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Coming!

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The graphic features a central path of black diagonal lines leading from the bottom left towards the top right. Along this path, there are various icons: a globe, a peace symbol, a bicycle, a person, a lightbulb, a speech bubble, a bee, a rainbow, a cloud, a gear, and a group of people. To the right of the path, there is a large, colorful mosaic of small squares in shades of blue, purple, pink, and yellow. At the bottom left, a group of diverse people is walking. The overall theme is youth, innovation, and global connectivity.



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# YOUTH COMING!

FOSTERING YOUNG PEOPLE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND PRO-  
ACTIVISM THROUGH THE ART OF COMICS & DRAWING

**Project number:** 2019-1-IT03-KA105-015713

**Project date:** from 18-05-2019 to 18-01-2020

**Mobility date:** from **15-10-2019** to **22-10-2019**

**Mobility venue:** **BOLOGNA - IT**

*Dear mobility participant,*

*If you received this infopack you are one of the lucky participants who will participate to the Youth Exchange that will take place in Emilia Romagna (Italy) from 15/10/2019 to 22/10/2019*

*So, in order to spice up your curiosity, we will give some information about our Region in general, the venue place of the activity and what the project is about, so you can prepare yourself for an intense and exciting week!*

*If you have any questions, suggestions, problems or proposals, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. Looking forward to meet you soon,*

PASSI Team



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# ABOUT US

Passi Società Cooperativa is a company founded in December 2012 in Bologna, by a group of women under 35s who decided to combine their skills in Project Management, Fundraising & Campaign and their personal and professional experiences in the associative environment in order to achieve own project ideas and support youth organizations, profit organizations and non-profit organizations, in Italy and abroad, in the realization of projects and / or development programs.

We believe in a reality in which all individuals can be aware of their own dignity, in which they have the same opportunity to define their own standards of life and feel free to plan a future made up of opportunities and self-determination.



We work to help communities develop **a positive and constructive force** that allows people to boost their creativity, assert their reasons, negotiate their needs and pursue the fulfillment of their desires. To pursue this

mission, we decided to use a participatory approach that can promote **sustainable change, connect** people and countries and increase synergies between profit and non-profit in achieving shared objectives.

From the beginning we decided to pay particular attention to the **youth world**, considering it a driving force, a dynamic, flexible resource, full of creativity, an element on which it is now essential to invest if you want to generate sustainable change. We aim to make young people more confident in their **power to influence decision-making processes** and increasingly responsible for community life, first of all enhancing the characteristics of a cooperative social interaction that respects rights and duties, to be exercised in the daily lives of their lives ( in contexts such as the family, educational centers, associations, peer groups) and, in the long run, in the opportunities for political participation offered by the institutional framework of the European Union.





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## THE STAFF

The staff involved in the project has gained proven experience in managing European and international projects in the YOUTH sector.



**MARTA LUPOLETTI**

Marta will be the coordinator referent of the project. She speaks Italian, English and French, and she is a Project Designer and Manager. She is passionate about art and travelling.

**LAURA SANNA**

Europroject Manager, in PASSI Laura is the Erasmus Plus projects coordinator in charge and Administrative manager with proved experience in the management of european projects.



**SALVATORE GIOMMARRESI**

Free-lancer author of comics, illustrator and web graphic designer.

In the Project Salvatore will be responsible of the comics and drawing workshop, also of the graphic production of works that we will use for the project's communication





# Objectives



The **main objectives** of our action are:

- Prevent the marginalization and radicalization of young people themselves.
- Promoting quality improvements in the context of youth socio-educational activity.
- Provide youth workers with skills and methods for their professional development necessary to transfer the fundamental values of our society.
- Improve the level of knowledge and key competences of young people and promote their participation in democratic life in Europe and the labor market, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion and solidarity.
- Improve the international dimension of youth activities.
- Increase the capacity of youth leaders and youth organizations to support young people well being and empowerment.





# Working Methods

The working method used for the partner organization's youth working are all non-formal and informal.



