



EUSDR Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity and Cooperation”

# Webinar: Youth Projects in the Danube Region

21 June 2022



# Agenda

09.30	<b>Arrival and Networking</b>	Claudia Singer, PA 10 Coordination
09.40	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why are youth project especially now important?</li><li>• Youth Projects after COVID-19</li><li>• European year of youth 2022</li></ul>	Claudia Singer, PA 10 Coordination
09.50	<b>Which EU Funding Programmes are suitable for Youth Projects?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What kind of projects are possible?</li><li>• What to consider?</li><li>• How to start?</li><li>• Good practices</li></ul>	Michael Gansch, EuroVienna Katja Lenic Salamun NGO Interaktion Erasmus Ambassador 2021 Austria,Slovenia
10.10	<b>Where to find EU Funding Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding and Tender Portal</li><li>• Euroaccess.eu</li></ul>	Michael Gansch, EuroVienna

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10.15	<b>How to start Youth projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to set up youth projects</li><li>• Whom to involve</li><li>• What to consider when working with young people</li></ul>	Lyuben Georgiev,  NGO RE-ACT Bulgaria representing the Danube Youth Network
10.30	<b>Youth Projects in Border Regions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to set up Cross-Border Youth Projects?</li><li>• Lessons learned from the projects Secco and Secco2</li></ul>	Melinda Benczi  Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives (CESCI)
10:45	<b>Summary, Questions and Answers</b>	Michael Gansch, EuroVienna  Claudia Singer, PA 10 Coordination
11.10	<b>End of Meeting</b>	



Welcome!





# Organisational Matters

- The session will be recorded for documentation
- Please mute your microphone when you are not actively speaking
- Please leave your camera on, if your internet connection allows it we are happy to see you! 😊
- feel free to use the chat window for your questions  
They will be collected and discussed at the end of the speakers inputs

Why Youth Projects?  
What kind of Youth Projects?  
Why now?  
Youth Projects Post COVID-19  
European Year of Youth 2022

Claudia Singer  
EUSDR PA 10 Coordinator





**Supporting young people  
to engage in projects...**

**Why?**

**Mobilising stakeholders to contribute to a better quality of life**

**Gaining better insights into societal challenges from affected stakeholder groups**

**Receiving new ideas for a stronger orientation towards the future**



**Engaging in (youth) projects...**



**Why?**

**Engaging with people from  
different cultural backgrounds**

**Accessing and pooling expertise and  
knowledge to solve societal  
problems and develop skills**

**Contributing to a positive change**

**Gaining skills to improve environmental protection, economic and social development etc.**

**Advocating interests and positions**

**Contributing to a cultural shift towards inclusive cooperation**



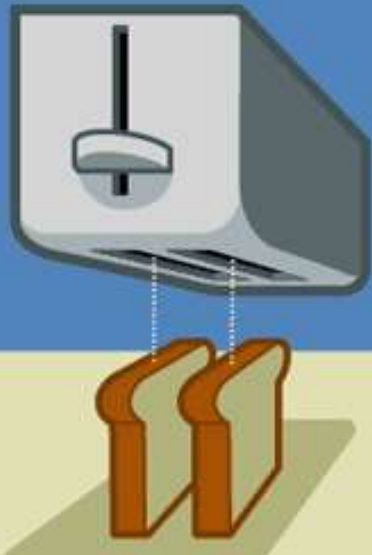
young!



innovative!



flexible!



revolutionary!

# What?



**Projects/initiatives that are implemented across borders with partners from different countries (e.g. cross-border trainings, transnational cooperation on climate change mitigation etc.)**

**Projects/initiatives that are implemented across borders from one partner (e.g. competitions, festivals etc.)**

**Local projects/initiatives that are implemented with local partners, but look for networking (e.g. local culture initiatives, scouts etc.)**



**Why  
now?**



# **Youth projects & COVID-19**



**COVID-19 pandemic challenged young people exceptionally (e.g. mental health issues, less access to high quality education, limited job opportunities etc.)**



**The COVID-19 pandemic caused the development of creative solutions and ideas to adapt that can and should be transferred.**

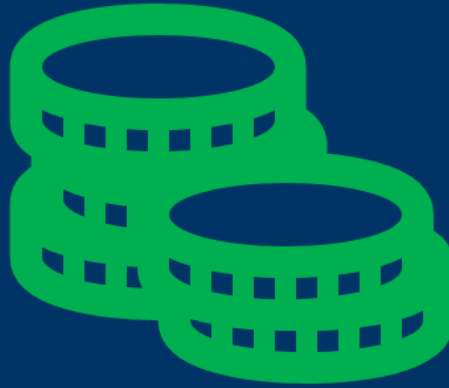


**COVID-19 recovery needs to be inclusive to be sustainable and successful – young people need to get their voice heard.**





**EU Policies and Programmes aim to be more inclusive to better cater to the needs of citizens and strengthen democratic values (e.g. Conference on the Future of Europe, Cohesion Policy Objectives)**



**New funding period 2021-2027 is aiming to be more inclusive towards young people (e.g. Youth Guarantee, Interreg)**



**European Year of Youth raises greater awareness on activities and initiatives for youth and from youth.**



# **Youth policies for cooperation**



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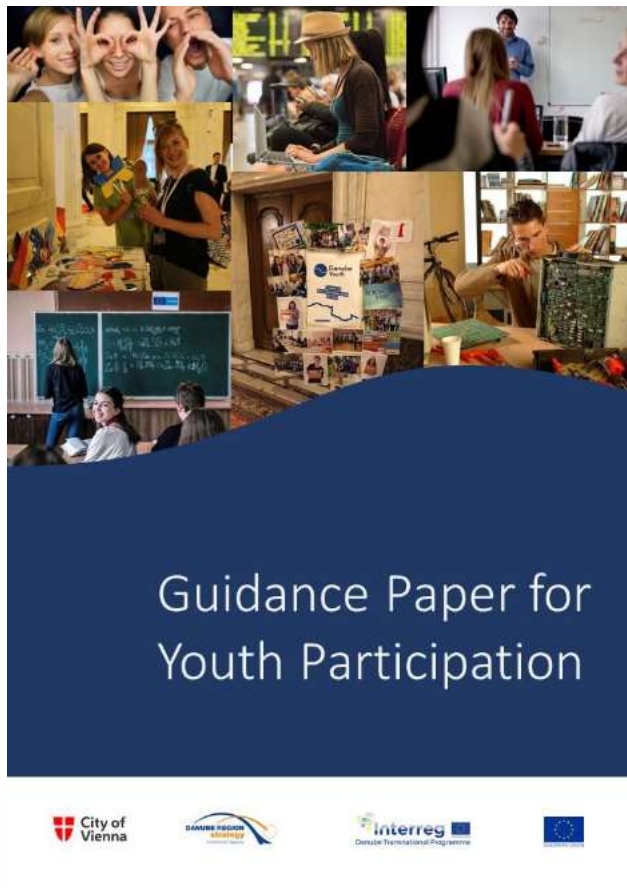


