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TDM 2000 INTERNATIONAL NETWORK MEMBERS



WORKSHOP WITH YOUNG RESEARCHERS AT FSS, TIRANA – CORYA

On the 14th of January, **Beyond Barriers Albania** led an inspiring workshop at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana, engaging 21 master's students in the transformative concepts of Open and Responsible Research and Innovation (ORRI) and Citizen Science. Through this interactive session, students explored how participatory research methods can empower communities, foster inclusivity, and address pressing social challenges. As part of the CORYA project's dissemination strategy, the workshop also highlighted the practical applications of ORRI in social science research and the role of Citizen Science in bridging the gap between academia and society.



KICK OFF MEETING FOR THE PROJECT 'SUSTAIN YOUTH'

The Youth Led Environmental Change SUSTAIN YOUTH project has officially started. From the 13th to the 16th of January 2025 the representatives of the partnership coordinated by **TDM 2000 International** have met in Bucharest, Romania for the implementation of the first Transnational Project Meeting and the international opening conference. The gathering was dedicated to discussing the action plan and the set-up of the future tasks to be done by each partner.

ACTIVE DEMOCRACY PATHWAYS



The Active Democracy Pathways youth exchange, part of the Erasmus+ project Pathways to Active Democracy, took place in Figueira da Foz, Portugal, from 16–22 January 2025, hosted by **TDM Portugal**.

Young participants from across Europe joined workshops, debates, and simulations to explore democratic participation, leadership, and advocacy skills. The program also included cultural exchanges and team-building, helping them connect and build lasting partnerships while learning how to actively shape democracy in their communities.



FINAL TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING FOR THE PRO(F)LIETRACY 2.0 PROJECT



On the 17th of January 2025, **Evolving Youth** organization held the final Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) for the Pro(f)lietracy 2.0 project in Athens, Greece. Throughout this journey, they have worked tirelessly to promote literacy, empower educators, and create sustainable tools that will continue to make a difference beyond the project's official timeline.

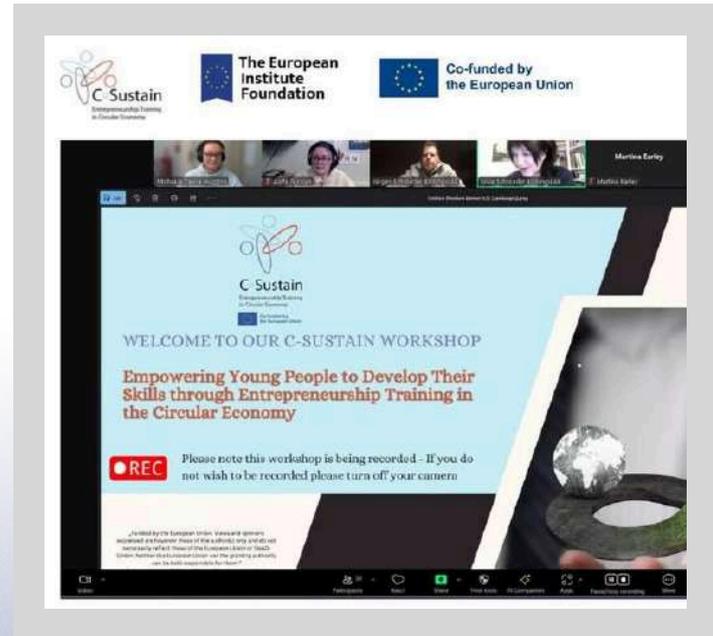
By the end of the meeting, all partners reached a consensus on key action points, reaffirming their commitment to fostering literacy-related initiatives and strengthening partnerships beyond the project's formal conclusion. The atmosphere of cooperation and shared vision in Athens reflected the collective dedication that has driven Pr(o(f)lietracy 2.0 from the beginning.

THE FIRST ONLINE C-SUSTAIN WORKSHOP

On February 6th, 50 young people from across Europe joined the first 'C-Sustain' workshop, diving into sustainability, circular economy, and multiculturalism.

Key highlights of the online workshop included inspiring talks from experts on circular economy, multicultural entrepreneurship, and youth development. The young people participated in Mentimeter polls and live voting for real-time engagement, with an informative Q&A session to share insights and reflections at the end.

'C-Sustain' is a 24-month project by the **European Institute Foundation** empowering young people with entrepreneurial skills, environmental awareness, and global connections.



