

## CALL FOR PARTNERS

### Multilateral - Youth Exchange

**Climate Chain: empowering young people for environmental sustainability**

**May 06th - 15th 2026 (travel days included)**

**Riposto, Catania, Sicily, Italy**

**(IT + 3EU partners)**

**Open to: EU member states and third countries associated to the programme**

As part of its Erasmus+ accreditation, InformaGiovani is organising a youth exchange to promote environmental education and climate action. Called **“Climate Chain: Empowering Young People for Environmental Sustainability”**, it will take place in Riposto, Catania, Italy, in May.

Climate change is no longer a distant threat, it is a present and tangible reality to which society has become accustomed. Although young people today are more aware than ever of the climate crisis, they often struggle to understand how their daily choices relating to fashion, food, transport and digital technology impact the environment.

It is not always obvious that these habits impact not only the environment, but also the lives and rights of people in faraway parts of the world. The production of low-cost clothing, the extraction of raw materials for digital devices and the management of electronic waste show that the consequences of our choices mainly affect the most vulnerable communities. Therefore, climate change is also a matter of global equity and responsibility, as well as the environment.

Youth activism is one of the most powerful drivers of social change. Through creativity, critical thinking, and collective action, young people are able to develop new ways to raise awareness, influence public opinion, and promote more sustainable lifestyles. Their ability to experiment with alternative languages, artistic expressions, and participatory methods makes their contribution particularly valuable when addressing complex and sensitive, but often redundant, issues such as climate change.

The youth exchange **“Climate Chain: empowering young people for environmental sustainability”** responds to the need to empower young people as active citizens and promoters of change. By combining intercultural learning, reflection on individual and collective responsibilities, and exploration of creative approaches to activism, the exchange aims to strengthen participants' awareness of their role in building a sustainable future. At the same time, it provides them with the tools to communicate climate issues in an engaging and meaningful way that can reach their peers and local communities.

This project is in line with the **European Youth Goal #10 - Sustainable Green Europe** which aims to achieve a society in which all young people are environmentally active, educated and able to make a difference in their everyday lives.

The youth exchange will address the following objectives:

- To raise awareness and knowledge among young participants about environmental issues and the link between everyday actions, environmental impact, and social justice, with a specific focus on topics such as fast fashion, digital consumption, transportation, and lifestyles.



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- Bring together young people from different countries to share their experiences, discuss common challenges, and collaborate on environmental projects, thus contributing to the creation of a sustainable and fair future.
- Inspire young people to become active agents of change by involving them in the creation of environmental campaigns, local initiatives, and movements that can contribute to long-term sustainability goals.
- Experiment with and enhance young people's creative skills in activism through innovative languages, artistic approaches, and social guerrilla techniques to communicate effectively and engagingly on climate issues.

**Date:** May, From 6<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Place:** Riposto, (Catania), Sicily, Italy

**Group Composition:** 1 leader + 5 participants (2 out of which facing fewer opportunities)

**Target group:** young people aged 18-25 years old

**Leader age and profile:** 25+ with experiences in working with young people, leading group and activities using NFE

**Countries involved:** (4 including Italy) Open to: EU member states and third countries associated to the programme

**Condition:** Food and Accommodation are provided by the host organization

**Travel costs:** Based on E+ distance calculator

**Insurance:** Participants and leaders are insured against illness, accident, third party liability and death. European participants must bring their European Health Card.

**Methodology:** Non formal Education, role playing, game, reflections, simulations, work in groups, etc.

APV online for leaders: (exact date will be agreed among involved leaders/partners)

**Important:** As this project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, participation is free of charge. Therefore, no fee can be charged to participants or leaders.

## COORDINATING ORGANISATION

The Associazione InformaGiovani (IG) was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting human and civil rights, especially for young people facing or at risk of facing social obstacles. Since 2009, it has been the coordinating body of an international network of various non-profit organisations, recognised and supported by the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme.