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**YOUTH  
CHARTER  
FOR CROSS  
BORDER  
COOPERATION**  
Association of  
European  
Border Regions



<https://www.aebr.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/AEBR-Youth-Charter-for-CBC.pdf>



**Capacity Building**



**Communication**



**Cooperation**



**[https://capacitycooperation.danube-region.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/sites/3/2021/02/Guidance-Paper-Youth-Participation\\_Feb2021-LAYOUT.pdf](https://capacitycooperation.danube-region.eu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/sites/3/2021/02/Guidance-Paper-Youth-Participation_Feb2021-LAYOUT.pdf)**

What Programmes?  
What to consider?  
Where to get started?  
Good practices  
Katja Lenič Šalamun  
NGO Interaktion

<https://en.verein-interaktion.org/home>



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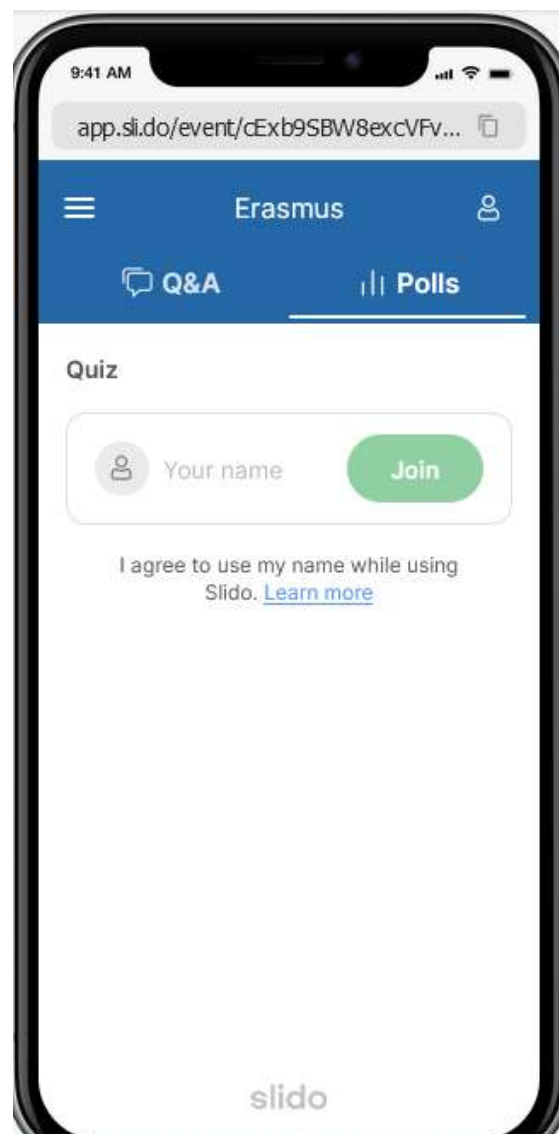
Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world.

Albert Einstein

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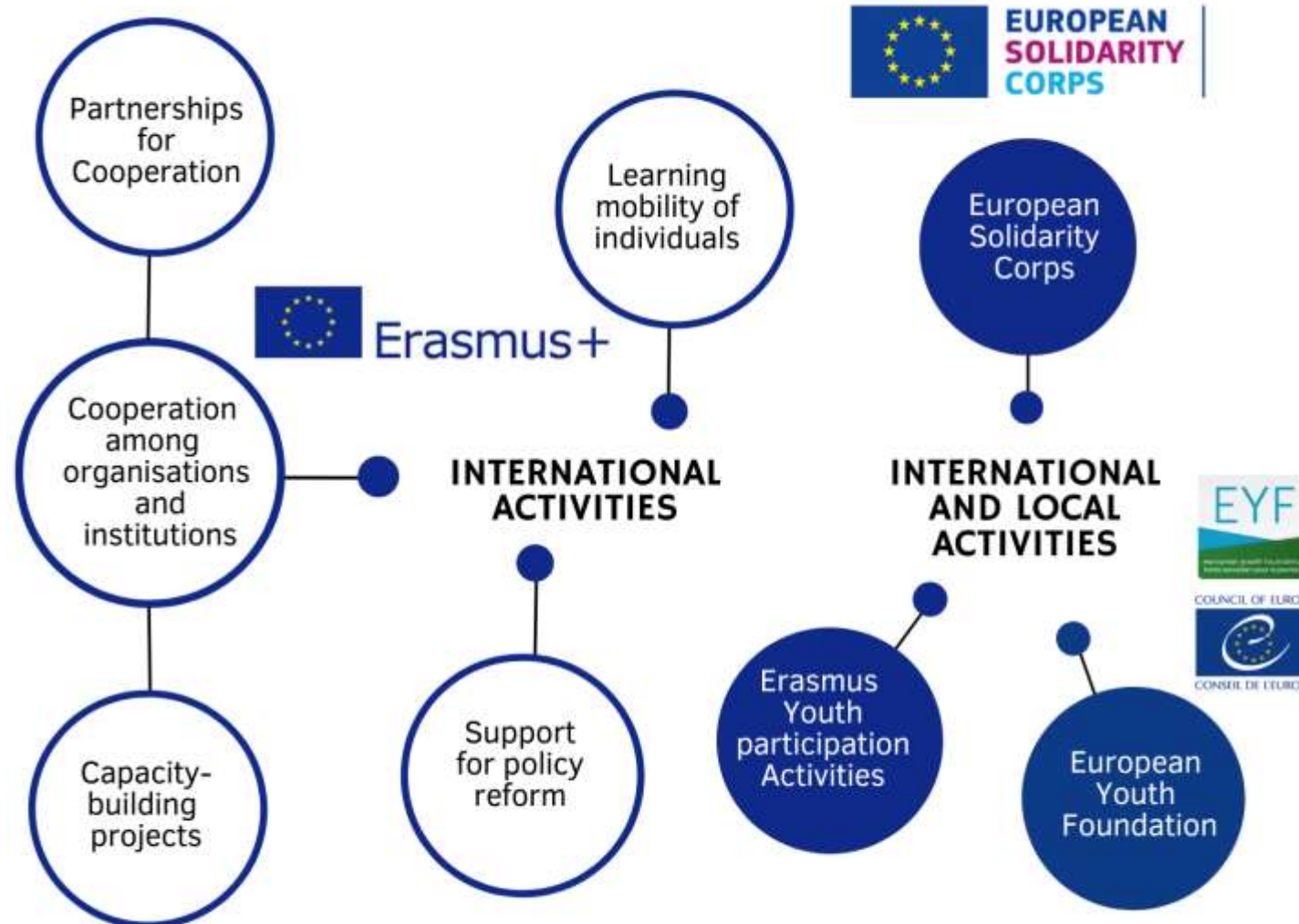




Erasmus in one word...