STUDENT ORGANISATIONS UNITE FOR HOSPICE MALTA

On the 13th and 14th of February, **TDM 2000 Malta** teamed up with multiple university student organizations for a heartfelt initiative to support Hospice Malta. Through the generosity of students and staff, they raised an incredible €1,210.71.

From selling roses to delivering surprise cupid-grams during lectures, this collaboration brought the campus community together in a wonderful way. Not only did they help people express their love and appreciation, but they also made a meaningful contribution to a cause that supports patients and families in need.

This initiative was a perfect reminder that small acts of kindness can make a big difference. Whether it was buying a rose for a loved one or making a simple donation, every contribution added up to something truly special.



PLANNING MEETING FOR PROJECT 'MINDFUL MONEY MATTERS'



IRCP Budapest had an amazing time at the advance planning meeting for the youth exchange "Mindful Money Matters" (3xM) on February 23–26 in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Their goal was to connect with all participating organizations, align on project aims and objectives, and ensure an equal vision reaching them. To prepare the team discussed activities, addressed any specific needs, and familiarized themselves with the venue and the city where participants would visit.

This project is all about empowering young people with tools to enhance their financial literacy, introducing them to financial sustainability, and promoting mindfulness routines in daily life.

KICK-OFF MEETING OF THE 'BE FESTIVE' PROJECT IN ATHENS

On February 6–7, **TDM 2000** gathered in Athens with partners from Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Cyprus for the launch of the "Be Festive" project. The initiative focuses on bringing together Mediterranean cultures and promoting cultural heritage through local festivals. These festivals offer a unique space for youth participation, particularly for those with fewer opportunities.

Over two days, partners discussed the project's vision, objectives, and expected impact. TDM 2000 reviewed the work plan, set key achievements, and strengthened their collaboration to ensure a successful project implementation.

"Be Festive" is set to promote festivals that are not only diverse and socially inclusive but also environmentally sustainable. The aim of it is to preserve cultural heritage while promoting community engagement and responsibility.

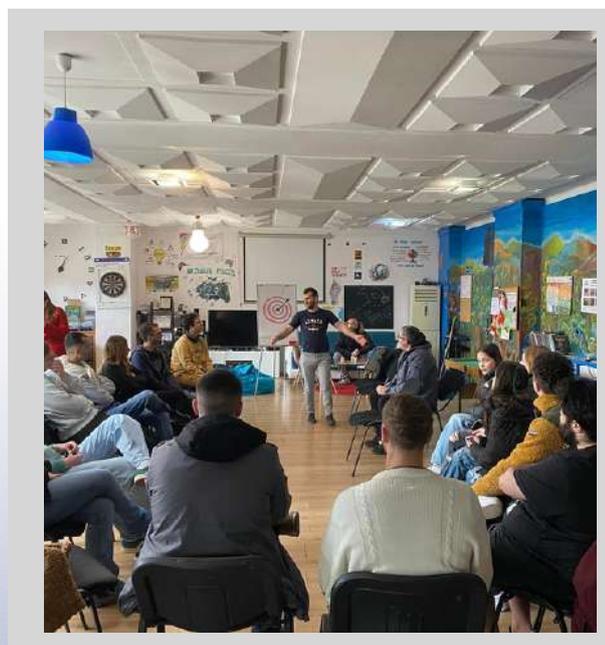


INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE KICKS OFF IN THE TOWN OF SMOLYAN

The Erasmus+ training course “Empowering Youth Spaces: Accessible Digital Tools for an Inclusive Future” started on the 23rd of February to the 3rd of March 2025, involving participants from seven different countries.

The training course hosted by **Young Improvers for Youth Development** boosted the digital skills of youth workers and educators, empowering them to create inclusive youth spaces using innovative digital tools like Canva, Google Workspace, and AI technologies.

Hosted in the enchanting city of Smolyan, participants deep-dived into the beauty of Bulgaria’s most picturesque mountain – the Rhodope Mountains, crystal-clear rivers, and rich cultural heritage.



ORIENTEERING EVENT IN LANARCA

NGO **Active Zone Outdoor** with the support of OrientAction.cy organized their first orienteering event at Tekke Park near Larnaca Salt Lake, on Saturday February 22 2025. Families, young people and young adults participated and practiced the sport in the beautiful landscape admiring flamingos and the unique biodiversity of the area.

During the event the team of the solidarity project “Youth Read2recover” presented the mobile library which was developed during the project aiming to provide opportunities for young people to borrow books for free and also supporting small local communities. Afterwards, participants and volunteers contributed to the tree planting coordinated by the Larnaka municipality at Mackenzie area.

