 according to each of three Strategic Goals and based on YEPP EUROPE Working Plan 2019-2020. The key activities for each Strategic Goal are wrapped up with an assessment of key achievements.

### STRATEGIC GOAL 1. Empower young people and local communities with fewer opportunities through the “YEPP” Approach and Methodology with a special focus on capacity building

#### 1. Welcomeship! Building Inclusive Communities through Community-based Entrepreneurship

##### 1.1. Launch of the Welcomeship Channel

In January 2019, the *Welcomeship Channel* ([www.welcomeship.org](http://www.welcomeship.org)) was launched. The channel is Intellectual Output 4 of the Welcomeship project and is used as a learning and exchange platform as well as a tool for Advocacy. The most important function of the channel is the online learning platform. The learning material is split in 5 Modules of the community-based entrepreneurship course. It includes the Tutorial Programme and interactive features which allow young participants of the programme to exchange and learn from each other. The Welcomeship project is financially supported by the EU's Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 - Strategic Partnerships.



##### 1.2. Launch of the Tutorial Programme

In January 2019, the *Tutorial Programme* - Intellectual Output 3 of the Welcomeship project - was launched online with 11 tutorials on the topics of Inclusion and Community-based Entrepreneurship. The tutorials are designed for young people to understand key topics, such as Diversity, Inclusion, Community-based Entrepreneurship, SMART Goals and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), Market Research, Idea Development, Business Model, Finances, Scaling, Pitching and Video Making.

Between October and December 2019, these 11 tutorials were enriched by five more tutorials. These were produced by local trainers of the project's consortium of partners. The tutorials have been a great learning tool and are available for free on the [Welcomeship Channel](http://www.welcomeship.org), as well as at the YEPP EUROPE [Youtube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).





### 1.3. Youth Exchange in Albenga, Italy

On 5 - 11 April 2019, young people and youth coaches from the Welcomeship project participated in the International Youth Exchange (C2 Blended Mobility Event of Young People) in Albenga, Italy. The Welcomeship group was one of the most diverse groups of YEPP youth exchanges ever: 50 participants represented 30 countries from 5 continents of Europe, Asia, North America, South America and Africa, a mini map of the world.

The objective of this activity was to give a boost to young people's community-based entrepreneurial ideas in an international setting, but ultimately it became learning about what an inclusive society full of respect, tolerance, kindness, and mutual support can look like.

On the last day, young people put in practice all what they have learnt about idea development, finances, needs research and public speaking in the "Shark Tank" Show. They pitched their ideas to the mayor of Albenga, as well as other local guests, and celebrated new connections, friendships and the unforgettable five-day experience. The activity was organized by YEPP EUROPE in close cooperation with YEPP Albenga.



### 1.4. Video Challenge

In August 2019, the Welcomeship Challenge was launched for all participants of the Welcomeship project. The Welcomeship Challenge was a video competition through which young people and trainers of the project could participate and win prizes.

The main objectives of this challenge were:

- to fill the gap between the end of the Modules delivered through workshops and online learning and the Final Conference
- to allow young people (and trainers) to apply what they have learned in the 5 Modules
- to have fun and engage with international peers from six European countries.

The Challenge had three categories: 1) Idea pitch (for young people), 2) My journey through Welcomeship: self-portrait (for young people), and 3) Welcomeship Tutorial (for trainers). The video of the challenge is available on YEPP EUROPE [Youtube channel](#).

The winners of the challenge were announced during the Welcomeship final partners meeting in Berlin on 23-27 November 2019.

WINNER 1: Mary from Cologne, Germany describes her experience as a young participant of the Welcomeship project. This [video](#) won the first price of the Welcomeship Video Challenge (category - young people).



WINNER 2: Alice & David from Portimão, Portugal describe their entrepreneurial idea, what entrepreneurship techniques they have learned and how it empowered them. This [video](#) won the second price of the Welcomeship Video Challenge (category - young people).



WINNER 3: Carolina, the Welcomeship trainer from Portimão, Portugal describes the method “Where do I stand” of the first Welcomeship Module “Opening Minds and Doors” in a tutorial format. This [video](#) won the first prize of the Welcomeship Challenge (category - trainers).



### 1.5. Site Visit Portimão, Portugal



On 14 - 15 October 2019, Tetiana Katsbert from YEPP EUROPE Team visited DYPALL Network in Portimão (Portugal) and saw their work with the local community towards inclusiveness. Tetiana met some of the young participants involved in the Welcomeship and Inclusion projects and visited the Cruz da Parteira Community Center. A special focus of the Center has been raising young people’s awareness about the environmental issues through recycling art, and empowering the most disadvantaged ones through joint activities, arts, and surfing!

### 1.6. Site Visit London, UK

On 14 - 15 October 2019, Jochen Schell visited the Welcomeship project in London. He met the responsible project coordinators of the UBELE Initiative, the local partner and worked with the Welcomeship Trainer on the delivery of the upcoming modules.



### 1.7. Online Coaching Sessions



In 2019, YEPP EUROPE Team organised three more online coaching sessions in 2019 (7 February, 3 June, 10 September) and one in 2020 (30 March), altogether six over the project period 2018-2020. The topics covered were the development of the Course, Welcomeship Nights in the different countries, the development of the Intellectual Outputs of the project, the Welcomeship Challenge and organisational issues around the international meetings of the project.

In the last online coaching session in 2020, the teams’ Multiplier events in 7 countries across Europe and delays/cancellations due to the outbreak of Covid-19; dissemination of the results; and the Intellectual Outputs (IO), in particular, the newly born IO5 - Guide for Inclusive Communities were discussed. This Output was translated from English into German, Portuguese, Italian and Swedish. Also, the preparations for the final report were discussed and the templates for efficient writing and filing of documents were prepared and presented by the YEPP EUROPE team.



## 1.8. Launch of the Guide for Inclusive Communities



In Autumn 2019, YEPP EUROPE launched Intellectual Output 5 - the Guide for Inclusive Communities in the framework of the Welcomeship project. The Guide analyses how to use community-based entrepreneurship learning as a tool for inclusion of young migrants and refugees in local communities. It looks at the effects of the entire project on inclusion, as well as at the impact of learning throughout the project and how it can contribute to building inclusive communities. It is designed for policy makers, local stakeholders, youth workers and all those interested in the topic Inclusive Communities.

The Guide highlights best practice examples of the Welcomeship Course combined with skills and competences gained through idea development, implementation and collaboration with community stakeholders. An important part of the Guide are the policy recommendations which cover the local, regional, national and the EU level. These recommendations are based on research, feedback, input and involvement of local policy makers and politicians through surveys, Welcomeship Nights, video interviews and regular local and international meetings.

Those recommendations have been enriched through the feedback of local teams and young people which were received in the project meetings and discussed at the multiplier events with wider audience and associate partners. The Guide was produced in a PDF format with illustrations and graphs, as well as an online version with integrated videos. It is translated from English into German, Swedish, Italian and Portuguese.

## 1.9. Multiplier Event in Berlin, Germany

On February 12, 2020, YEPP EUROPE held a Multiplier Event for the Welcomeship project. Invitations were sent via e-mail to numerous local and transnational organizations, partners, and educational institutions. In addition, information was posted in YEPP EUROPE's media channels, such as Facebook and Instagram. An estimate of forty people attended the event.

The Multiplier Event was characterized by deep and interesting conversations around inclusion and social entrepreneurship, active participation by the guests, and a generally lively and engaged atmosphere. Activities included the presentation of the project outputs, a keynote speech from Abdou Rahime Diallo of the Diaspora Policy Institute on the meaning of inclusion, and a Talk Show featuring international guests and local inclusion and entrepreneurship experts.



## 1.10. Dissemination of Results



On 30 September 2020, the project “*Welcomeship - Building inclusive communities through community-based entrepreneurship*” officially came to an end. A wide range of results in the form of Intellectual Outputs, reports, lessons learned, videos featuring

voices of participants (young people, trainers, community stakeholders and policy makers) and much more were produced.

Here are the links to the Intellectual Outputs (IO):

- IO 1: The Learning Kit - [Welcomeship Guidebook](#) & The Learning Kit - [Welcomeship Exercise Book](#)
- IO 2: The [Online Course](#), all courses for [trainers](#), with exercises in English and for [young people](#), with exercises in English, German, Swedish, Portuguese, Italian
- IO 3: The [Tutorial Programme](#)
- IO 4: The [Welcomeship Channel](#)
- IO 5: The [Guidebook for Inclusive Communities](#).

These results were widely published through a dissemination campaign using social media, mailing, newsletters, and face-to-face meetings.

## 2. Fake OFF! Fostering Adolescents' Knowledge and Empowerment in Outsmarting Fake Facts

### 2.1. Youth Exchange in Padoa, Italy

On 1 - 7 September 2019, Tetiana Katsbert from YEPP EUROPE participated as a trainer in an international youth exchange in the framework of the Fake OFF project. 20 young people 13-19 years old from Italy, Austria, Portugal and Spain learned about the tools to identify fake news, strengthened their media literacy skills, and discussed how habit change can increase their digital wellbeing.

The exchange took place in Padua, Italy, in the Hostel Casa a Colori, with the patronage of the Municipality of Padua (Comune di Padova) and the support of the youth centre Progetto Giovani Padova. Participating partners in the project are Jonathan Cooperativa Sociale (Italy), GoEurope (Spain), Bit Gruppe (Austria), YEPP EUROPE (Germany), Future Balloons (Portugal), LOGO-Steirische Fachstelle für Jugendinformation und -kommunikation (Austria), and Safer Internet (Austria).

The Fake OFF project is financially supported by the EU's Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 - Strategic Partnerships.



### 2.2. Multiplier Event in Berlin, Germany



On 12 February 2020, YEPP EUROPE held a Multiplier event of the Fake OFF project in Berlin. It started with a quiz for the audience, which prompted them to think about media literacy in the post-digital era through their own examples. Then, Stefanie Fächner from Klicksafe Germany gave a keynote speech about how young people perceive and are impacted by fake news, including tips on what to do if you spot fake news or unsure if the news is accurate. This was followed by the presentation of the YEPP EUROPE Team on the Intellectual Outputs of the project. Afterwards, Corinna Palmisano from Graz, Austria, talked about her experience as a young participant of the project. Around 35 guests attended the meeting--among them teachers, students, media literacy experts and representatives of youth-led or youth-oriented organisations. They discussed the challenges of media literacy, played the Fake OFF app, and gave their feedback on the usability of the project results, which was very positive. All the results are available for free on the [project website](#).

## 2.3. Dissemination of Results



YEPP EUROPE, in collaboration with the consortium of partners of the project Fake OFF! Fostering Adolescents' Knowledge and Empowerment in Outsmarting Fake Facts, worked on developing 4 Intellectual Outputs (IO) designed for young people, youth workers, tutors, and teachers. The

Intellectual Outputs contain games, exercises, tips and tricks on how to strengthen media literacy among young people in the era of Fake News, create new healthy habits and apply them in daily life.

The IOs have been tested among teachers, tutors and young people during the whole year of 2019. The fine-tuned layouted versions of the publications were made available to the public in early 2020 and widely disseminated across partners' networks. The Outputs were also presented in the local Multiplier Events in Austria, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain in 2019 - 2020.



All Intellectual Outputs are available on the [Fake OFF! project website](#):

IO1 - A tailor-made **GENERAL DIDACTIC CONCEPT** to foster media literacy in youth work, youth information centres and other educational settings.

IO2

- The **DIGITAL LEARNING PACKAGE**
- **RESOURCE TOOLBOX WEBSITE** for youth workers with access to didactic material, developed in the scope of the project.

IO3 - **APP** for young people, containing game-based specialised activities, content and a communication platform about fake news (available in the Google Store and Apple Store with the name "Fake off").

IO4 - **TRAINING MATERIAL** with exercises around fake news and digital literacy for youth workers and teachers.

The Fake Off tutorial "*Tips for surviving Fake News!*" is also available [online](#).

The results were widely disseminated by YEPP EUROPE and the Consortium of partners across partners' networks, social media, newsletters, and face-to-face meetings.

## 3. INCLUSION! Actions Across Boundaries

### 3.1. Kick off Meeting in Berlin, Germany

On 23 to 26 June 2019, YEPP EUROPE hosted the planning meeting for the international project "INCLUSION! Actions across boundaries". 20 trainers and coordinators from 11 European countries (Germany, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Slovakia, Croatia, Ireland, Bosnia & Herzegovina and UK) met to discuss the planning of two international youth exchanges in Berlin and Athens.