<https://en.verein-interaktion.org/erasmus-days>





## What is an annual work plan?

A set of successive activities over a period of one year, interconnected and which contribute to the same broader aim:

- at least one international activity;
- clear flow/link between activities: interconnected;
- each individual activity contributes to the overall objectives of the work plan;
- link with priorities, missions and vision of the CoE youth sector;
- at least one third of co-funding for international activities;
- a gender perspective is taken into account throughout the whole process;
- importance is also given to a non-formal education approach.

The maximum grant allocated is €50 000





European Solidarity Corps Quality Label

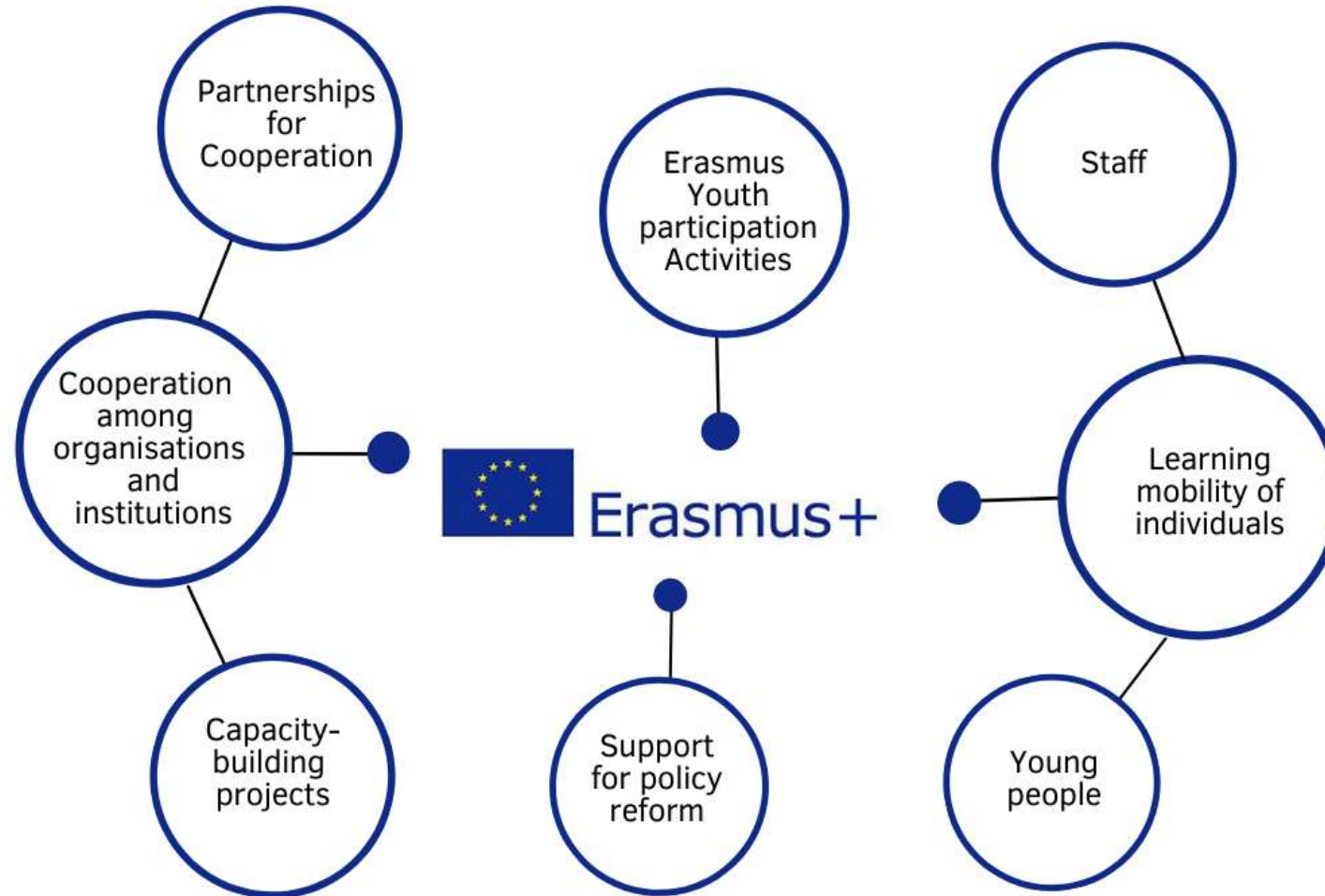
Volunteering projects (Cross-border or in-country):



- individual volunteering (2-12 months, or, in some cases, 2 weeks to 2 months);
- team volunteering (2 weeks to 2 months, 10-40 participants).

Solidarity Projects = Empowering young people:

- young people with initiative to run their own project in their home country;
- at least 5 young people must be involved;
- the project should last 2-12 months;
- costs of project management like preparation, implementation of activities, evaluation, dissemination and follow-up activities and can provide up to €500 a month.



## Learning Mobility of Individuals – YOUTH EXCHANGES

- young people meet, live together and work on shared projects for short periods;
- between 5 and 21 days;
- open to people between the ages of 13 and 30;
- non-formal learning methods;
- the EU grant supports travel as well as practical and activity-related costs

<b>Organisational Support</b>	<p>Costs directly linked to the implementation of mobility activities.</p> <p><b>Financing mechanism:</b> contribution to unit costs</p> <p><b>Rule of allocation:</b> based on the number of participants, excluding group leaders, accompanying persons and facilitators.</p>	100 EUR per participant in a Youth Exchange																										
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<b>Individual Support</b>	<p>Costs linked to subsistence.</p> <p><b>Financing mechanism:</b> contribution to unit costs.</p> <p><b>Rule of allocation:</b> based on the duration of the stay per participant, including group leaders, accompanying persons and facilitators (if necessary), including also one travel day before the activity and one travel day following the activity, and up to <b>four additional</b> days for participants receiving a green travel grant.</p>	Table <a href="#">A2.1</a> per participant per day
<b>Inclusion support</b>	<p><b>Inclusion support for organisations:</b> Costs related to the organisation of mobility activities for participants with fewer opportunities.</p> <p><b>Financing mechanism:</b> contribution to unit costs.</p> <p><b>Rule of allocation:</b> based on the number of participants with fewer opportunities, excluding group leaders, accompanying persons and facilitators.</p> <p><b>Inclusion support for participants:</b> Additional costs directly linked to participants with fewer opportunities and their accompanying persons, including group leaders and facilitators (including justified costs related to travel and subsistence if a grant for these participants is not requested through budget categories "Travel" and "Individual support").</p> <p><b>Financing mechanism:</b> real costs.</p> <p><b>Rule of allocation:</b> the request must be justified by the applicant and approved by the National Agency.</p>	<p>100 EUR per participant in a Youth Exchange</p> <p>100% of eligible costs</p>

	<b>Individual Support (euro per day)</b>
<b>Austria</b>	45 €
<b>Belgium</b>	42 €
<b>Bulgaria</b>	32 €
<b>Croatia</b>	35 €
<b>Cyprus</b>	32 €
<b>Czech Republic</b>	32 €
<b>Denmark</b>	45 €
<b>Estonia</b>	33 €
<b>Finland</b>	45 €
<b>North Macedonia</b>	28 €
<b>France</b>	38 €
<b>Germany</b>	41 €
<b>Greece</b>	38 €
<b>Hungary</b>	33 €
<b>Iceland</b>	45 €
<b>Ireland</b>	49 €



This project helped me understand sustainability in ways that I had never considered before. It helped me to first identify the ways I already contribute towards sustainable methods and approaches to living, both personally and professionally and it also helped me comprehend new techniques for passing this understanding on to others that I work with. I have started planning a series of workshops which I will deliver to students at the university I teach at. By providing space for them to answer questions about their own individual journey, their place in society, their hopes for the future and an analysis of their current situations I hope to help them de-mist their transition for University into the industry of their choice, with confidence and a tool kit for sustainable progression.  
Emma, UK

## Youth participation projects

Activities which encourage, foster and facilitate young people's participation in Europe's democratic life at local, regional, national **or/and** European level.