They include:

1. Support and accompanying for the youth formation, listening them and giving them information, support, spaces and opportunities
2. Direct involving of youth in the analysis, definition and implementation of the international exchange projects
3. Promote the participation to social and group actions
4. Use artistic and creative disciplines (theatre, art counselling, music, dance, drawing, comics) to help the youth to express themselves without the limits of traditional communication's way and increase their creativity, positivity and integration.





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# Partners

We chose to create a partnership composed of the organization with which we are working together from some years and others with which we will collaborate for the first time.

## Who are our partners?



**Yasar University** was founded in 2001, and in a short time it's become an ideal site for the research, self-development and the learning.

Across the European Union research Centre the Yasar University become one of the Turkish university most active in the exchanges and in the academic\scholar mobility projects with other European universities and institutions.

**Starry Start of Talents** Foundation started in 2003 in Sofia City Court (Bulgaria). The Foundation help the youth to develop their artistic talents and encourage them to evolve their skills, with the possibility to engage in useful activities. In addition, the Foundation do charity works to assist the young people who need financial support, and other.



**Associated Person (Dyslexic Teen Dialogue)** is a group of youth with Dyslexic profile, started 6 years ago to sensitise the society about dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

Those difficulties could emarginate the youth from society and the labour market, because there aren't resources and spaces to give them the opportunity to develop their potential and abilities.



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**Asociación Mundus - A mundo a tus pies** is located in Badalona (Barcellona). It was founded by people who are passionate by cultural exchanges and mobility, to promote a more inclusive and egalitarian society with the lifelong learning process.



**Seiklejate Vennaskond** is a youth civil society organization, where there are adventurous and pro-active people. They work with youth, young operators, trainers and teachers and the organization which operate in the non-formal education and lifelong learning.



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## About the project

The protagonists of **YOUTH COMING!** are 24 youth workers (aged 20-35) from Malta, Turkey, Bulgaria, Estonia, Spain and Italy (4 for each country group, on average 3 female and 1 male).



Many European youth workers show difficulties in involving and activating young people at risk of social exclusion or segregation in the initiatives and training activities dedicated to them. These difficulties are a source of stress and frustration because they affect the effectiveness and performance of their engagement with and for the young people they work with every day. This condition reflects equally negatively on the young people themselves, who do not benefit from the full potential of the work of youth leaders to increase their level of integration and participation in social life.



**YOUTH COMING!** is a project aimed at strengthening the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values of youth workers on the social inclusion of young people and on the recognition and promotion of the value of diversity; in particular, our project with youth leaders aims to strengthen their skills in achieving this goal with young people



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at risk of social exclusion or marginalization with which they operate and / or that gravitate in their community and that they would like to involve and make more participating.

We know, in fact, that there is a great number of young Europeans who risk remaining on the margins of society and not developing fully as individuals and as European citizens. Our intervention aims to create a facilitated discussion spree between participating youth workers to share information, data, best practices and knowledge on the social inclusion of young people between operators partner organizations and their countries; it also intends to increase the skills of youth leaders through the acquisition of effective, informal and "youth friendly" techniques and methodologies.



With this aim, we will organize a comic book and street art workshop, held by a cartoonist trainer and illustration artist and web graphic designer, to provide youth workers with effective and creative tools to

engage and communicate with young people in their organization and community. We have chosen the art of comics as main methodology for the workshop that we will organize because it's popular, creative and contemporary and because it's able to relate the imaginary (desires and aspirations) and tell the present (reality made of diversity), thus stimulating young people to reflect and to communicate their needs, visions and potentials.



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The themes and contents of the training course on social inclusion are structured around the relation between self-expression and self-involvement, a goal that is well linked to the choice of partnership to use in particular the art of comics and street art.



The activity program was structured by YOUTH COMING! partners in the co-definition phase of the project; the main lines of intervention of the proposed action can be summarized as follows:

- ✚ create and offer facilitated discussion spaces among participants to share information, data, best practices and knowledge on the social inclusion of young people and the diversity between partner organizations and their countries, through sharing of the best practices of each organization, debates with topic proposed by facilitator, group reflections and methods and experiences comparison with experts in inclusion strategies and social-welfare sector operators.
- ✚ we have decided to schedule a part of the program to meet special speakers, expert actors working with and for social inclusion at different levels, who will talk and discuss with the participants their experiences and considerations on the topic (eg visit at ONG organizations of Bologna);
- ✚ we will organize a comics and street art workshop, held by a young cartoonist, illustrator and web graphic designer, to provide youth workers with effective and creative tools to engage and communicate with young people in their organization and community, especially those harder to reach and involve, in risk of poverty, social exclusion and marginalization. In the final phase of the workshop, participants will create a murales and also graphic products to publish and share on social media, to raise and increase awareness of the value of diversity and social inclusion of young people.