A central question of the project is how we can make the society and the community we live in more inclusive, as well as strengthening solidarity, collaboration and diversity. The project idea is to organize international youth meetings for young people accompanied by youth workers, to critically assess and practically address the issue of inclusion in local communities in Europe where young people live and have the power to act for social change. In this project, young people become agents of change through dialogue with stakeholders, peer learning, planning and the implementation of local projects which contribute to more inclusion in their community.



**Inclusion!**

Actions across boundaries

The project milestones are two international youth exchanges in Berlin and Athens, as well as local youth projects aimed at inclusion, international photo competition and local exhibitions portraying what inclusion means to young people across Europe. The project INCLUSION! Action across Boundaries has been financially supported by the EU Programme ERASMUS+, KA1.

More information about the project can be found on the [project website](#).

### 3.2. International Youth Exchange, Berlin, Germany

On 27 October - 2 November 2019 YEPP EUROPE hosted a youth exchange with 70 young people and youth workers from 11 countries (Germany, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Croatia, UK, Ireland and Bosnia & Herzegovina) on the topic inclusion and how to foster inclusion of marginalised groups in communities.

The activities were diverse - from treasure hunt through Berlin and creativity workshops to intensive workshop sessions on community mapping, idea development, idea pitching and stakeholder involvement.



### 3.3. Coaching Sessions and Planning



**Inclusion!**

Actions across boundaries

In January 2020, YEPP EUROPE organised an online coaching session for the teams who participate in the project INCLUSION! Actions across Boundaries. Given the large number of participating countries, the session was split in two slots - the first slot was held on 14 January 2020 and the second on 23 January 2020. The session started with presentation of teams' local inclusion ideas and reporting on their progress. It was followed by discussion of open questions and next steps. The next international activity was planned to be the International Youth Exchange II in Athens, Greece on 21-27 June 2020. However, this has been postponed due to Covid-19.

On 16 June, YEPP EUROPE organised an Online Meeting #2 of the project INCLUSION! Actions across boundaries with local project coordinators and young people from 11 European countries: Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Greece, Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Portugal and UK. Project coordinators shared how their work in the past months was impacted by the Covid-19 crisis and talked about the developments of the local youth inclusion projects. Also, the planning of the second International Youth Exchange, which was postponed, was discussed. Two main options were highlighted: to organise the Youth Exchange in November 2020 with a smaller number of people or postpone it to

spring 2021. We officially decided to wait until early September to decide, and later opted for the second option.

Meanwhile, the Photo Challenge of the INCLUSION project was launched in June 2020 and offered young people an option to further participate in the project.

### 3.4. Photo & Art Challenge



On 18 June 2020, YEPP EUROPE officially launched the INCLUSION Photo Challenge. As part of the INCLUSION project, this challenge enables young people of the YEPP Community Network to share their thoughts and ideas about inclusion through photos. The invitation to participate in this challenge was extended to partners from 11 countries: Germany, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Croatia, UK, Ireland, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. Photos are accompanied by written text and an audio file and are featured on the INCLUSION website. It is planned to organise photo exhibitions in each project country in 2021 if Covid-19 conditions make it possible. More details can be found on the [website](#).

Given the current pandemic and the fact that it is challenging for many young people from across Europe to go outside and take photos, in November 2020 new disciplines to artistic expression have been added to the INCLUSION Photo Challenge which was re-named the INCLUSION Photo & Arts Challenge. Instead of sending in a photo (along with a story) which represents exclusion or inclusion, young people can also participate through sending a visual artwork (painting, drawing, collage, etc.) instead of a photograph. The first 20 participants get a YEPP-kit including a bag, a mug and a selfie stick! The deadline was also extended to November 30. Details about the challenge can be found on the [website](#).



### 3.5. Youth Exchange - ONLINE Dimension



Inclusion Youth Exchange - Online Dimension took place on Zoom on 26 - 27 November 2020. There were 25 participants from Germany, Italy, Spain, Greece, Slovakia, UK/Northern Ireland, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. The objectives of the meeting were to offer room to young people and trainers for their inclusion ideas and creativity, facilitate exchange on what they did this year (with Covid-19 consequences in mind), foster the Inclusion spirit, work on a small-scale inclusion project and get engaged in the Inclusion photo challenge. The online exchange was a substitute to the International Youth Exchange on Inclusion - Part II, which was scheduled in Athens, Greece this year, but had to be postponed to due Covid-19 pandemic. The exchange was interactive due to the use of different online participation tools, such as Zoom, Padlet, Google Docs, Google Slides and Actionbound. It was inspiring to listen to young people's

thoughts and projects of inclusion, and especially how thankful they were to participate in such an event!



## 4. Inspiration Labs

### 4.1. Inspiration Lab on Decision Making

On 22 January 2019, YEPP EUROPE hosted the Inspiration Lab "Better decision making with an entrepreneurial mindset" with Guido Neumann, the director of NFTE Germany. A very inspiring webinar can be found on YEPP EUROPE [Youtube channel](#).



### 4.2. Inspiration Labs as a Podcast in Covid-19 Times



In 2020, YEPP EUROPE launched the new podcast series "Inspiration Labs"! This is composed of 10-minute podcasts wherein people from the YEPP Community shed light on how they cope with certain issues, on what solutions they have found or are currently working on, and what advice or ideas they can give to others. The aim is to inspire, give hope, share ideas, positive vibes, and energy! It was great to involve several young people from the YEPP Community Network! Our first episode featured Soukrina from Italy, a young person sharing her thoughts and learnings about the current health situation in her country, and is available on [Spotify](#).

## 5. Empower Media Network Youth Exchange, Turin, Italy



The International Youth Exchange "A Visual Narrative Approach to Explore Identity and Counter Hate Speech" took place in Torino, Italy on 29 September - 6 October 2019. The exchange, designed and organized by YEPP EUROPE and YEPP Italia as part of the activities of EMN (EmpowerMediaNetwork), was funded with a grant of the ERASMUS+ Programme and received additional funding from Compagnia di San Paolo. The project was also supported by ITER and was held under the patronage of the Municipality of Torino.



"A Visual Narrative Approach to Explore Identity and Counter Hate Speech" is part of the long-term work that YEPP EUROPE and its media network EMN carry out to involve young participants from various YEPP sites and YEPP partners across Europe on the themes of: Identity, Active Citizenship, Fighting Discrimination, Countering Hate Speech, Promoting Social Inclusion and create awareness of the connected with European Citizenship.

40 young people aged 15 to 19 from Norway, Italy, Finland, Macedonia, Greece and Slovakia participated to the Exchange activities in Torino.

The project has continued with the dissemination and follow-up phase to ensure that the following specific objectives are achieved:

- Help young people explore their identity as individual and citizens of their own community of their country and of Europe;
- Create tolerance and mutual understanding;
- Understanding the roots and learn to identify online hate speech and how to counter it;
- Promote media literacy and digital citizenship to support youth participation in Internet governance and active citizenship.

## 6. Songs for Rights

### 6.1. Songs for Rights Take Off in 2020



After successful development work in 2019, there were two Songs for Rights (SfR) projects confirmed for 2020 and two more in the making. In Italy, Songs for Rights were set to be implemented in four communities (Albenga, Turin, Monviso, Langhe) in the North of Italy, starting in September; in Spain (Lliça de Vall), a Songs for Rights workshop has been delivered in March 2020; and YEPP EUROPE has

applied for funding in March and April 2020 for a series of SfR workshops in Berlin and Athens. The SfR project in Italy, supported by INTESA SANPAOLO, was postponed to the beginning of 2021. Meanwhile YEPP EUROPE has been further developing the approach in collaboration with Right Now, a consultancy organisation in Berlin, specialized in Children's Rights Education. In August, Jochen Schell participated in an inspiring Training of Trainers organised by Musicians without Borders with the aim of learning new community music tools which will enrich SfR. YEPP EUROPE also expanded its pool of Children's Rights Trainers and musicians and has applied for a SfR project in Germany and Greece.

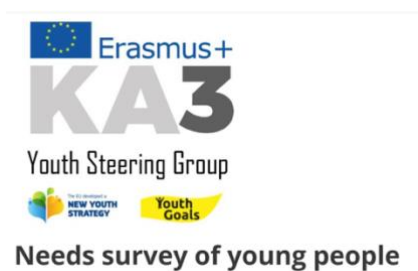
### 6.2. Songs for Rights & Right Now



In summer 2020, YEPP EUROPE and the consultancy and training organisation Right Now, specialised in Human and Children's Rights Education, have entered an agreement for collaboration. Together they will design a series of Children's Rights Training Modules for different age groups based on the Songs for Rights methodology. The first phase of the collaboration started on 1 September 2020 and lasted for two months. These Modules are tailor made for different age groups and will be tested in Songs for Right projects across Europe from 2021 onwards. More information is available on the [website](#).

## 7. KA3 Activities

### 7.1. Youth Survey in the Light of Covid-19 Pandemic



design local and international capacity-building programmes for youth in the nearest future.

The KA3 Youth Survey came to an end with more than 200 responses from young people. The broad responses were made possible due to the help of the members of the Youth Steering Group of the KA3 Project, EU SALTO-Youth Platform and YEPP EUROPE online and social media channels.

YEPP EUROPE has launched a survey for young people (14-29 years old) across Europe in order to understand their current needs and opinions, in particular in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. This is done in the context of the Erasmus+ KA3 project “Support for Policy Reform - Civil Society Cooperation in the Field of Youth”. For the results, see Section III. Needs and Issues in the YEPP Community Network” of this report. They will also be used to



### 7.2. KA3 Webinar 1: Introduction to the European Youth Strategy



On 15 July 2020, the webinar "Making Europe More Youth Friendly" was conducted in the framework of the KA3 Erasmus+ Project. Attendees were from all over Europe, eager to learn about the EU Youth Strategy, the European Youth Goals, and the Key Instruments. Alicia Holzschuh, Program Officer of the National Agency, Erasmus+ YOUTH IN ACTION and European Solidarity Corps for Key Action 2 (Strategic Partnerships, Transnational Youth Initiatives) and Key Action 3 (EU Youth Dialogue Projects) was our guest speaker. She provided a comprehensive introduction to the EU Youth Strategy and also answered queries related to the youth policies in Europe. The recording of the webinar is available [online](#).

### 7.3. KA3 Webinar 2: Goal for It!



On 1 October 2020, the second webinar in the framework of the KA3 Erasmus+ Project took place. Guest speakers were Georg Feiner and Martin Kitzberger, both of whom were involved in the initial stages of the development of the European Youth Goals. They provided an in-depth view of the European Youth Goals, particularly their origins, objectives, and best practices for promoting them in youth work. Georg Feiner discussed the origins, content, and elements of the Youth Goals, while Martin Kitzberger talked about how to make the Youth Goals more visible through promotion. Attendees of the webinar were also from all over Europe and definitely enjoyed this informative event. The recording is available [online](#).



## 7.4. KA3 Webinar 3: Make Things Happen



**MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!**  
ENGAGE. CONNECT. EMPOWER.

Free online seminar on  
**THE EU YOUTH STRATEGY TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS**

Learn more about key EU programmes and information and support sources

OCTOBER 29 2020  
11.00 - 12.00 CET

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Ariadni Matraka  
Project Coordinator/Youth Trainer  
Hellenic Youth Participation, Greece

Plus young people and project alumni who will share their experiences on EU programmes!

Youth Goals  
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Register through the link provided. For questions, write a message to info@yeppeurope.org

On 29 October 2020, YEPP EUROPE hosted the third part of the KA3 webinar series. Entitled "Make Things Happen!", the online seminar focused on the EU Youth Strategy, key EU programmes, and best sources for information and support. The guest speakers were Ariadni Matraka, YEPP projects coordinator and youth trainer in Greece, as well as two young people - alumni of EU programmes for youth.

The online seminar was attended by individuals from all over Europe. It began with a short introduction to YEPP EUROPE, the background of the KA3 project, and the EU Youth Strategy. Ariadni then shared her knowledge about youth programmes in Europe. After the main session, participants were given time to ask questions and give comments. The recording is available [online](#).