Face-to-face or online workshops and/or meetings, seminars or other events.

Awareness-raising campaigns.

Simulations of the functioning of democratic institutions and the roles of decision-makers within such institutions.

**GRANT:** similar to mobility projects + 500 EUR/month for project management

**DURATION:** From 3 to 24months





# Partnerships for cooperation

Transnational projects designed to develop and share innovative practices and promote cooperation, peer learning, and exchanges of experiences.

- increasing quality in the work, activities and practices of organisations and institutions involved, opening up to new actors, not naturally included within one sector
- building capacity of organisations to work transnationally and across sectors
- addressing common needs and priorities
- enabling transformation and change (at individual, organisational or sectoral level), leading to improvements and new approaches, in proportion to the context of each organization

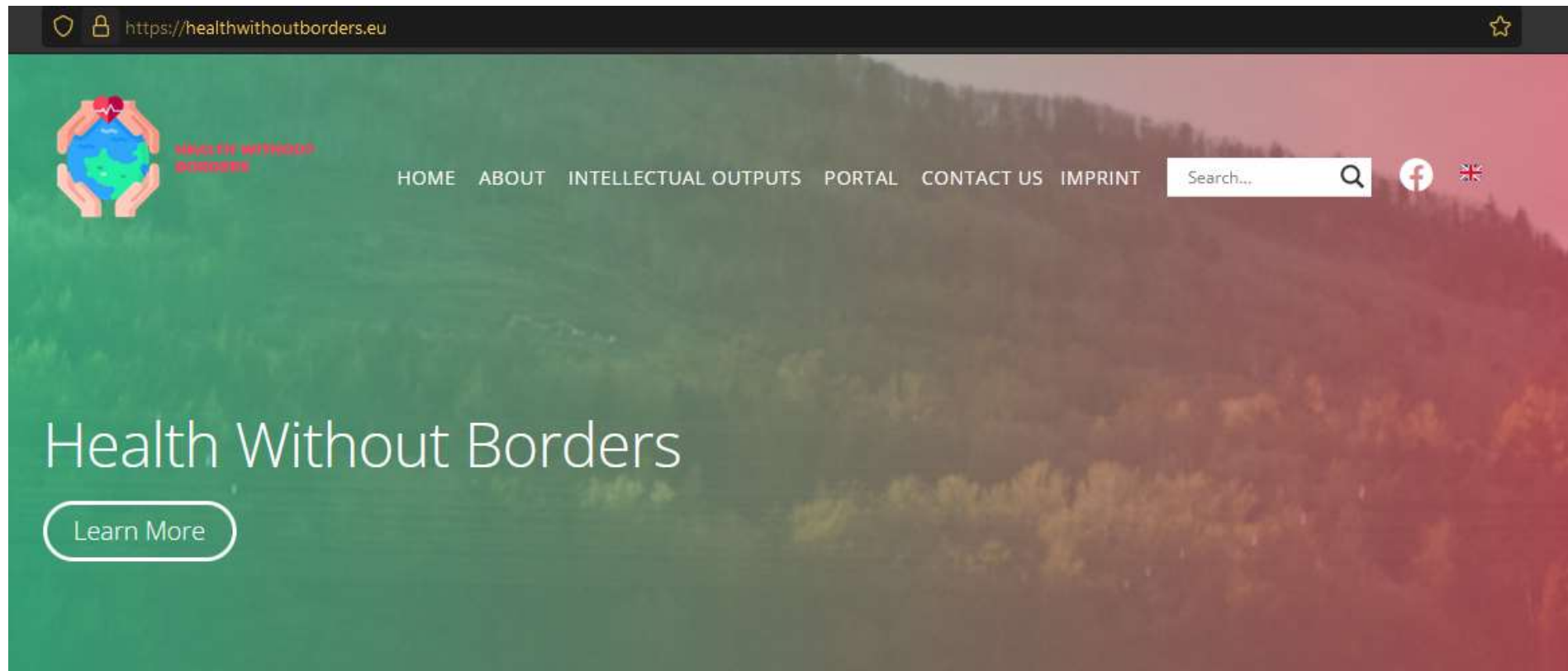
**GRANT:** unit costs either EUR 125 000, EUR 250 000 or EUR 400 000

**DURATION:** between 12 and 36 months



# Health without Borders

Improving health literacy of young refugees, migrants and marginalized adolescents from an inclusive learning perspective.



## What to consider and how to start?

- Define your target group and the problem you would like to address
- Build a local network
- Check for additional funding options. Who benefits from the project? Can the municipality support you?
- Involve the target group in the process – from the start if possible
- Is your project idea eligible for European funds? – Check the priorities
- Contact your National Agency – they usually provide guidance
- Which countries would you like to involve? Why?
- Check Salto [www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net) for partners
- Consult Erasmus+ Programme Guide
- Check if similar projects already exists

