

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS: Youth Exchange “Routes and Roots: Reimagining Spaces of Movement”



Registration form [HERE](#) - DEADLINE for applications: 27th September

We're looking for **Italian, Albanian, French and Belgian participants** for the youth exchange **Reimagining Spaces of Movement** that will take place from the **15th to the 23rd of November 2025** in the beautiful space called Spazio Sociale Zei, located in Lecce.

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### Activity Dates

1. Online meeting organized on October/November 2025
2. In person Youth Exchange in Lecce: 15th - 23rd November 2025

### Venue

Spazio Sociale Zei, Lecce, Italy

### About the coordination Organization

[Servizio Civile Internazionale](#) (SCI Italia) is the Italian branch of [Service Civil International](#) network, an international voluntary movement that is present in more than 80 countries around the world.

It's been promoting international volunteering projects for 100 years on the themes of peace and disarmament, conscientious objection, human rights, and international solidarity, sustainable lifestyles, social inclusion and active citizenship.

It is based in Rome and it is supported by several regional and local groups of activists. The regional and the local groups support the work of the National Secretariat by dealing with training and the promotion of volunteering in various Italian regions.

### Hosting Organization

[Spazio Sociale Zei](#) is a community-based cultural hub located in Lecce, serving as a point of reference — locally and beyond — for individuals and associations committed to sharing spaces, knowledge, and practices. For over 15 years, Zei has promoted free expression, cultural

dissemination, social support, and cooperation through a wide range of initiatives rooted in contemporary social, political, anthropological, artistic, and cultural issues.

The space fosters collaboration and cross-pollination among diverse groups, helping to nurture a strong sense of civic engagement and associative spirit. It actively supports grassroots organizations and individuals without a physical base, offering its premises free of charge for meetings, events, and shared projects. Among its key achievements is the creation of a community library, built through donations and project contributions, which provides access to a unique collection of texts — including countercultural and underground works — with a focus on philosophy, politics, anthropology, music, and art.

Zeï also collaborates with institutions and networks at both national and international levels, building long-term partnerships that reinforce its role as an inclusive and dynamic social space.

## About the project

**Reimagining Spaces of Movement** is a youth exchange that will bring together 20 participants from Italy, Belgium, Albania, and France to critically and creatively explore how European border regimes impact the lives of people on the move.

In a time when migration is profoundly shaping our societies, this exchange offers young people a space to reflect on migration from their own perspectives. Together, they will examine the causes and consequences of migration, share personal and collective stories of movement and resilience, and explore strategies to foster solidarity, inclusion, and intercultural dialogue.

Through workshops, artistic expression, and collaborative activities, participants will develop practical, creative, and critical thinking skills. The program is designed to empower them to reflect deeply, act locally, and engage as active citizens in their communities.

By offering a platform for emerging young activists and artists, *Reimagining Spaces of Movement* supports the growth of a new generation equipped to engage with the challenges and possibilities of migration and mobility in Europe.

## Context

In recent years, we have witnessed an intensifying transformation in how European borders are managed and how spaces of migration are designed. The EU's approach to migration management has increasingly relied on a network of detention and processing facilities that treat human movement as a logistical problem to be solved rather than a fundamental right to be protected.

The week-long workshop will be an opportunity to critically and creatively examine these spaces of containment, specifically looking at the buildings that temporarily house people on the move. Using case studies from the local area, as well as perspectives from the participants' own countries, the group will work together to reimagine how these spaces of confinement would look if they were built as spaces of care and hospitality rather than confinement.

## Main Objectives

A group of 20 young people from Italy, Belgium, France and Albania will participate in a collaborative program designed to critically and creatively explore how European border regimes impact the lives of people on the move.

1. Understanding migration dynamics and their social impact
2. Sharing personal and community stories of/on migration and solidarity

3. Fighting misinformation and prejudice through peer education
4. Promoting inclusion, tolerance, and youth activism
5. Enhancing intercultural understanding and cooperation

### Project Activities

Participants will explore various aspects of media communication through interactive workshops and hands-on activities. Key activities include:

- Introduction to European border regimes and mobility control
- Conversations with local organizations and activists about methods of resistance and support
- Field visit to the former Regina Pacis facility in San Foca to explore assonances and dissonances between past and present migration infrastructure
- Art workshop for the co-creation of prints, artworks, posters and tapestries that creatively address the themes, objects and narratives developed during the workshop
- Public exhibition and presentation of outcomes including an exhibition

### Requirements

The ideal participant:

- Aged between 18 and 25 (some participants between 26 and 30 are allowed in special cases)
- Motivated and committed to following the project from start to finish
- Interested in migration, European border regimes and how art can be used as a vehicle for social change
- Able to communicate in English (the working language of the exchange)
- Positive, proactive, and open-minded
- A migratory background or first hand experience of working with migrants
- Respectful of diverse lifestyles (shared basic accommodation)
- A strong team player, willing to contribute to community living
- Resident in one of the participating countries: Italy, Albania, Belgium, France.

### Economic conditions

This project is granted by Erasmus+, meaning that all the essential costs of the activities are covered: accommodation, food, travel costs up to a maximum amount per country,.

Maximum travel reimbursement:

Organization	Country	Max amount reimbursed
Servizio Civile Internazionale	Italy	No green travel: 211 € 285 € green travel
SCI Belgium	Belgium	No green travel: 309 € Green travel: 417 €
SCI France	France	No green travel: 309 € Green travel: 417 €
PVN Albania	Albania	No green travel: 211 € Green travel: 285 €

## How to apply

If you are interested in the position as group leader for this Youth Exchange, please fill out [THIS FORM](#) by **28th September 2025**. For any questions or doubts, you can write to [coordinamento@sci-italia.it](mailto:coordinamento@sci-italia.it)