## 7.5. KA3 Webinar 4: Meeting the Bosses



**MEETING THE BOSSES**  
ENGAGE. CONNECT. EMPOWER.

03 DECEMBER 2020, 11.00 CET  
Free online seminar on the  
**EUROPEAN YOUTH GOALS**

Listen in on a virtual roundtable between young people and policy makers:

- learn about strategies to influence youth policies
- how young people can advocate for change
- tips on how to get a meeting with a decision maker

**Guest speakers**  
Bruno Antonio  
Coordinator, DYPALL Network  
Portugal  
Camilla Vio  
Councilor delegated to Youth Policies  
Municipality of Albenga, Italy

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On 3 December 2020, YEPP EUROPE hosted the final webinar in the KA3 webinar series. "Meeting the Bosses" aimed to equip participants with knowledge on the EU Youth Strategy, particularly on youth policy strategies, best practices for advocacy, and practical tips on how to gain support from local decision makers. The guest speakers were Bruno Antonio, coordinator of DYPALL Network in Portugal, and Camilla Vio, Councilor delegated to Youth Policies in Albenga, Italy. The two speakers shared their tips and experience with advocacy and youth policy, providing practical and helpful tips to the participants.

The online seminar was attended by more than 70 participants from all over Europe. After the talk, there was a Q&A session and participants asked a lot of questions. The recording is available [online](#).

## 8. Assessment of Accomplishments

In 2019-2020, young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, were supported in their learning through a series of international training and learning activities organised and coordinated by YEPP EUROPE:

### FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING & TRAINING

- International Youth Exchange in Albenga, Italy, 2019, on the topic tolerance, diversity, inclusion and community-based entrepreneurship for 50 young people and youth coaches from 6 countries (and all continents of origin);

- International Youth Exchange in Padua, Italy, 2019, on the topic digital literacy and digital well-being for 20 young people from 4 countries;
- International EMN Youth Exchange in Turin, Italy, 2019, on the topic hate speech and media literacy for 40 young people;
- International Youth Exchange in Berlin, Germany, 2019, on the topic inclusion for 70 young people and youth coaches from 12 countries;
- Multiplier event in Berlin, Germany, 2020, on the results of the projects “Welcomeship” and “Fake Off”, with 50 participants and opportunities for young people to give their feedback and discuss their questions with international experts, community stakeholders and their peers from other cities and countries;
- Also, some youth participants took on the role of youth leaders to come to the Final Partner Meeting of the project “Welcomeship” in Berlin, Germany, in November 2019 (s. Section 2.3. - Final Partner Meeting). The meeting was attended by 22 participants from 6 countries to evaluate the results from the perspective of the project’s target groups.

## ONLINE LEARNING & TRAINING

- As a result of the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020, YEPP EUROPE developed new online learning formats, e.g. Inspiration Labs - a series of podcasts by young people and youth coordinators on the topics which inspire and give hope, as well as transferred other activities to online formats (General Assembly of the KA3 project, Working Group meetings, International Youth Exchange of the INCLUSION project).
- 12 international learning & exchange activities with YEPP Community Network members from 19 countries and wider audience for the KA3 webinars were organised online alone in 2020.
- 4 KA3 webinars in 2020 with 600 registrations and 190 attendees; a positive side effect of the webinars was that YEPP EUROPE reached new audience: the majority subscribed for the YEPP EUROPE Newsletter and numerous requests were received to join the YEPP Community Network.
- A Youth Steering Group was set up online in the framework of the KA3 project to coordinate the survey of young people, and held 2 meetings in 2020 to discuss the involvement of young people in the governance of the YEPP Community Network and the findings of the survey.

Furthermore, as the graph below shows, in 2019 and 2020:

- **518** young people took part in **4** international projects led by YEPP EUROPE: INCLUSION, Welcomeship, Fake Off and KA3 Support for Policy Reform (webinars).
- **408** young people and youth leaders took part in the online learning & training activities (from 65 in 2019 to 343 in 2020).
- **38 face-to-face training & capacity building** days were organised by YEPP EUROPE.
- **12.000** residents of 109 European communities were directly involved in the local activities of YEPP Local Sites and partners in 2019, out of which **4.850** were young people.
- **375** local & international workshops and trainings were organized in 2019 in the YEPP Community Network.
- **598** local projects and activities were implemented in 2019 in the YEPP Community Network.





# YEPP EUROPE & THE YEPP COMMUNITY NETWORK

Facts and Figures  
2019 - 2020

20 YEARS  
YEPP



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SONGS FOR RIGHTS



Source: survey of YEPP Community Network 2019 and 2020

The current figures demonstrate that YEPP EUROPE increased the outreach of young people, residents and communities in 2019-2020 to address current social issues and needs in Europe, and successfully adapted to changing realities offering more digital learning opportunities for youth and youth workers.

As the graph shows, in 2019 and 2020, YEPP EUROPE and the members of YEPP Community Network increased capacity building activities for youth and community residents, developed new solutions, projects and formats, and strengthened collaboration to facilitate the exchange of experience and best practice within the YEPP Community Network.

## NEW FREE TRAINING AND LEARNING MATERIAL

In 2019 and 2020, a new learning and training material was developed by YEPP EUROPE for young people with fewer opportunities and youth workers on a variety of topics. The material for media literacy and counteracting fake news was built into an online version and translated into Italian, Portuguese, German and Spanish. The material for inclusion and entrepreneurship was built into an online learning platform and translated into Italian, Portuguese, German, and Swedish. All the material was broadly disseminated across partner networks in Europe and beyond. It is available for free on the following websites created by YEPP EUROPE:

- Guidebook and Exercise Book for the community-based entrepreneurship course for migrants and refugees (project Welcomeship [www.welcomeship.org](http://www.welcomeship.org));
- Didactic Concept, Training Manual and a Learning App to counteract fake news for youth workers and young people (project Fake Off! [www.fake-off.eu](http://www.fake-off.eu));

- The training methodology on how to map communities, identify issues of social exclusion and how to develop projects to foster inclusion of marginalized groups, including people with disabilities (project INCLUSION! [www.projectinclusion.eu](http://www.projectinclusion.eu));
- Learning approach on how to counteract Hate Speech (project A Visual Narrative Approach to Explore Identity and Counter Hate Speech);
- “20 years of Youth and Community Empowerment in Europe: Concept. Development. Impact” Study to assess the impact of the YEPP approach and methodology over 20 years: <http://yeppeurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/YEPP-Impact-Report-1.pdf>;
- An innovative Children’s Rights Education method “Songs for Rights” ([www.yeppeurope.org/songs-for-rights/](http://www.yeppeurope.org/songs-for-rights/)) which was implemented in Spain in 2020 and with funding applied for in Greece and Germany in 2020 and secured for Italy in 2021.

## IMPACT IN THE FIELD OF INCLUSION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP: THE WELCOMESHIP PROJECT

YEPP EUROPE successfully finished the project “*Welcomeship - Building inclusive communities through community-based entrepreneurship*” 2018-2020 as a lead coordinator of the Consortium of 9 partners from 7 countries. The project was funded by the European Union’s ERASMUS+ Programme, Key Action 2 - Strategic Partnerships. The project leaves a rich legacy of experiences, lessons learnt and working tools on promoting community-based entrepreneurship as a motor of inclusion of young migrants and refugees, which was the project’s overall objective. Project outcomes range from five Intellectual Outputs, evaluation reports, as well as Learning & Training Material for young people and youth workers available for free (as mentioned above), an Online Learning Platform [www.welcomeship.org](http://www.welcomeship.org) and numerous videos featuring voices of young people, trainers, community stakeholders and policy makers.

As a result of the project:

- 7 communities became more aware of perspectives of people with multi-ethnic background and local authorities voiced their will to collaborate on that matter.
- 109 young people with fewer opportunities, including migrants and refugees, gained life skills in community-based entrepreneurship, creativity, innovation spirit, public speaking, pitching, project management, team work, etc.
- 20 youth workers from 6 countries acquired further qualifications as community-based entrepreneurship trainers to deliver better quality and needs-based programmes to young people.
- 11 entrepreneurial projects were set up due to the Welcomeship Project in various cities in Italy, Germany and Finland: Ohemaa Green Housing (OGH), a German-Ghanian initiative to build 1500 houses out of recycled plastic waste in Ghana in the next 5 years; Ethiopian pop-up finger food in Cologne, Germany, for conferences, street events and pop-up restaurants; A No-Waste Restaurant in Bivongi, Italy; A Culture Café in Kristinestad, Finland; A project called “Bridges to Love” in Albenga, Italy, etc.
- Almost 29.000 people were informed on a weekly basis about the project results through Facebook and Instagram.
- 4.000 people working in the field received Intellectual Outputs either as printed material, or as a download link.

Further figures representing the Welcomeship project results are outlined in the graph below.



# WELCOMESHIP

## PROJECT RESULTS



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### INTELLECTUAL OUTPUTS

Welcomeship Guidebook

Community-based Entrepreneurship Course

Tutorial Programme

Welcomeship Channel

Welcomeship Guidebook



### IMPACT IN THE FIELD OF MEDIA LITERACY AND COUNTERACTING FAKE NEWS: FAKE OFF PROJECT

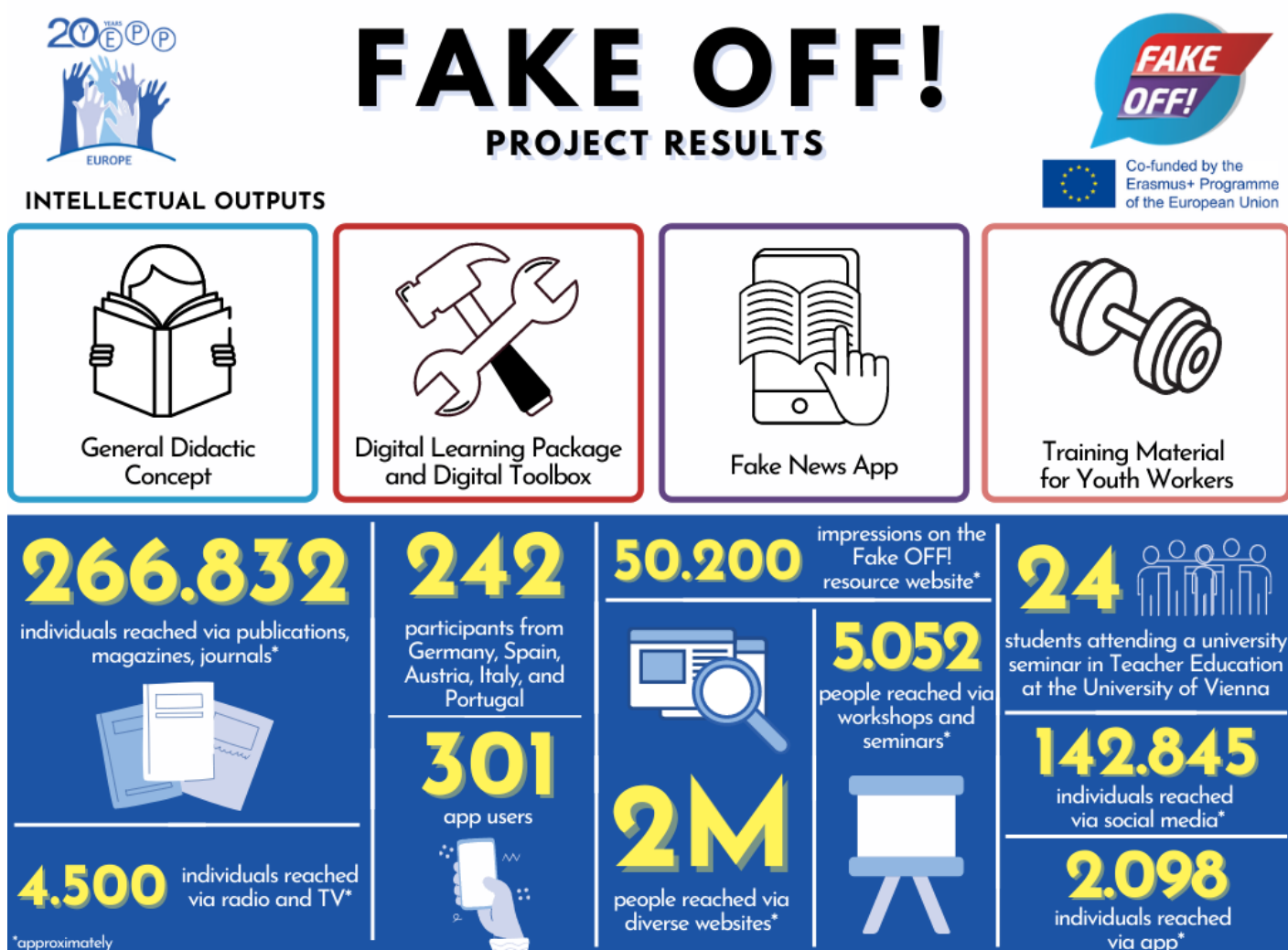
YEPP EUROPE successfully finished the project *“Fake OFF! Fostering Adolescents’ Knowledge and Empowerment in Outsmarting Fake Facts”* 2018-2020 as a partner in the consortium of 6 organisations from Austria, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain. The project was funded by the European Union’s ERASMUS+ Programme, Key Action 2 - Strategic Partnerships. The aim of the project was to foster young people’s Internet literacy, create awareness of intentional misinformation, enable young people to identify “fake news” and to avoid them. YEPP EUROPE was responsible for leading two project publications - The Fake OFF Didactic Concept for teachers, trainers and tutors to foster media literacy in youth work, youth information centres and other educational settings, and the Training Material with 100 exercises, games, tips and tricks for youth workers, tutors and teachers on how to foster digital literacy and digital well-being among young people in the era of fake news. The YEPP EUROPE Team was also involved in developing and leading a Training of Trainers for youth workers on media literacy tool in youth work, and an international Youth Exchange (blended mobility event) on digital literacy and digital well-being. Besides, YEPPE EUROPE Team co-developed the FAKE OFF app with learning games and exercises for young people, and engaged the members of the YEPP Community Network in its testing and evaluation.