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# Our Rules

## Our Rules

To have a good time together we invite all the participant to follow all the rules.

- 🚫 No drugs
- 🚫 No alcohol drinks during activities
- 🚫 Attendance to project activity programme is mandatory
- 🚫 Respect of the places and spaces that will host the project
- 🚫 Respect of each other
- 🚫 To be on time
- 🚫 The project will be held in English language. The participants should have at least basic understanding of this language.

We believe that it's important that all participants feel **responsible** for their behaviour and for the success of the exchange. For this reason, we ask each participant of each group to give a **50,00€** deposit to confirm his or her participation. The deposit will be returned at the end of the exchange, or held in case of damage to properties/space or non respect of the activity program and/or budget.



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## HOW TO GET THERE

Arrival is the **15-10-2019** - Departure is the **22-10-2019**

**FLIGHT:** from your town to Bologna Airport

From Bologna Airport go to Bologna Railway Station: you can use the public bus service Bologna Airport. As the Municipality is planning works for this service, some changes can be done, we will keep you update about it.

Bologna Railway Station, more info about bus service at <http://aerobus.bo.it/en>

From 7 am to 9:30 pm, a bus runs between the airport and the railway station every 11 minutes. One way lasts, more or less, 20 minutes. One-way ticket from/to the Airport is around € 6.00.

Tickets can be purchased on the website,

from the automatic machines in the airport, and in Bologna at the Central Railway



Station (at Aerobus departure point) or at **TPER** ticket offices. A ticket is valid for a single trip on Aerobus from/to the airport, and must be validated upon boarding.

Note that the organizers will not provide any additional accommodation outside the dates of the exchange! If you wish to travel on other

dates than the exchange date, please first take contact with the organizers! You also may like to fly to Milano, Bergamo, Firenze or Venezia: we'll be glad to suggest you the best solution!



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Please **REMEMBER TO KEEP ALL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, TICKETS, RECEIPTS AND BOARDING PASS**: at the arrival each Group Leader should collect all participant's aforementioned documents and give them to us.



**We don't pay back the taxi's cost!**

## What to bring

In order to everybody have a really good time, we would like you to bring some things which we believe are important for the participation of all participants and for the success of the Youth Exchange. **You can carry a 8 kg cabin bag and a small handbag**

- 🌸 a **typical food** (typical sweets or snacks...) of your Country for the “intercultural evening”;
- 🌸 cameras or **smartphone** or other equipment making life and work easier;
- 🌸 some cool songs or dance or games from your country;
- 🌸 be ready to share information about **your country** (books, brochures, stories, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, music, etc.) and in particular info about **social inclusion** topic (politics, projects, interventions, statistics...);
- 🌸 information about the organization you come from (brochures, PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.);
- 🌸 comfortable clothes;
- 🌸 **bath towels** and -if you need- your hairdryer
- 🌸 endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!



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## MOBILITY VENUE

### Eremo di Ronzano

Via Gaibola, 18 - 40136 Bologna (BO)

The place is located on a hill, surrounded by forest of oak, chestnut, cupressus and olive trees. There is a beautiful panorama toward the city and hills around. Originally, it used to be a hermitage of religious nuns in the 12th century. In 1265, the property passed to the order of Maria Vergine Gloriosa (Knights of Our Lady), so called "Fрати Gaudenti" - two of them, Loderigo and Catalano got famous thanks to Dante's Divina Commedia. In 1475, the complex was bought by Dominican order who carried out big construction works and commissioned precious frescos made by Bologna's painting school inside of the church San Vincenzo at the beginning of the 16th century. Now, it belongs to the order of Servi di Maria that has transformed the structure into the spiritual centre.



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