The association has four main fields of action and intervention:

- Promoting and encouraging access to information and the correct use of media and digital tools;
- Training young people and adults in non-formal education tools and techniques;
- Local and international volunteering as a tool for social intervention and active citizenship training;
- Supporting the participation of young people with fewer opportunities

The association is accredited by the Italian Youth Agency for the implementation of activities under the EU programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps, and is a training body recognised by the National Order of Journalists. It is part of the Italian Eurodesk network, for which it manages a centre in the city of Palermo, in collaboration with the Municipality and the Regional Authority for the Right to Study. It is also a partner of the Alliance of Voluntary Service Organisations.

## ACCOMMODATION **(Please read this section carefully)**

The place that will host us is called Agriturismo dell'Etna and is located in Riposto in the province of Catania. It is managed by a family dedicated to agriculture since 1950. Initially, they cultivated vineyards and citrus groves, and

more recently, they have grown fruit and vegetables. The surrounding area is home to a variety of trees and plants, including olive trees, red mulberries, pomegranates, pears, lemons, oranges and avocados. And, of course, there is the magnificent view of Mount Etna. You can have a look at the website <https://agrietna.com/>. There is a soccer field (and a swimming pool which is open only between June-Sept). Food will be organized by the host. It is NOT possible to cook.

We will be 25 people, leaders included. The whole group will be accommodated in double, triple, quadruple 5-beds rooms, which are equipped with double or single beds, toilet, wifi. **Please note that each room has a double bed, so some participants will therefore need to share a bed with people of the same gender. Please make sure that participants are informed about this situation BEFORE applying.**

Rooms will be allocated according to gender, and in the event of an uneven number, we will organise mixed-gender rooms with the agreement of the participants and leaders.

**IMPORTANT.** Among daily tasks, participants will have to clean and tidy up their rooms everyday and the common space, organised in shift; contributing for creating media production for visibility; and other tasks.



## ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND PARTICIPANTS' CONTRIBUTION

**All the activities will be implemented using indoor and outdoor spaces**

Working hours are around 6-7 per day and all leaders and participants are required to take an active role in all activities and in the daily tasks.

Participants and leaders are expected to take responsibility for the preparation and implementation of



workshops, games and activities, and to participate actively throughout the duration of the YE (including daily tasks, media tasks, making videos/photos for promotion, etc.).

Participants and leaders are expected to be prepared for basic living conditions and the atmosphere of community living. They should also be ready to engage positively in finding solutions to any inconveniences. :)

**TAKE NOTE!** Even though Riposto is not far from the venue, it will not be possible to reach the city every day, so we expect participants and leaders to agree to spend their free time at the venue organising group activities and games.

## HOW TO APPLY

**DEADLINE:** Interested organisations have to apply by filling in the form below as soon as possible and no later than **15.02.2026**.

The selection process is based on previous experience of regularly working with young people on topics such as environmental education and climate action. It also assesses interest in disseminating results at a local level.

[LINK TO THE APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERESTED ORGANISATION](#)

For further information please contact **Giorgia** at [erasmus@informa-giovani.net](mailto:erasmus@informa-giovani.net)

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	06.05	07.05	08.05	09.05	10.05
9:30 12:30		<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Energizer</b>
		Get to Know Agenda, expectations, contributions	Intercultural learning: Cultures and multiculturalism	Ripple effect	Meeting local activists
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
16:00 19:00	Arrivi	Team Building	Stereotypes and Prejudices	Food, Transport ,Fast Fashion Digital	Mid-term evaluation
	Arrivi	Stay together: Set our own open and safe space			Free
			Meeting among leaders & group		Meeting among leaders & group
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
After-dinner	Welcome evening	Games	Intercultural evening	Europe day	Intercultural evening
	11.05	12.05	13.05	14.05	15.05
9:30 12:30	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	<b>Energizer</b>	
	Legal Frame in the EU EU youth goals Green Creaner Debate	Creative Activism: Guerrilla approaches in social campaigns	Preparing the event working in groups	Erasmus+/ESC opportunities	Departures
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
16:00 19:00	Sustainable Future, Collective responsibility	Social guerrilla in practice	Preparing the event working in groups	Final evaluation	
				YouthPass	
			Meeting among leaders & group		
20:00	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
After-dinner	Intercultural evening	Intercultural evening	Free	Farewell party	



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