The publications are available for download on project website <https://www.fake-off.eu/outputs/>.

As a result of the project,

- 242 young people and youth workers strengthened their digital literacy skills.
- The Fake OFF app was used and tested by 301 app users.
- 5.000 people were informed about the project through face-to-face workshops and seminars.
- 2 million people were reached online, including 140.000 people via social media.

Some results and achievements are presented here in a graphic format:



### IMPACT IN THE FIELD OF INCLUSION: INCLUSION PROJECT

Since 2019, YEPP EUROPE has been coordinating the project “INCLUSION! Actions across boundaries” which is funded by the European Union’s ERASMUS+ Programme, Key Action 1 - Youth Exchanges. The project seeks to raise awareness of young people of the values of solidarity and tolerance in Europe, to discuss what social exclusion is, what the discriminated groups are and to work out practical solutions on how to foster more inclusion in local European communities and enhance equal rights and opportunities for everyone regardless of origin, culture, (dis)ability, sexual orientation, etc.

The project is implemented by YEPP EUROPE in collaboration with 12 partners from 11 countries of the YEPP Community Network. It includes two international youth exchanges and developing and implementing local youth projects aimed at inclusion, as well as dissemination phase.

The first International Youth Exchange was conducted in October 2019 in Berlin, Germany with 70 young people and youth workers from 11 countries. As the final evaluation showed, it was a big success in terms of atmosphere, mutual support and learning. Young people stated that they raised their awareness of the issue inclusion, tolerance, diversity and respect in today’s society, as well as gained



**Inclusion!**  
Actions across boundaries



practical skills to contribute to building more inclusive communities in Europe and developed some project ideas aimed at inclusion. Some young people with fewer opportunities, as well as young people with disabilities, were actively involved in the activity.

The second International Youth Exchange was scheduled in June 2020 in Athens, Greece. Due to Covid-19 outbreak, it was postponed to 2021. In order to bridge the gap between two international face-to-face meetings and exchange on the local projects and initiatives, YEPP EUROPE offered an online International Youth Exchange scheduled on 26-27 November 2020.

Whereas the project still continues, as a result of the INCLUSION project at this stage,

- 70 young people and youth workers increased their awareness of the issue inclusion and importance of tolerance, diversity and respect in today's society.
- For the first time in the YEPP Community Network, young people with disabilities were engaged in the International Youth Exchange and developed their project ideas.
- Young people developed numerous initiatives in the field of inclusion, e.g. help for the homeless (Dublin, Ireland), the ladder of inclusion (Rankovce, Slovakia), support of the elderly and lonely people (Llica de Val, Spain), LGBTQ+ rights (Portimao, Portugal), empowerment of people in wheelchairs (Zagreb, Croatia), setting up of the Culture Hub "Kultur Hanse" (Görlitz/Gozelec).

## NEW METHOD SONGS FOR RIGHTS: children's rights through music-based approach



Since 2019, YEPP EUROPE has been developing Songs for Rights (SfR) as a music-based approach to children's rights education and promotion. In 2020, the project has gone through new developments. The SfR project in Italy, which is supported by the Bank Intesa San Paolo for implementation in four communities in Turin, Albenga, Langhe and Monviso, was postponed to 2021. Meanwhile, YEPP EUROPE has been further developing the approach in collaboration with Right Now consultancy organisation in Berlin, specialized in Children's Rights Education. In August 2020, Jochen Schell participated in an inspiring Training of Trainers organised by Musicians Without Borders to learn new community music tools which would enrich Songs for Rights. YEPP EUROPE also

expanded its pool of Children's Rights Trainers and musicians and applied for funding in Greece and Germany.

## STRATEGIC GOAL 2: Mainstream the "YEPP" Goals & Principles and increase outreach

### 1. Conferences

#### 1.1. KA2 NOW - Innovation in Youth Work, Berlin, Germany

On 20 - 22 February 2019, the YEPP EUROPE Team went to the conference KA2 Now - Innovation in Youth Work in Berlin. It was the first conference in the history of the EU Erasmus+ Programme to bring together different actors representing innovative KA2 projects in the youth field.

More than 30 projects and their results were presented. All this was combined with inspiring speakers and time for quality conversations about innovation in the youth sector. YEPP EUROPE presented the project Welcomeship and made valuable contacts with organisations from across Europe for possible future collaboration.





## 1.2. KA2 Erasmus+ Meeting in Bonn, Germany

On 23 - 24 September 2019, Virginia Gallo from YEPP EUROPE Team participated in the monitoring meeting for projects supported by KA2 Erasmus+ Programme in Bonn, Germany. The event was organised by JUGEND für Europa, German National Agency of Erasmus+ Programme. It aimed at supporting the content and administrative implementation of Strategic Partnerships and Transnational Youth Initiatives in Germany through exchanges and advice. The participants had the opportunity to share their experiences, inform each other about their projects and network. They were also informed about the current status of the JUGEND IN AKTION Erasmus+ programme.



## 1.3. Songs for Rights at the Children's Film Festival in Potsdam, Germany



Jochen Schell has been a member of the jury of this year's Children's Rights Film Festival in Potsdam which took place on 3 and 4 June 2019 and was organised by the organisation Kijufi. The films which were entirely produced by children can be seen on the [Kijufi You Tube Channel](#).

The [Film about Songs for Rights](#) pilot project in Ghana was also presented as a guest film during the festival. It showcases the Children's Rights Education method YEPP EUROPE has been further developing in 2019 and offering to schools, NGOs and organisations working with children and young people.



## 1.4. 15 years of YEPP in Italy Conference in Turin, Italy

Angelika Krüger and Jochen Schell participated in the conference "15 years of YEPP in Italy" on 21 October 2019. The history of YEPP was presented and the successful development of YEPP in Italy discussed, which currently involves 15 YEPP Local Sites with over 60 communities.



## 2. Partners' Meetings

### 2.1. FAKE OFF! Second Partners' Meeting, Berlin, Germany

On 25 - 27 February 2019, the partners of the Fake OFF! Project from Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain and Portugal met in Berlin for their second Partners' Meeting hosted by YEPP EUROPE. The milestones of the project were discussed, in particular the production of the key Intellectual Outputs and the 2019 Youth Exchange in Padua, Italy.

What was also discussed was the strategic partnership of the consortium and how to continue collaborating after the Fake OFF! project. YEPP EUROPE has selected four organisations out of this consortium because of their professionalism and compatibility with the YEPP Goals and Principles. These partners have officially joined the YEPP Community Network in 2019:

- ÖiAT, Austria
- LOGO Jugendmanagement, Austria
- GO EUROPE, Spain
- Jonathan Cooperative Sociale, Italy

In collaboration with Jonathan Cooperative Sociale, YEPP EUROPE has participated in a follow-up grant application for a spin-off project of Fake Off which was submitted by Jonathan in October 2019 and approved in 2020. The training of trainers in the framework of this project was scheduled in May 2020 but had to be postponed to 2021 due to the outbreak of Covid-19.



### 2.2. Fake OFF! Final Partners' Meeting, Graz, Austria



The Erasmus+ project FAKE OFF! officially terminated on 29 February 2020. On 3 - 5 February 2020, all partners met in Graz, Austria, for the third time to discuss the last steps for this project and future developments. Over two years, YEPP EUROPE in consortium with Bit Gruppe (Austria), ÖIAT (Austria), Logo Jugendmanagement (Austria), Go Europe (Spain), Future Balloons (Portugal) and Jonathan Cooperativa Sociale (Italy) worked on the development of learning materials to support youth workers in their work with young people in order to raise their awareness of Fake News and to increase their media competence.

The results of the project have been uploaded on the [project website](#) which remains available after the termination of the project.

### 2.3. Welcomeship Final Partners' Meeting, Berlin, Germany

On 23 - 27 November 2019, YEPP EUROPE hosted the Final Partners' Meeting of the Welcomeship project. 22 young people, youth workers and project coordinators from Finland, Italy, UK, Germany, Belgium and Portugal participated to evaluate project outcomes and to discuss the dissemination and sustainability strategy of the project and how to make future users benefit from the best practice and materials produced during the project.

What was also discussed was the strategic partnership and how to continue the collaboration. Out of this consortium, YEPP EUROPE has selected four new Project Partners because of their compatibility

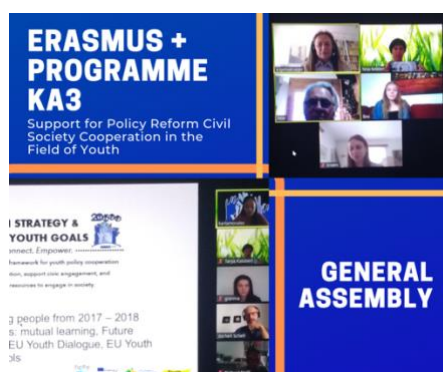
with YEPP EUROPE, their know-how and expertise and their professionalism. These four partners officially joined the YEPP Community Network in 2019:

- Migrafrica, Germany
- DYPALL, Portugal
- The UBELE Initiative, UK
- Out of the Box International, Belgium



### 3. KA3 Statutory Meetings

#### 3.1. Erasmus+ KA3 General Assembly I



On 27 May 2020, the consortium of network partners, led by YEPP EUROPE, held the General Assembly of the Erasmus+ programme KA3 - Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth. This meeting was planned to be a face-to-face meeting in Berlin but was formatted into an online General Assembly due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Partners from 12 countries (Germany, Slovakia, Serbia, Romania, Greece, Croatia, Austria, France, the Netherlands, Finland, Italy and Ireland) met to kick off this project and to discuss its objectives, as well as the implementation of the work programme of almost 40 local and international activities for 2020, which are at the centre of this project. This working plan contributed to the promotion and dissemination of the EU Youth Strategy and the European Youth Goals. Indicators and strategies for the implementation of the work programme were discussed, as well as the upcoming Statutory Meetings: Working Group Meeting for Youth Policy Development, for Cross-sectorial Partnerships, the Youth Steering Group meeting and the meeting of the Growth & Sustainability Task Force.

#### 3.2. ERASMUS+ KA3: Working Group on Youth Policy Development



On 16 June 2020, the Working Group on Youth Policy Development of the KA3 - Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth met through an online meeting. Partners from Germany, Austria, Greece, Finland, Croatia, France and Slovakia met to discuss youth policies from across Europe by presenting good practice examples from the above countries, as well as lacks and shortcomings with regards to youth policies. A special focus was placed on evidence-based policy making and various instruments, such as Eurostats, the Youth Wiki and the Youth Flash Eurobarometer were presented. A special guest from the organisation Out of the Box International, based in Brussels, led a discussion on EU Youth Policy development, implementation and monitoring. The group further deepened its work and exchange by producing a data collection of youth policies from across Europe



along with recommendations and actively promoted and disseminated EU instruments of evidence-based policy making through an online campaign.