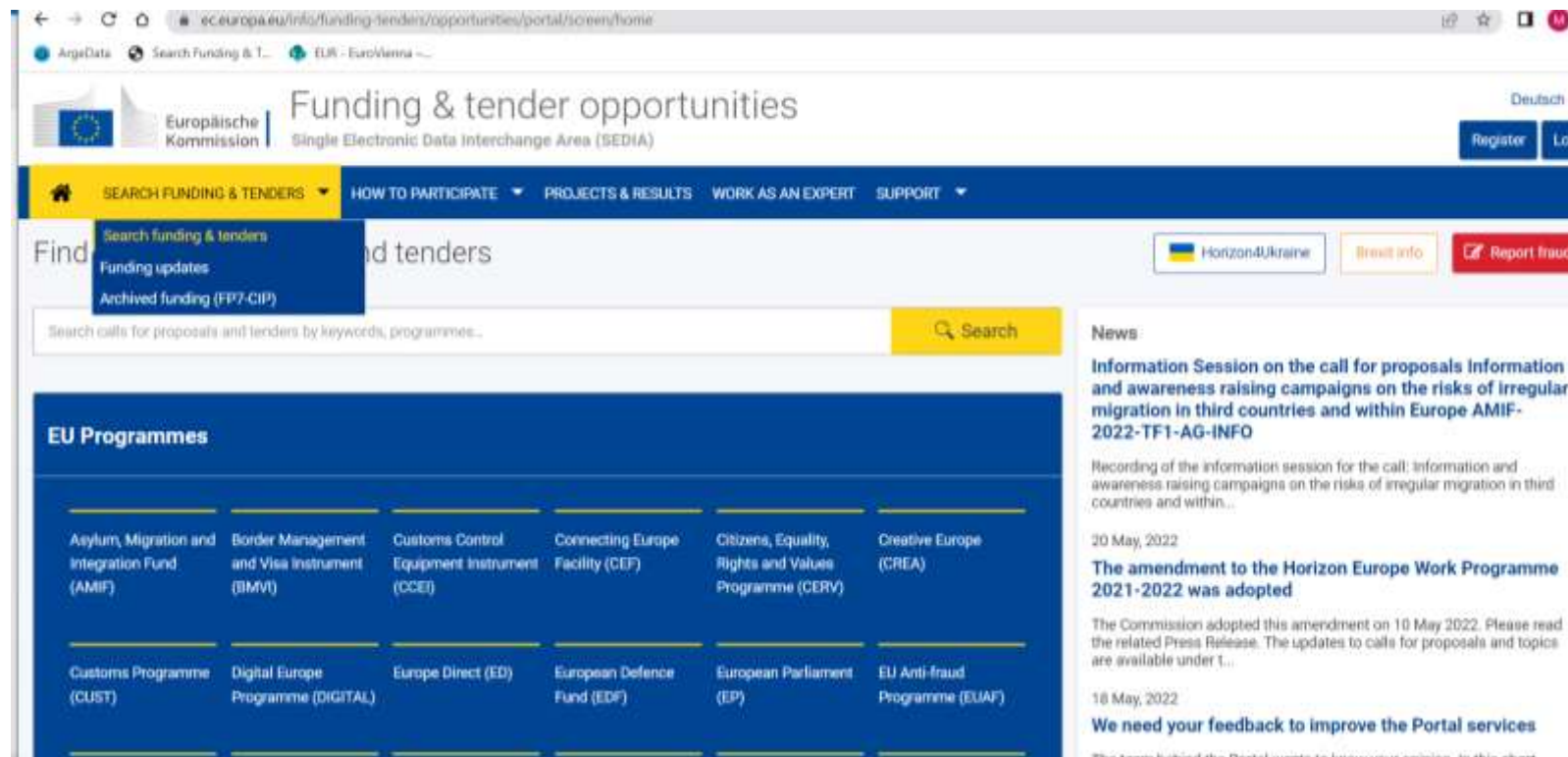


Where to find EU Funding Opportunities?  
Michael Gansch  
EuroVienna



# Where to look for funding opportunities:

- Funding and Tender Portal:
  - <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>



The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The header includes the European Commission logo and the text 'Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)'. A navigation menu contains 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a section for 'EU Programmes' with a grid of links to various funding instruments. On the right side, there is a 'News' section with several articles.

EU Programmes					
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)	Customs Control Equipment Instrument (CCEI)	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)	Creative Europe (CREA)
Customs Programme (CUST)	Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)	Europe Direct (ED)	European Defence Fund (EDF)	European Parliament (EP)	EU Anti-fraud Programme (EUIAF)

**News**

**Information Session on the call for proposals information and awareness raising campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in third countries and within Europe AMIF-2022-TF1-AG-INFO**

Recording of the information session for the call: information and awareness raising campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in third countries and within...

20 May, 2022

**The amendment to the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 was adopted**

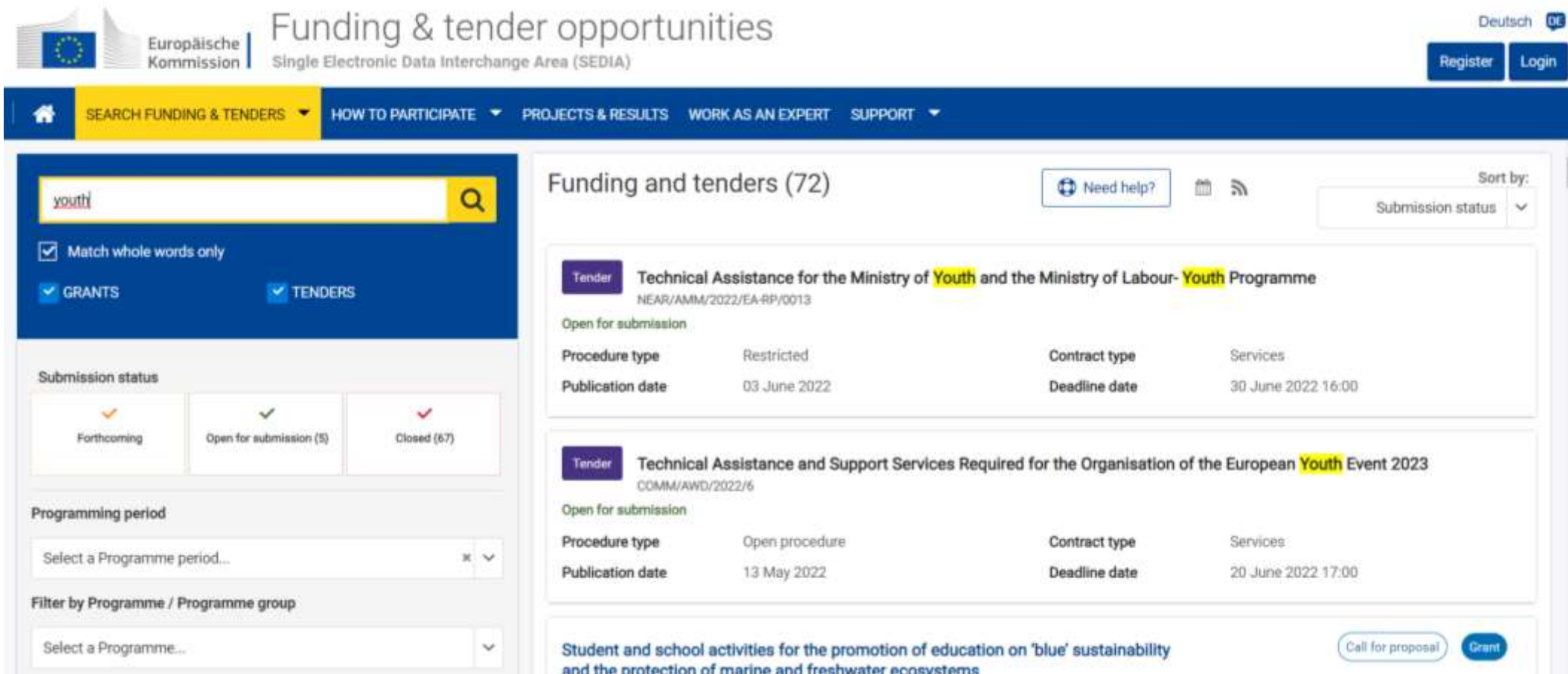
The Commission adopted this amendment on 10 May 2022. Please read the related Press Release. The updates to calls for proposals and topics are available under 1...

