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YESDGs Hackathon 2025 – Youth in Action!

Youth Empowerment Takes Centre Stage at Upcoming Hackathon in Potenza, Italy

This June, Potenza will host an exciting Hackathon that brings together a diverse group of young people, youth workers, and project managers from Portugal, Lithuania, Italy, Greece, Belgium, and Ireland.

A Hackathon is when people come together to develop collaborative solutions to a shared challenge – and this one focuses on real change.

The Hackathon in Potenza will focus on addressing critical issues such as climate change and global inequality which will align with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participants will have the chance to unleash their creativity and brainstorm innovative, real-world solutions that can make a tangible difference.



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Youth Voices: Why They're Attending

Voices of Change: Meet the Participants

Nikos Nikolaou-Siafoggianis
Youth Worker, Greece



"I'm truly excited to be one of the five people going to the YESDGs Hackathon in Potenza. As someone who cares deeply about the environment, I see this as a unique chance to join other young change makers from across Europe and co-create real solutions for a more sustainable future. I believe that the Hackathon won't just be about sharing ideas, but it will be about turning them into action. I'm looking forward to collaborating, learning, and contributing to the writing of a powerful manifesto that highlights the voice of youth on climate change and the SDGs. Together, we can show that young people are ready to lead the way toward a greener and fairer world."



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Ana Beatriz Mota
Youth Worker, Portugal



Anna is a youth worker and her interests include Reading, going to the gym, going to the cinema, going on walks, scouting

"As a scout, we talk a lot about the SDGs, and what we can do on our day to day life, to achieve them. I want to attend this training so that I can analyse this challenge from another perspective.

Listen to the perspectives of participants from other countries, promoting the acquisition of new tools and/or tips from me to implement, so that I get to be more sustainable and proactive in this matter."



"My volunteer experience helped me understand more about social and environmental problems. I think that is a good chance to grow and share ideas with other young people who care about making difference.

I hope to gain new awareness and inspiration to my future projects and I would like to connect with other participants. Sharing and being open to news ideas is always the right way to grow and understand ourselves better."

Clelia Spera



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Eglė Naureckytė
Project Manager, Lithuania



"The upcoming Hackathon represents a unique opportunity for young people, especially those who need the most support, to express their voices, learn, and gain new experiences. It's a space where ideas meet action, empowering participants to explore crucial topics like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Together, we are building not only skills but also a stronger, more resilient community ready to face the challenges of tomorrow."



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"I am looking forward to taking part in the Hackathon as I believe the SDGs are a vital mechanism to tackle major issues like poverty, inequality and climate change.

I have participated in an Erasmus project previously and have seen first-hand the brilliant work that can be done when we come together & collaborate. And also, the fun and energy we can bring while still helping to make a difference."

Eimear O'Doherty



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Giorgia Barazzoni
Youth Worker & Project
Manager, Italy



“As a youth worker and project manager, I see the YESDGS Hackathon as a space for intercultural dialogue and collaborative knowledge-making around the SDGs. Engaging with peers from diverse contexts allows us to explore how global goals take shape locally, through lived experiences and community practices. I’m motivated by the chance to contribute with a critical, inclusive perspective, grounded in sustainability, social justice and relational care.”

“I hope to deepen my understanding of how the SDGs are interpreted and practiced across different cultural and social realities. By working with other youth and youth workers, I aim to co-create meaningful, context-aware solutions, and strengthen my capacity to facilitate inclusive, intercultural learning processes. I also look forward to building new connections and expanding my perspective through shared experience.”

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The Youth Manifesto & What's Next

The Youth Manifesto for Climate Action

An important key feature of the Hackathon will be the development of a Young People's Manifesto. This manifesto aims to capture the voices and aspirations of young people regarding climate action and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, exploring how they can be used to create a more equitable future for all. The manifesto will be shared at Multiplier Events in all the partner countries.

If you're interested in taking part in one of these events, keep an eye on our partner's news channels for highlights and updates!

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