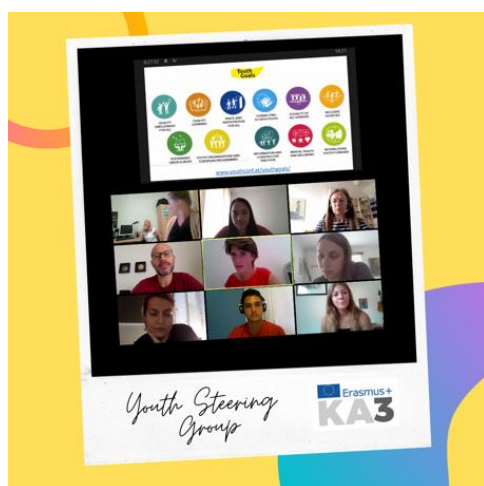
### 3.3. ERASMUS+ KA3: Working Group on Cross Sectorial Partnerships



On 23 June 2020, the Working Group on Cross-Sectorial Partnerships of the Erasmus+ KA3 - Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth had a statutory online meeting. Partners from Germany, Netherlands, Serbia, Ireland and Romania discussed why cross-sectorial partnerships are important in youth work across Europe and presented concrete examples how this works in their context. A special focus was placed on the EU policy initiatives in the areas affecting youth: the EU Youth Dialogue, as well as European Youth Goals were analysed from the point of view of cross-sectorial collaboration. The group further collected examples of good practice linked to the European Youth Goals, as well as gave recommendations to raise the awareness of importance of cross-sectorial partnerships. Also, it mapped EU policy initiatives focused on strengthening cross-sectorial partnerships on different

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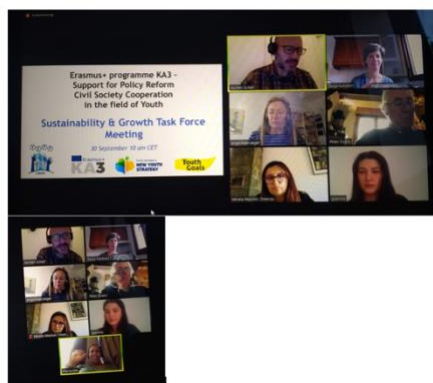
### 3.4. ERASMUS+ KA3 Youth Steering Group



On 29 June 2020, young people and youth coaches from Finland, Greece, Slovakia and Serbia, supported by the YEPP EUROPE Team, held an online statutory meeting of the Youth Steering Group in the framework of the KA3 Project - Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth. The objectives of the group were to connect, engage and empower members of the group through decision making and sharing responsibilities, collect recommendations for the topics and format of future YEPP activities, e.g. youth exchange, workshops, online learning, peer learning, as well as define local issues and connect them to global issues and European Youth Goals. The group developed the format and design for the survey of young people, which was shared across the YEPP Community Network in the summer of 2020. The goal was to collect direct

feedback of young people on their preferred learning formats, as well as priorities for the topics, and consider it for planning the next local and international activities in the YEPP Community Network. The members left the meeting feeling energized and motivated to continue.

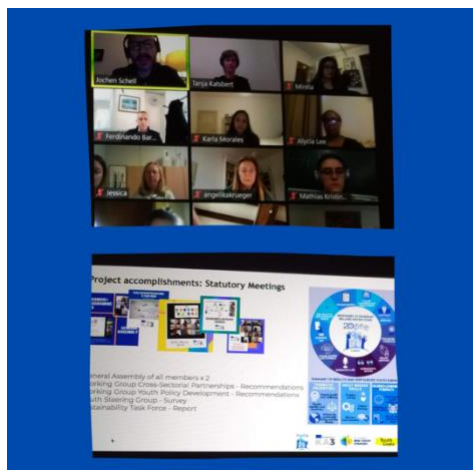
### 3.5. Sustainability and Growth Task Force



The final statutory meeting of the KA3 Sustainability and Growth Task Force took place on Wednesday, 9 September 2020 on ZOOM. The objective of the Task Force was to foster good governance, administration, and financial management of the YEPP Community network. The meeting started with presenting a current funding and sustainability scheme of the Network. Management, finances and administration of the Network were discussed, as well as strategies for sustainability and growth, including a financial point of view. Group members shared the sustainability schemes of their organisations: Sh!ft Foundation (Netherlands), Community Foundation Bacau (Romania), Mission Locale Bernay (France), and Institute for Creative Education (Croatia). It led to a vivid exchange

and the sharing of ideas and challenges of the future of the YEPP Community Network. The expected results from this group are Sustainability Recommendations.

### 3.6. ERASMUS+ KA3 General Assembly II



On 10 December 2020, the second General Assembly of YEPP EUROPE for the Erasmus+ Programme KA3 - Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth was held online. Representatives of partner organisations from Germany, Slovakia, Serbia, Croatia, Italy, Romania, Ireland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Finland and Austria took part to discuss the Work Programme implemented throughout 2020, as well as the results and deliverable produced during the project through local and international activities and Statutory Meetings. The impact of COVID-19 on the work programme was discussed, as well as the intense efforts and wide range of online activities, such as campaigns, videos, webinars and podcasts to promote the EU Youth Strategy and the European Youth Goals. The results are

available on the [website](#).

## 4. Expansion of the YEPP Community Network

### 4.1. Site Visit of the French Delegation in Italy

On 21-23 October 2019, Angelika Krüger and Jochen Schell visited the YEPP Local Sites Porta Palazzo and Falchera in Turin, as well as in Albenga, Italy. With a delegation from Bernay in Normandy, France, they explored the work of engaged young people, youth workers, and municipality representatives in those sites. It was a great inspiration for our French visitors who are trying to set up a YEPP Site in Bernay!



### 4.2. New YEPP Local Sites in Italy and in France

In 2019, a new YEPP Local Site was set up in Forlì, Emilia-Romagna, Italy, supported by the foundation Fondazione Cassa dei Risparmi di Forlì.

In parallel, YEPP EUROPE was approached by community stakeholders from Bernay in Normandy, France, who wanted to set up a YEPP Local Site in this community. A first site visit to Italy was organized in October 2019 (see section 4.1). A visit to Bernay by Jochen Schell was planned in 2020, however it had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.





### 4.3. New YEPP Local Site in Kiseljak, Bosnia & Herzegovina



Another YEPP Local Site is born! On 19 - 21 January 2020, Jochen Schell visited the new YEPP Local Site in Kiseljak, a small community near the city Tuzla in Bosnia & Herzegovina. In their new Community Centre, a very dynamic and motivated support group composed of a wide range of organisations and the first Roma Youth Club in Bosnia & Herzegovina (!) are working hard on empowering youth and making Kiseljak a better and more prosperous place. The YEPP Working Standards were officially signed by the leaders of the new YEPP Local Site which is supported by the Tuzla Community Foundation.

### 4.4. Third YEPP Membership Type: National & International Networks



YEPP EUROPE has been implementing an expansion strategy through offering a possibility to project partners from the ERASMUS+ projects to join the YEPP Community Network. Since the start of successful implementation of ERASMUS+ Key Action 2 (Strategic Partnerships) projects, such as Build Your Future, People Places Partnerships, Fake OFF! and Welcomeship, YEPP EUROPE has offered this to partners with which YEPP EUROPE has had a particular positive and professional collaboration over the project period and to partner organisations in the field of youth which share the Goals and Principles defined in the YEPP Working Standards. To become a member of the YEPP Community Network, YEPP Local Sites and

YEPP Project Partners are required to sign the Working Standards.

Through this expansion strategy, YEPP EUROPE has considerably widened its outreach to countries, communities, young people and community stakeholders across Europe from 15 YEPP Local Sites in 7 countries in 2014 to 38 members (21 YEPP Local Sites and 17 Project Partners) in 16 countries reaching out to more than 100 communities.

A third new type of members joining the YEPP Community Network in recent years are regional, national and international networks, which have eventually become Project Partners. There are five of those networks, namely DYPALL (Portugal), Out of the Box International (Belgium), LOGO Jugendmanagement (Austria), ÖiAT - Österreichisches Institut für angewandte Telekommunikation (Austria) and Youth Bank International (UK). While YEPP EUROPE's work does not directly involve all members of these networks, (campaigns, social media, newsletters, webinars, etc.), it is able to increase its visibility and indirectly reach out to a far wider audience in Europe and beyond through digital communication. In terms of outreach, according to the 2019 survey, 5 YEPP member networks organised 3.470 local and 1.700 international trainings, involving 75.500 young people in 528 communities in 25 countries.

## 5. YEPP EUROPE Publicity Work

YEPP EUROPE continuously promotes its work and expertise through intense communication using its wide range of communication tools and platforms. One team member of YEPP EUROPE (Karla Morales) dedicates part of her working hours exclusively to communication and publicity through websites, newsletters, social media, etc.

## 5.1. Current Communications Tools and Channels used and managed by YEPP EUROPE

### Websites

- [YEPP EUROPE](#)
- [Build Your Future](#)
- [People Places Partnerships](#)
- [Fake Off!](#)
- [Welcomeship](#)
- [INCLUSION!](#)

### Social Media

- [YEPP EUROPE Facebook page](#)
- [YEPP EUROPE Twitter](#)
- [YEPP EUROPE LinkedIn](#)
- [YEPP EUROPE Instagram](#)
- [YEPP EUROPE YouTube Channel](#)
- [Build Your Future Facebook group](#)
- [People Places Partnerships Facebook page](#)
- [Welcomeship Facebook group](#)
- [Welcomeship Twitter account](#)
- [Fake Off! Facebook group](#)

## 5.2. Publications 2019-2020

### Newsletters 2019 & 2020

- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 25](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **January to April 2019**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 26](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **April to June 2019**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 27](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **June to September 2019**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 28](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **September to December 2019**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 29](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **January to March 2019**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 30](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **April to June 2020**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 31](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **July to September 2020**)
- [YEPP EUROPE Newsletter 32](#) (YEPP EUROPE & YEPP Community Network activities **October to December 2020**)

## Book “This is how Inclusion is done”

This book is written by YEPP EUROPE consultant Thomas Handrich and reflects the work as a consultant for the YEPP Local Site in Kecerovce-Olsava, Slovakia and highlights best practice examples of Roma inclusion in this community. More details available on our [website](#).



### 5.3. YEPP People and Stories on YouTube

The YEPP EUROPE YouTube Channel was created in 2012 and has three particularities:

1. It has rich content with **315 videos** produced by YEPP EUROPE;
2. Even though the videos are not produced by a professional media company but by YEPP EUROPE, all videos are **carefully chosen, edited and of high quality**;
3. **90%** of the videos are **short interviews** with young people, youth workers and community stakeholders giving their points of view and opinions on the main issues YEPP EUROPE addresses, such as Youth and Community Empowerment, Social Inclusion and Entrepreneurship, Media Literacy, Advocacy and Human Rights as tools for empowerment and social change.

Thus, the YouTube Channel represents the wide spectrum of voices from the YEPP Community. It is an excellent tool to promote the Goals & Principles of YEPP, to disseminate the voices of young people and people working with and for young people, and to further contribute to mainstreaming youth and community empowerment across Europe and beyond.

Alone for the Welcomeship project, 70 videos were produced and published. They are used for learning (tutorials) and for advocacy purposes. Some of the 2019 published videos are the following (click on the photos for the link):

WELCOMESHIP - The Film



Welcomeship Partners Meeting Berlin 2019



INCLUSION! Actions across Boundaries. Youth Exchange, Berlin October 2019



Javier Milan from Go Europe (Spain) talks about Fake News in Spain



Nonhlanhla for Welcomeship



Barbara Buchegger from ÖIAT (Austria) on Fake News







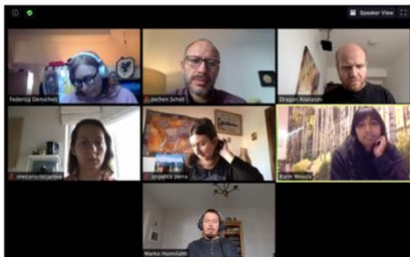
Thomas Doppelreiter from LOGO! (Austria) on Fake News and young people.