18 May, 2022

**We need your feedback to improve the Portal services**

The team behind the Portal wants to know your opinion. In this short

# Where to look for funding opportunities:



The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' page on the SEDIA website. The page features a search bar with the keyword 'youth', filter options for 'GRANTS' and 'TENDERS', and a list of funding opportunities. The first two opportunities are highlighted with yellow boxes.

**Search results:**

- Tender:** Technical Assistance for the Ministry of Youth and the Ministry of Labour- Youth Programme  
NEAR/AMM/2022/EA-RP/0013  
Open for submission  
Procedure type: Restricted | Contract type: Services  
Publication date: 03 June 2022 | Deadline date: 30 June 2022 16:00
- Tender:** Technical Assistance and Support Services Required for the Organisation of the European Youth Event 2023  
COMM/AWD/2022/6  
Open for submission  
Procedure type: Open procedure | Contract type: Services  
Publication date: 13 May 2022 | Deadline date: 20 June 2022 17:00

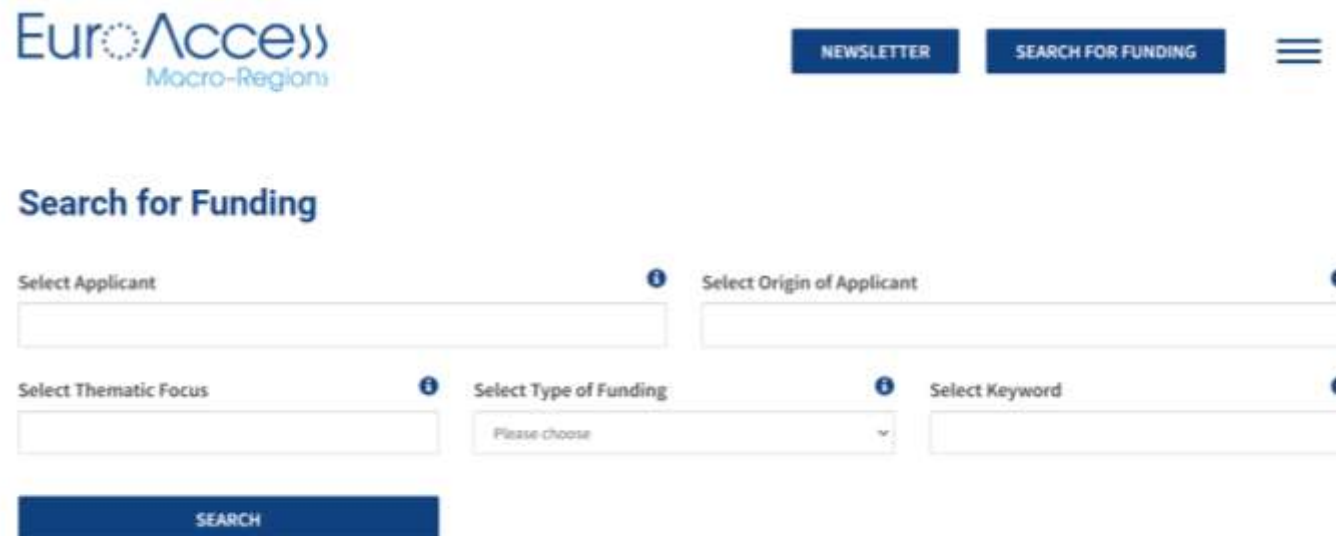
**Submission status:** Forthcoming, Open for submission (5), Closed (67)

**Filter by Programme / Programme group:** Select a Programme...

**Additional options:** Call for proposal, Grant


# Where to look for funding opportunities:

- EuroAccess Macro Regions
  - [www.euro-access.eu](http://www.euro-access.eu)
  - Established by PA10 together with EuroVienna with support from DG Regio
  - Re-Launch in 2022 for a better service quality
  - Objective: lowering the entry barrier, making information more understandable




The screenshot shows the EuroAccess Macro-Regions website interface. At the top left is the logo "EuroAccess Macro-Regions". To the right are buttons for "NEWSLETTER" and "SEARCH FOR FUNDING", along with a hamburger menu icon. Below the header is a "Search for Funding" section with four input fields: "Select Applicant", "Select Origin of Applicant", "Select Thematic Focus", and "Select Type of Funding". Each field has an information icon (i) to its right. The "Select Type of Funding" field is a dropdown menu with "Please choose" selected. To the right of the "Select Keyword" field is another information icon (i). At the bottom left of the search area is a blue "SEARCH" button.


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## This is what Europe can do for you:

Erasmus+ - Key Action 2 – Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions

Partnership for Excellence - Erasmus+ Teacher Academies

15.03.2022 - 07.09.2022

Erasmus+ - Key Action 2 – Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions

Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills (implementing the Blueprint)

25.11.2021 - 15.09.2022

Erasmus+ - Key Action 2 – Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions

Alliances for Education and Enterprises

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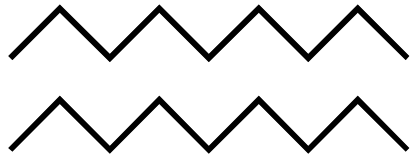
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# 10 TIPS FOR YOUTH PROJECTS SUCCESS

or

How to start Youth  
projects

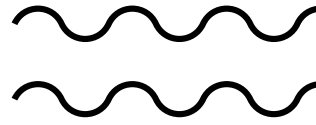




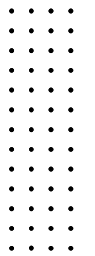
# Tip #1 KISS: Keep It Simple & Sexy

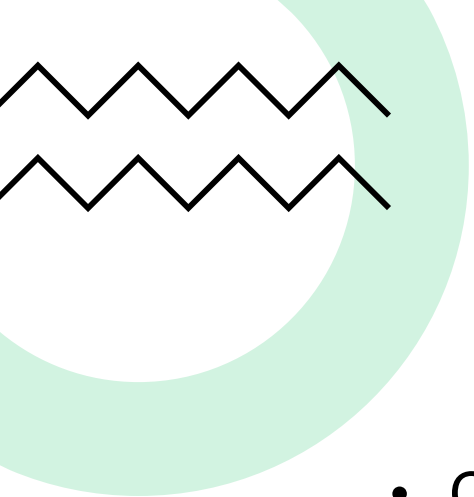
- Young people don't like overcomplicated things!
- Especially if they need to read more about something...
- Make everything as simple as possible 😊

# Tip #2 – Speak the same language



- Communication is the key with youth.
- When collaborating with them you need to be prepared to explain some things again and again.
- Try to create a common understandings about different things rather to imply something from your vocabulary





## Tip #3 – Set group’s working standards

- Coming from the school or university doesn’t mean that you are a project machine ready to produce efficient results straight from the beginning.
- Be wise, set and explain adequate ruleset regarding your work with youth.