Clara Rodriguez from Future Balloons (Portugal) on the App developed for the Fake OFF! project.

Welcomeship Policy Recommendations, Albenga



#### 5.4. EAYW Study on Innovation in Youth Work



On 5 November 2020, Jochen Schell participated in a Focus Group organised by the European Academy on Youth Work (EAYW) in support of the implementation of the Study about Innovation in Youth Work. As innovation in youth work, within this study, the EAYW understands novel methodologies, practices, tools, ways of approaching target groups, or organizational models that have proven to be valuable for finding new roles and innovative ways of intervening in the lives of young people, and are, or have potential to be used by others in the field. Part of this study are also best practice examples of projects aiming at bringing innovation into Youth Work, such as the Welcomeship project which was implemented by YEPP EUROPE and 8 partners from across Europe.



#### 5.5. YEPP EUROPE and UN's Sustainable Development Goals

In September 2019, YEPP EUROPE started a Social Media campaign to create awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and to show how YEPP EUROPE and the YEPP Community Network contributes to nine out of the 17 Goals: *Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 4 (Quality Education), Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).*





The detailed information on how YEPP EUROPE contributes to those Goals can be found on our [website](#).



Also, on Friday, 20 September 2019, the team members of YEPP EUROPE marched with 270.000 people in Berlin to support the Global Climate Strike. Many young people have mobilised to create awareness about the current climate crisis and to demand actions to be taken. YEPP EUROPE will continue to support this initiative and create awareness about climate crisis. "We have no planet B", which goes in line with *SDG Goal 13 (Climate Action)*.

## 6. 20 Years of YEPP

### 6.1. Impact Study

In autumn 2019, the YEPP EUROPE Team started collaboration with researcher Karla Asuncion Morales to conduct the IMPACT STUDY of 20 years of youth and community empowerment in Europe. The YEPP Concept of Change was at the heart of this research. It involved all members of the YEPP Community Network in 16 countries and is based on a comprehensive survey and interviews with young people, community stakeholders, and policy makers.



### 6.2. 20 Years of Youth and Community Empowerment Across Europe: Publication



We are very proud to announce that our publication "20 years of youth and community empowerment across Europe: Concept. Development. Impact" is finally out. It was written by Karla Asuncion S. Morales with contributions from Angelika Krüger, Dr. Tetiana Katsbert, Jochen Schell and Angela Lostia. It features the foreword by Angelika Krüger, the results of the surveys and interviews of the YEPP community stakeholders, as well as interesting facts and figures from the YEPP Community Network. The copy of the publication is available on print and [online](#) in the YEPP EUROPE website.

### 6.3. 20 Years of YEPP: YEPP Community Network Party

The year 2020 is the year where YEPP EUROPE celebrated 20 years of YEPP and the story of expansion and growth. Even though the year 2020 now will go into the world history for the reasons other than this one, YEPP EUROPE Team wanted to create a space for connection and celebration of success of each and everyone who shaped the development of the YEPP Community Network in the way it is now: present in 17 countries in 100 communities. On 6 October, the YEPP EUROPE Team hosted a memorable online event for the YEPP Community. It was attended by partners, colleagues, and friends who have been with "YEPP" since the beginning.



With the theme of "Time Machine: A Journey through the Past and Present, Towards the Future", a story of YEPP was told by Angelika Krüger (read the full text of the lecture "Setting the Scene: 20 Years of YEPP -Historical Context, Key Features and Milestones" [here](#)), defined by important milestones and unforgettable partnerships. Afterwards, current developments and visions of a hopeful and exciting future were shared. During this event, the Impact Report "[20 Years of Youth and Community](#)"

["Empowerment Across Europe"](#) was also officially launched. To add to the fun, there was a short dance break that everyone enjoyed. To end the programme, everyone joined in to listen to a community song, written and composed during the event just for the 20 Years Anniversary, as well as shared their vision for the future. It was great to see and reunite with everyone who has been with us in the past 20 years! It was truly special. Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with us! Find the full 20 years of YEPP presentation [here](#).



## 7. Assessment of Accomplishments

### EXPANSION OF THE YEPP COMMUNITY NETWORK

In 2019-2020, YEPP EUROPE expanded the outreach to **19** European countries, which constitutes a **65%** increase in countries, YEPP Sites, Project Partners, Communities, residents and young people involved in the YEPP Community Network since 2014.

During this period, the YEPP Community Network grew to **46** active members (YEPP Local Sites & Project Partners), mainly the partners of the projects YEPP EUROPE either coordinated or was involved and who wished to stay connected as part of the YEPP Community.

The graph below illustrates a map of the YEPP Community Network.

All the members acknowledge the YEPP Working Standards and promote the YEPP values, such as equal opportunities, young people at the core of decision-making processes, inclusive communities and cross-sectorial partnership.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Two types of membership have been added to the YEPP Community Network in 2019-2020:

#### 1) National and international networks:

- Out of the Box (BE),
- Youth Bank International (UK),
- DYPALL (PT),
- LOGO Jugendmanagement (AT),
- ÖiAT - Österreichisches Institut für angewandte Telekommunikation (AT).

Their participation considerably increased the (indirect) outreach of YEPP EUROPE. Altogether in 2019, they organised **3.470** local and **1.700** international trainings, involving **75.500** young people in **528** communities in **25** countries.

#### 2) Associate members - partners who expressed their interest to become part of the YEPP Community Network, signed the Working Standards and are involved in exchange & learning in the Network, potential partnership proposals and dissemination activities.

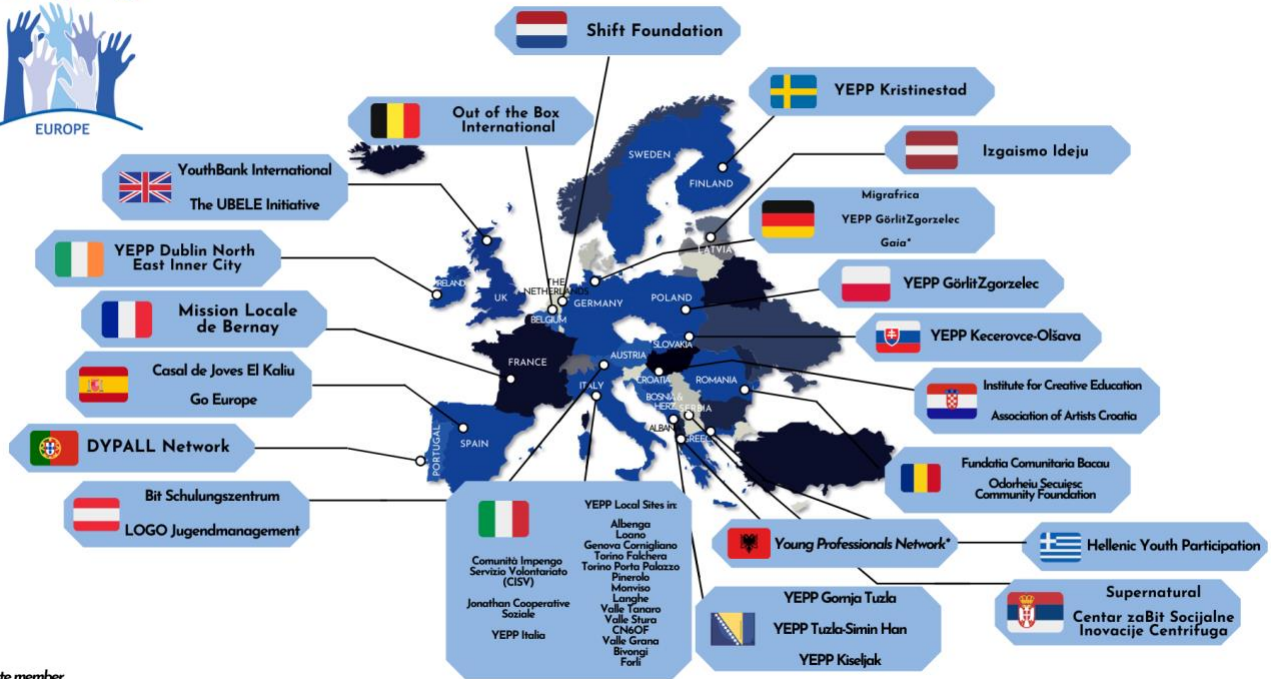
Currently, there are 2 associate members:

- Gaia e.V. (Germany),
- Young Professionals Network (Albania).

The expansion of the Network did not only allow YEPP EUROPE to reach out to more communities in new countries outside the EU, like Serbia or Albania. It also strengthened the impact and weight of the YEPP Community Network. In terms of funding, there has been **3.101.000€** of total local investment in youth and community projects through YEPP Community Network members in 2019. New members help the YEPP Community Network to increase visibility and outreach to young people and marginalised communities, promote and implement the YEPP values using a wide range of communication platforms and advocacy tools, and work in partnership with municipalities to further build critical mass for stronger policy influence.



# THE YEPP COMMUNITY NETWORK MAP



\*associate member

## INCREASED PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2019-2020, YEPP EUROPE also increased its presence on the social media and thus increased the outreach to young people, experts in the field, new partners and new communities.

Currently, YEPP EUROPE is administering the “YEPP EUROPE” accounts on Facebook (1125 followers as of 16.11.2020), Twitter (168 followers), Instagram (232 followers), as well as LinkedIn and Spotify, the Instagram and Twitter accounts for the project “Welcomeship”, and bi-monthly Newsletter.

The fastest growing accounts are on Instagram (30% within March to October 2020), and Newsletter (1982 recipients in November 2020 as compared to 496 in July 2020, which constitutes 70% increase over 3 months).

## STRATEGIC GOAL 3: Sustain YEPP EUROPE and the YEPP Community Network

### 1. EU Funds

#### 1.1. KA1 INCLUSION! Actions across boundaries: Application approved



**Inclusion!**

Actions across boundaries

In February 2019, the YEPP EUROPE Team re-submitted a grant proposal for the project INCLUSION! Actions across boundaries to the German National Agency of the EU Programme ERASMUS+, KA1 - Youth Exchanges. Project milestones are two international youth exchanges in 2019-2020, local youth projects on inclusion and an international photo competition illustrating how inclusion happens through their local youth initiatives.

In April 2019, the funding for the project was granted to the amount of 100.733 EUR. Twelve partners from 11 European countries (Germany,



Italy, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Romania, Slovakia, Croatia, Ireland, Bosnia & Herzegovina and UK) participated.

### 1.2. DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs: Application submitted

In Mid-2019, YEPP EUROPE participated in a call for [proposal](#) with the project RECIPROCO (RElaunching Co-operatives as Innovative tool to Promote Regeneration of Commons) which aimed at fighting youth unemployment and social disengagement by leveraging the cooperative enterprise model as a means to foster socially sustainable and economically viable approaches to the regeneration and reactivation of commons/territorial assets in urban and rural contexts that are experiencing abandonment and decay.

The set of activities proposed in the project sought to catalyse youth creativity, energy, and talent around real challenges of territorial development in order to turn them into a ground of collective exploration, ideation of cooperative-based solutions, and construction of social and relational capital. The ultimate goal was to (re)create enabling conditions and drivers for young people to have their say on how the physical space - be it urban or remote areas - is actually produced, and to propose alternative enterprising solutions based on solidarity, equal access and inclusion.



RECIPROCO was based on a strategic partnership mobilizing 7 partners from 6 EU countries with proven knowledge of and experience with youth entrepreneurship, training schemes and the cooperative model: one regional co-operative enterprises organisation (Legacoop Liguria, Italy); one regional association of municipalities (Regional Association of Municipalities Central Stara Planina, Bulgaria); one cooperative incubator center for youth (Coopérative d'Initiative Jeunes, France); one European expert centre for youth and community empowerment (YEPP EUROPE, Germany); one interdisciplinary research collective focused on the commons as driver for society-changing (P2P Foundation, Greece); one advisory and consulting cooperative specialised in co-design, open innovation and impact evaluation (LAMA, Italy); one youth association Association Culturale Fem Dansa Santa Pola (Spain).

The lead applicant of this proposal was Legacoop in Italy. The total amount of the applied grant was about 250.000 EUR with 30.000 EURO dedicated for YEPP EUROPE. Unfortunately, the application was not accepted.

### 1.3. KA3 Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation: Application approved

In November 2019, YEPP EUROPE submitted a proposal to the ERASMUS+ Programme, Key Action 3 - Support for Policy Reform Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth. The grant of 35.000 EUR was foreseen for the infrastructure costs of YEPP EUROPE as a European network (Salaries and 5 Statutory Meetings) and based on a submitted working programme of YEPP EUROPE and partners from 12 countries (including new countries in the network, such as Serbia and France), which was focused on the promotion of the [EU Youth Strategy](#) and the European Youth Goals. The proposal was approved in February 2020 with a grant of 35.000 EUR.



This grant enabled YEPP EUROPE to set up new governance structures such as a General Assembly, a Cross-Sectorial Partnerships Working Group, a Youth Policy Development Working Group, a Youth Steering Group and a Sustainability Task Force; all of which included young people. It targeted the General Objectives of engaging, connecting and empowering youth in the spirit of the EU Youth Strategy as well as the increase of commitment and cooperation of youth civil society actors with public authorities for the implementation of youth-related policies. It also supported the following Specific Objectives: 1) the adherence and promotion of the guiding principles set for the EU Youth Strategy, e.g. fostering youth participation in democratic and civic life, connection of young people at grassroots level



with global issues, access to resources, and 2) fostering the development of competences and skills through non-formal and informal learning.

#### 1.4. KA1 Fake OFF! Spin-Off Project in Padua, Italy: Application approved

In October 2019, the Italian project partner Jonathan Cooperative Sociale submitted a grant proposal to the Erasmus+ Key Action 1 - Mobility of youth workers for the Training Course "M.I.S.S." to young people, which was approved in early 2020.

'MISS' is a 5 day-training course addressed to 20 youth workers, tutors, mentors etc. from different countries and designed to offer new skills and tools to enhance competences and knowledge on the topic of misinformation and digital literacy in youth work in general. The main aim of the training course is to enhance youth workers' competences in the topic of media and digital literacy in order to pursue a double path: on the one hand, to improve professional specific skills, on the other hand to increase awareness about youth and the situation with youth digital literacy in different European contexts.

The activity was planned to take place in May 2020 in Italy, however it had to be rescheduled to September 2021 due to Covid-19 related restrictions. YEPP EUROPE is involved in the training design, implementation and evaluation.

#### 1.5. KA2 Community Challengers: Application approved

In May 2020, YEPP EUROPE applied for a new ERASMUS+ Key Action 2 (Strategic Partnership) project called "Community Challengers: towards sustainable and climate-smart communities through arts and social entrepreneurship". The Community Challengers project seeks to empower young people with tools to take and reflect on climate action and mobilise their communities with innovative and appealing measures. The project is based on a learning model that combines education, arts and social entrepreneurship, and thus targets both the intellectual and emotional level.

The learning model draws on a 4-step methodology developed for this project: Learn, Analyse, Create, Advocate (LACA learning method). It enables young people to learn about climate change; analyse their community from the point of view of sustainability; create a vision for the future, combined with entrepreneurship tools, and take action. The model was developed by the Consortium of partners from Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Portugal and Serbia who have complementary expertise in the field of environmental education, youth empowerment, arts, advocacy and entrepreneurship.

The proposal was approved in September 2020. YEPP EUROPE started collaboration with both new and old partners: Out of the Box (Belgium), Croatian National Artists' Association (Croatia), INA-YEPP EUROPE (Germany), YEPP Italia (Italy), IZGAISMO IDEJU (Latvia), DYPALL Network (Portugal) and Supernatural (Serbia).



**COMMUNITY  
CHALLENGERS**



## 2. Songs for Rights: Foundations and Government Funds

### 2.1. Fundraising Research with Articolo 12

Between May and August 2019, YEPP EUROPE collaborated with *Articolo 12*, an organisation from Italy with an expertise in Children's Rights. This collaboration aims to map out funding opportunities for the *Songs for Rights: Children's Rights Education Through Music* method on a European level and beyond.

Songs for Rights (SfR) - Children’s Rights Education Through Music is a method which empowers children through learning and understanding their rights and those of their peers, by actively participating in discussions about rights issues which affect their own lives and by discovering and using music as a learning tool and a tool of expression. It was developed and piloted by Jochen Schell in 2012. More information about the SfR approach, including a video of the pilot which was done in Ghana in 2012, is available on the [website](#).

Throughout the collaboration, Articolo 12 worked on the research and mapping exercise and has cristalized 24 foundations, as well as EU schemes (EACEA, ERASMUS+), UN programmes, organisations with a similar approach and potential partners. During this time there was ongoing exchange with the following 5 foundations:

- Fritt Ord Foundation (Norway)
- Fondo Banca INTESA SANPAOLO (Italy)
- Fondazione Caritro (Italy)
- Stavros Niarchos Foundation (Greece)
- Fondazione Monte dei Paschi di Siena (Italy)



Articolo 12 also collaborated on 2 grant proposals: to INTESA SANPAOLO, Italy) and Stavros Niarchos Foundation, Greece. A very comprehensive report of the work of Articolo 12 was attached to the Mid-term report 2019 submitted to Compagnia di San Paolo and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

## 2.2. INTESA SANPAOLO: Application approved

In September 2019, a project proposal was submitted to INTESA SANPAOLO in Italy based on the learning method Songs for Rights - Children’s Rights Education through Music. The project includes Songs for Rights workshops in four Italian YEPP Local Sites (Albenga, Falchera, Monviso and Langhe) in which groups of children (with local and migrant background) between 13 and 18 years old would work together.



The first part of the workshop gives children the opportunity to learn and exchange about children’s rights and the UN Convention of the Right of the Child, as well as their own perspectives on children’s rights using music as a main tool for learning. The second part is comprised of song writing exercises wherein they would compose and record their own children’s rights song in a studio and produce a video clip for the song. The project is aimed to end with a final show in Albenga where the groups from the four communities get together and present their songs and video clips and perform their songs live in front of an audience.



On 27 November 2019, the foundation INTESA SANPAOLO announced that the proposal of YEPP EUROPE and YEPP Albenga for the project is granted. The grant is 45.000 EUR. The project was aimed to start in January 2020 and last 7 months but has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 2.3. Stavros Niarchos Foundation: application submitted

In April 2020, YEPP EUROPE applied for a grant to the Stavros Niarchos Foundation for a Songs for Rights project in Greece involving three groups of children in and around Athens. It was supposed to be implemented in collaboration with the Greek organisation Network for Children’s Rights. The grant was 40.000. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the grant proposal was not accepted since it was based on face-to-face workshops and the foundation was giving priority to health-



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related emergency projects or online formats. The feedback however was very positive and YEPP EUROPE was encouraged to try again after the pandemic.

## 2.4. Berliner Projektfonds Kulturelle Bildung: application submitted

On 27 August 2019, YEPP EUROPE participated in an event “Application Fitness” organised by the Berliner Projektfonds Kulturelle Bildung (Berlin Project Fund for Cultural Education). The aim was to inform potential grantees on how to apply for these grants and give tips for the application process.



The Berliner Projektfonds annually provides a total of at least 2,930,000 EUR from the state of Berlin for cultural projects with active participation of children, adolescents and young adults up to 27 years. YEPP EUROPE applied in November 2020. Unfortunately, the proposal was turned down. The exact feedback is expected from the jury with the plans to resubmit in 2021.

## 3. European Foundation Centre (EFC)

### 3.1. AGA & Annual Conference in Paris, France

Jochen Schell attended the 2019 Annual General Assembly (AGA) and Conference of the European Foundation Centre (EFC) in Paris which took place on 22-24 May under the title “Liberté, égalité, philanthropy”. Key topics and challenges which were discussed during the conference sessions:



- How can European foundations respond to the migration crisis as a challenge to freedom of movement and an indicator of global inequalities?

- How do we address the threats to freedom of speech and freedom of the press in an age of fake news and post-truth politics?

- Thirty years after the fall of the Iron Curtain, how can foundations promote human rights in Europe?

- How can foundations encourage new forms of solidarity and inclusion?



It was a very enriching conference which brought a lot of new insights into the current global challenges, as well as contacts of like-minded foundations in the philanthropy sector.



### 3.2. Session proposal for EFC AGA & Conference 2020 in Vienna,

On 8 November 2019, a session proposal for Track 2, *The New Normal Society* of the EFC AGA & Conference 2020 in Vienna was submitted by Walther Veirs from Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. This proposal was prepared by YEPP EUROPE and included a presentation of Jochen Schell and a young person from Italy presenting the work, achievements and challenges of youth and community empowerment work. The focus was on youth engagement through empowerment, capacity building, local community development and transnational networking. The YEPP Community Network was also presented, which included a wide range of young people with diverse experiences and great stories to tell about youth participation in solutions to the challenges facing young people and



wider society today, from issues like migration, inclusion, fake news and misinformation in the digital age to unemployment and entrepreneurship. The session proposal was accepted, but unfortunately, the EFC AGA & Conference 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 and is planned to take place in October 2021.

#### 4. Income Generation: Social Business Models for YEPP EUROPE

In 2019, YEPP EUROPE collaborated with consultant Helena Habdija based in Zagreb, Croatia, to develop several (Social) Business Models for YEPP EUROPE and individual service offers in the field of Entrepreneurship Learning, Media Literacy, Human/Children’s Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). One of the most developed models so far is the one of Songs for Rights which could become, through further development and promotion, a promising workshop or service offer of YEPP EUROPE allowing it to generate income through offering SfR workshops to NGOs, schools, youth groups and many other possible target groups and funders. This model was further researched on and developed in 2020.

Key Resources	Key Activities	Type of Intervention	Segments	Value Proposition
What resources will you need to run your solution? (People, Process, Assets?)		What is the format of your intervention? Is it a workshop? A service? A course?	Boundary Customer	Social Value Proposition Impact Resources
Partners + Key Stakeholders	What programs and non-programme activities will your organization be carrying out?	Channels How are you reaching your beneficiaries and customers?		How will your solution that you are creating create impact? Customer Value Proposition What do your customers want to get out of this solution?
Cost Structure		Surplus Where do you plan to invest your profits?	Revenue How does your revenue sources fit?	

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#### 5. Governance & Structure

##### 5.1. Advisory Board Meetings



Over the course of 2019-2020, YEPP EUROPE held three online Advisory Board Meetings: on 9 May 2019, 10 December 2019 and 9 July 2020. The topics were the latest developments of YEPP EUROPE, as well as strategies for fundraising and income generation and a series of activities in 2020 to celebrate 20 years of work in the field of Youth and Community Empowerment.

##### 5.2. YEPP EUROPE Team Evaluation



In February 2020 and December 2020, the YEPP EUROPE Team held two team evaluations for 2019 and 2020. In 2020, this meeting was on Zoom due to Covid-19 outbreak. Among the points discussed there were common vision and strategic developments, the expansion of the YEPP Community Network, funding schemes, fields of expertise, partnerships and policy work, and in 2020, the negative and positive aspects of Covid-19 pandemic with regard to YEPP EUROPE’s work, as well as the new needs and issues of young people that Covid-19 brought to the table and YEPP EUROPE’s responses (s. Section III. Needs and Issues in the YEPP Community Network). At the meeting in December, the Team started the process of reflecting and reviewing the YEPP approach and methodology after 20 years in practice with the aim of exploring and clearly defining its connection with the broader theoretical framework of human rights approaches and the Sustainable Development Goals. All the topics discussed will be followed up in 2021.



### 5.3. New YEPP EUROPE Team Members

In January 2019, YEPP EUROPE hired a new team member, Virginia Gallo Cobián. Virginia has many years of experience in the field of NGOs and Social Enterprises and to be in charge of Administration, Finances, Event Management and Communications at YEPP EUROPE.



At the end of 2019, YEPP EUROPE decided to split the tasks and responsibilities of this position between Virginia Gallo Cobián in charge of Finances and Administration and Karla Asuncion Morales in charge of Communications, Event and Office Management.



Over the last two years, the consultant Helena Habdija has also taken a more important role in the YEPP EUROPE Team. While being an independent consultant, she has been active in a wide range of areas within YEPP EUROPE: consultancy on the development of a (social) business model, graphic design, web design as well as workshop facilitation.