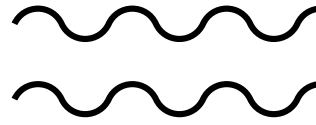




## Tip #4 Be a guide

- Most of the young people are newcomers in the project world.
- Project structure, aim, activities or management could be something totally mysterious about them.
- Explain and educate with your experience and knowledge.

# Tip #5 – Don't only inform. Involve!



- Don't treat young people as persons without ideas and creativity just because they are with less experience in a certain topic.
- Involve them from the very beginning of all processes at every stage.



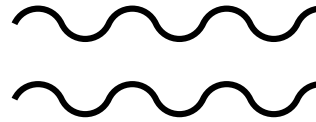


## Tip#6 – Delegate responsibilities and small successes

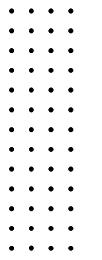
- The young people are part of the team and they need to feel this at every step of the process.
- Of course, this includes giving them a relevant portion of the task and positive affirmations about their performance.

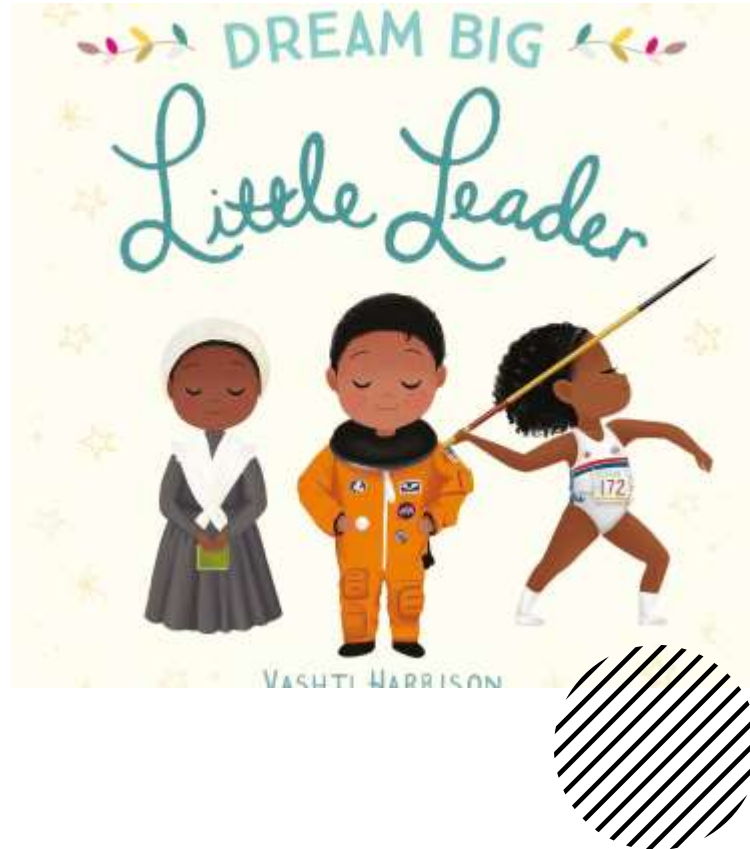


# Tip #7 – Guarantee freedom for failure



- The best teacher for all of us is the lessons hard learned.
- Young people are no different and they need to explore and experience failure as well because those are the situations that will bring the most learning experience for them.

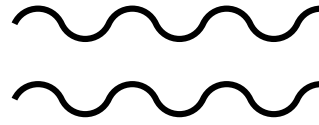




## Tip#8 – Dream Big, Start Small

- Youth doesn't need a million-dollar project to understand how everything works.
- They could be amazingly creative even with a micro budget and a good idea.
- Support them with the implementation and wonders could happen.

# Tip#9 – Promote Flexibility



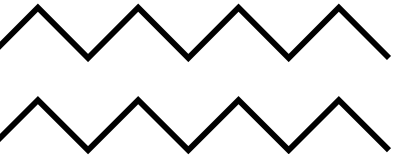
- Youth aren't flexible but the project work is.
- Bare in mind that a simple promise to a young person could mean an eternal law;
- Support them to understand the importance of flexibility in the project work.





## Tip#10 – Enjoy

- Work hard, party harder!
- This is a rule when we work with youth
- Show them both of those aspects when working together in a project.
- Most important – make it fun for you and for them.



**THANK  
YOU**

Lyuben Georgiev  
Danube Youth  
Network  
Re-Act Association

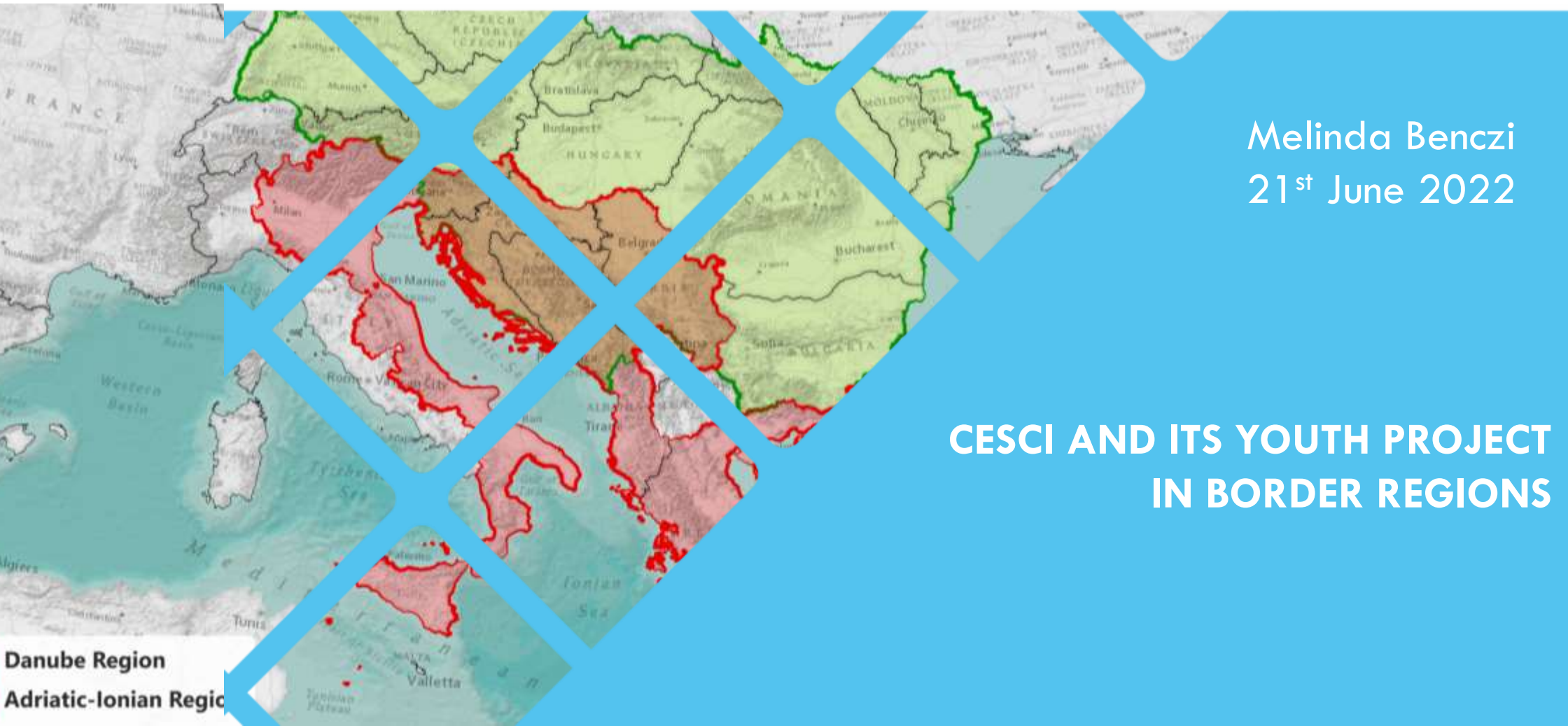


How to set up cross border projects?

Lessons Learned?

Melinda Benczi

NGO Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives  
(CESCI) Hungary



Melinda Benczi  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

# CESCI AND ITS YOUTH PROJECT IN BORDER REGIONS

**Danube Region**  
**Adriatic-Ionian Region**

# Our organisation

**Association** Work organ

**Network within Central Europe**

**Co-creator of an Alliance across Europe**





# Our services and activities



Scientific  
research

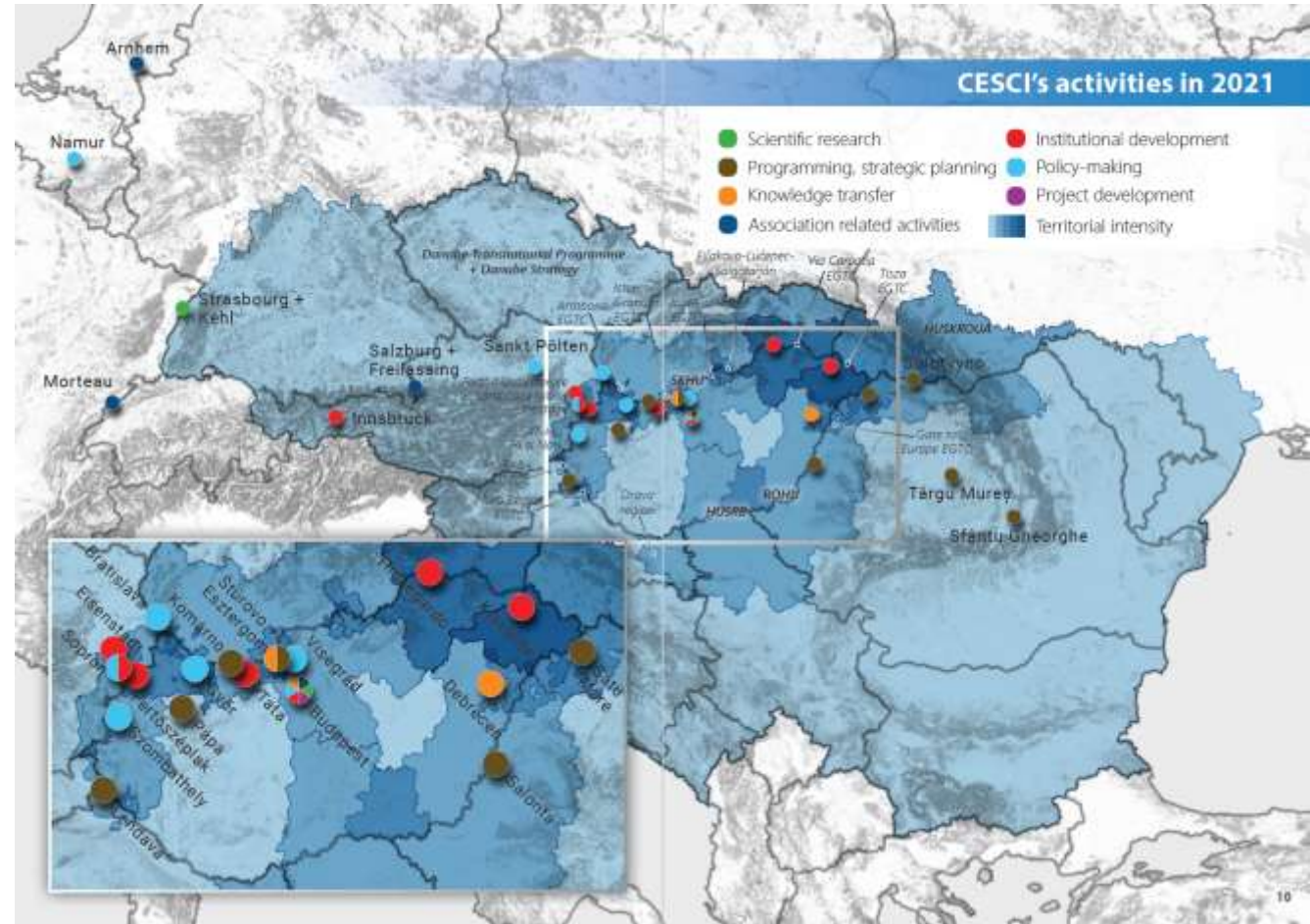
Strategic  
planning

Project  
development

Institutional  
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Knowledge  
transfer

Policy-  
making







### Project partners

- Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (HU) – LP
- Association of European Border Regions (DE)
- Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia (IT)
- Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives Balkans (SR)



### Time frames

1st January – 31st December 2018

### Budget

82.402 € in total / 70.000 € DSPF support

### Overall objective

To strengthen the **cohesion of the Danube Region and the Adriatic-Ionian Region** through easing border permeability and mutual understanding of the nations – with a special focus on the Balkans and the next generations.

### Specific objective

To improve **capacities** of current and future cross-border players, and **conditions for networking**.

## Main activities

As part of the project, between 29 and 31 May 2018, the partners organised the 10th Cross-Border Youth Forum in Tivat, Montenegro, which provided an opportunity to further strengthen the Youth Leadership Platform launched by AEBR – for which a guide was also prepared

Cross-Border Youth Forum



Platform

The partners have developed a knowledge platform that includes e-learning curricula, an online library on border studies, a resource map and a collection of best practices, as well as an opportunity to network and keep up to date with organisations in the two neighbouring macro-regions.

### SECCO2 platform

<https://www.secco2.eu/>

# Our expectations for future collaboration

- We are open to all kinds of cooperation and initiative...
  - with cross-border relevance and/or
  - with Central European geographic scope.
- We can offer to you...
  - our analytical knowledge in the Central European space,
  - access to our Central European professional network,
  - our GIS-knowledge, capacities and commitment.



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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# Summary

## Questions and Answers





# Thank you for your participation!

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