### 6. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation & Compagnia di San Paolo



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In November 2020, YEPP EUROPE submitted a grant proposal for the period 2021-2022 to its main funders, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (USA) and Compagnia di San Paolo (Italy). Along with the proposal, its future vision and a detailed activity plan for the upcoming two years, YEPP EUROPE also produced a report on the achievements of the last funding period 2019-2020, key success stories and projects, as well as expansion across Europe. We also presented how we have put in place solutions and new learning formats in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the new proposal is still subject to approval by the boards of directors of both foundations, we would like to thank Charles Stewart Mott Foundation & Compagnia di San Paolo for their unwavering support of Youth- and Community Empowerment and YEPP in the last 20 years!

### 7. Assessment of Accomplishments

In 2019-2020, YEPP EUROPE continued to develop a diversified funding scheme, as well as to apply for funding to the European Commission and European foundations with new offers, services and programmes to assure the sustainability and further development of YEPP EUROPE and the YEPP Community Network.

#### INCREASED FINANCIAL OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

The total amount of funding for the projects YEPP EUROPE has been involved in, either as lead organisation or as partner, e.g. INCLUSION, Fake OFF, Welcomeship, Songs for Rights, EMN and KA3 project, increased from **703.382 EUR** in 2019 to **738.382 EUR** in 2020 adding a 35.000 grant from European Union's KA3 project.

#### INCREASED FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

In 2019, YEPP EUROPE applied for 158.000 EUR to the programmes of the European Commission and European foundations, and for 243.200 EUR in 2020, with a total amount of **401.200€** for this period.

More specifically:

- In 2019, the application for the KA3 Project - support for Policy Reform, was successful, which gave YEPP EUROPE **35.000 EUR** infrastructural funds for 2020.
- The application of 45.000 EUR to INTESA SANPAOLO for the Songs for Rights project and YEPP Albenga being the lead applicant was successful in 2019 gave YEPP EUROPE **4.940 EUR**, although the implementation was postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19.
- In 2020, YEPP EUROPE applied to the European Union's Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 Strategic Partnerships with 205.270 EUR grant proposal for the Community Challengers project to address the issue of climate emergency. The grant was confirmed with **191.199 EUR** for the implementation period 2021-2022.

#### **TEAM DEVELOPMENT: EFFECTIVE DIVISION OF TASKS**

In 2020, YEPP EUROPE Team has gone through internal split of tasks. The event & communication section went to Karla Asuncion Morales, who was appointed as a new Event & Communications Officer in a part-time position (60%), whereas Dr. Virginia Gallo-Cobian took on a part-time position of Finance Officer (20%).

A stronger focus on dissemination and communication in 2020 enabled YEPP EUROPE to increase its outreach, visibility and gain new followers, participants in the activities, as well as new affiliate partners.

### **III. OUTLOOK INTO THE FUTURE. NEEDS AND ISSUES IN THE YEPP COMMUNITY NETWORK**

The activities of YEPP EUROPE and YEPP Community Network members are developed and implemented in response to global, European and local issues. Some of the specific issues YEPP EUROPE has been working on are migration, radicalisation, xenophobia, unemployment, digital overload and inclusion/exclusion. To address these issues, YEPP EUROPE develops and facilitates capacity building and participatory processes for and with youth, as well as training programmes for youth workers and community stakeholders, especially in communities with fewer opportunities. YEPP EUROPE capacity-building and training programmes and participatory activities foster the development of life skills, competences and attitudes necessary for personal and professional growth in the areas of civic engagement and taking initiatives, human rights, advocacy, media literacy, project management, community-based entrepreneurship, as well as self-confidence, creativity, tolerance and respect for diversity, critical thinking and digital well-being. YEPP EUROPE also qualifies youth workers in the YEPP Community Network to professionalize their work and support youth in different fields of interest. Furthermore, YEPP EUROPE Community members work with municipalities on designing more youth-supportive policies and sustaining youth participation and facilitate local and transnational exchange and dialogue with policy makers involving youth.

Needs and issues of young people, youth workers and YEPP community members are assessed by YEPP EUROPE on an annual basis through online surveys and face-to-face activities, e.g. seminars, workshops, youth exchange, and shared with the members of the YEPP Community Network.

- **Climate action as a new issue in the YEPP Community Network**

In 2019, in line with the Fridays for Future movement and global calls for recognition of climate emergency, the majority of 2019 members of the YEPP Community Network highlighted climate action and environmental awareness as the next big priority for their work. YEPP EUROPE responded to this need by submitting a grant application to the European Union's Erasmus+ KA2 Programme - Strategic Partnerships for the project "Community Challengers: Towards Sustainable and Climate-smart Communities through Arts and Social Entrepreneurship". The project has been approved by the European Commission and set for implementation in 2021-2022. The goal of the project is to empower young people with tools to take and reflect on climate action and mobilise their communities with innovative and appealing measures. The project is based on a learning model that combines education, arts and social entrepreneurship, and thus targets both the intellectual and emotional level. It enables



During the pandemic times in 2020, YEPP EUROPE supported youth work with increasing use of digital tools in working with young people across Europe and to develop innovative solutions that ensure youth work can fulfil its function as an essential service for young people. While developing digital tools and solutions, the digital divide was taken into account by trying to create simple, low-threshold and easy to access solutions and also by closely collaborating with local partner organisations (YEPP Local Sites, Project Partners) on strategies to reach out to and engage the most vulnerable (young) people with these solutions.

One successful activity was a series of Inspiration Labs - podcasts where young people, youth leaders and their trainers shared their opinion and wisdom on dealing with crisis or shared their skills to inspire other people.

Other activities that have been and are being carried out by YEPP EUROPE in the pandemic times are, apart from Inspiration Labs, online campaigns and publications, webinars, online courses, online meetings, surveys, best practice videos from young people, as well as photo challenges and inspirational quotes.

- **Survey of young people**

In summer 2020, YEPP EUROPE has conducted its own survey of needs of young people<sup>1</sup> to find out which issues, needs and desired learning formats for young people are needed now and in the post-Corona times. Responses were received from 207 young people residing mainly in Europe between 14 and 29 y.o. who were involved in YEPP EUROPE activities to some extent. The key findings are summarized below:

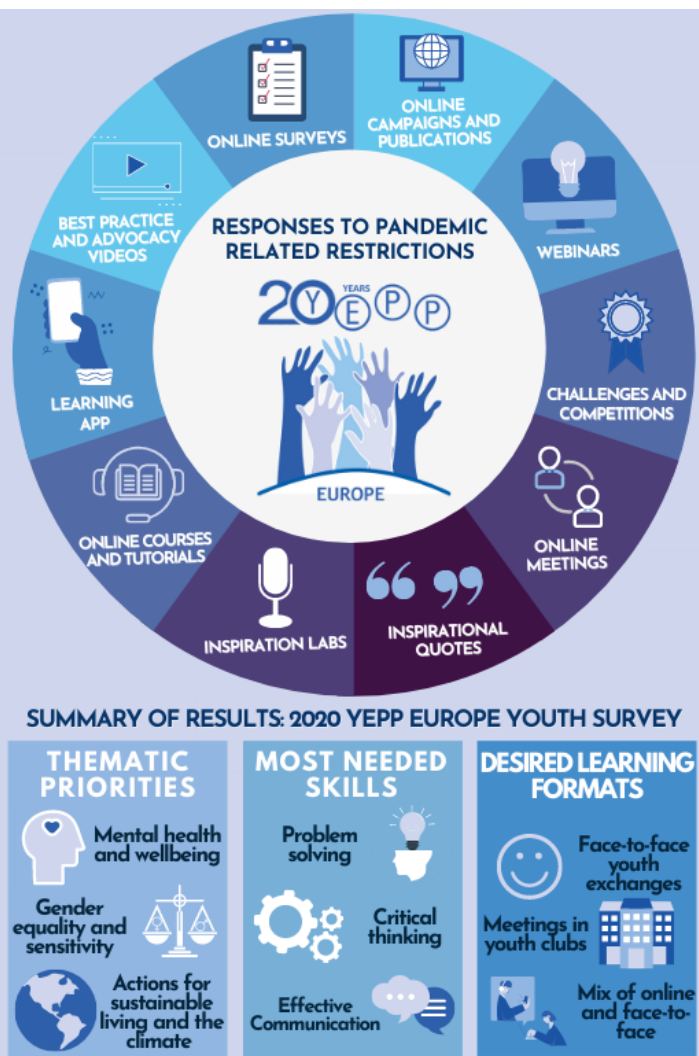
- **Thematic priorities:** 1. Mental health and well-being. 2. Gender equality and sensitive approaches in all areas of life of a young person. 3. Actions for sustainable living and climate emergency.
- **Most needed skills:** 1. Problem solving. 2. Critical thinking and 3. Effective communication.
- **Desired learning formats:** face-to-face youth exchange, meetings in youth clubs or other places designed for youth, and a mixture of online and face-to-face activities.

As stated by young respondents, Covid-19 outbreak and the restrictions affected almost all areas of their life: education, career, employment, social life, as well as physical and mental health. Some changed the place of living being impacted by the situation.

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<sup>1</sup> Youth survey of needs. YEPP EUROPE. October 2020.





Although the negative impact is more frequently stated, many young people said that lockdown opened their eyes on the issues they have not thought of before: inequality, poverty, racism, oppression of other minority groups (in connection with the Black Lives Matter! movement within the pandemic period), freedom of movement, etc. The time spent in lockdown made them think of importance of mental health, media literacy, sustainable living, climate emergency, and digital activism. Some used this time to educate themselves on these issues, think of their habits and/or change them.

Below are some of the quotes of young people on the impact of Covid-19 outbreak on their lives:

#### Positive OR New insights:

- I started working out by myself at home and followed a healthier lifestyle.
- It has actually impacted me in a positive way, as I picked up habits that I otherwise wouldn't have, such as running, a skincare routine, learning graphic design, etc.
- I have found a few passions of mine and worked on them a little bit.
- Working from home has been a change for a more sustainable life.
- I care more about my relatives and value every second I can spend with them or with good friends.

#### Negative:

- My academic year was affected, bachelor thesis, laboratory work.
- I lost personal contacts during my studies. My job as a dance teacher was affected.
- I was affected financially and tourism was affected in my area. Also, I noticed that human rights policies were affected.
- I had to stop volunteering at a refugee council.
- Opportunities seem to have disappeared or it's really difficult to find something.
- My intellectual growth was affected.
- I am not going to school and I can't go practice the sport I love.

- I decided to study something that has to do with healthcare.
- I have started to notice the inequality and other human right issues around the world and also the lack of effort we are willing to put into solving the problems.
- I started thinking more about environmental change in the world and how to stop climate change.
- My sexuality opened my eyes about oppression, not only versus the LGBTQ+ community
- Made me think more about my mental health.
- I can't focus anymore and being alone has made me suffer from loneliness.
- I am becoming more anxious and my and many others' well-being have in general been worse due to constant worrying about the virus.
- My mental health got worse, ended up in a psych ward for 10 weeks.
- Doing online school was frustrating, stressful, and just made me sad. I don't want to do it again. My mental stability has gone down since.
- A lot of fear and panic.
- Stressful family.
- I am not able to see my family.
- I am being stuck in a different country than the one I call home.
- I am studying English language teaching, but I am interested in aviation. Because of Covid-19, I am about to give up on my aviation dreams unfortunately.
- I am not sure if I am able to study abroad and built my career anymore if the pandemic continues.

**Both positive and negative:**

- Lockdown was a terrible experience but the fact that we were a cohesive European community made me feel calmer.
- Made a bad impact on my studies and a big one on my future career (sports, baking, etc.).
- School community has been torn, nobody wants to go back. Close friends and interest community has been flourishing.

- **Survey of youth workers**

The survey of youth workers in the role as YEPP Local Coordinators and project partners conducted by YEPP EUROPE in the YEPP Community Network in October 2020 highlighted similar perspective on the negative and positive effects of Covid-19 pandemic.

Under the positive effects, coordinators mentioned slowing down, time to reflect on multiple topics, less pollution due to less travel, more effective use of time, e.g. shorter meetings, as well as more opportunities to explore digital tools, creativity in finding new ways for activities and broadening the online audience.

Under the negative effects, the respondents highlighted severe shrinking of the civic sector, restricted opportunities and lack of resources to provide services to young people and community, job losses, exclusion of certain groups, limited human contact, uncertainty, mental exhaustion, less trust in authorities (especially from people with lower educational background) and social division because of conspiracy and fake news stories.

As they added, eventually, these many issues that have to be dealt with collectively, and thus it will create more engagement.