



*Quest in Sicily,
April, 2023*



Youth Training 'Quest in Sicily', Italy 18-24 April, 2023

What is 'BeActive'

BeActive is a project, funded by Erasmus + program, implemented in Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, and Portugal by 4 NGOs – Project Partners. It will motivate and empower 60 other youth to undertake 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM campaign events, engage 240 youth and institutions locally, and 200 supporters online to act together with policy-makers on regional issues with a European dimension (Sustainable Green Europe, Equality and Inclusion, as part of the European Youth Goals).

Who are the Partners

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What is 'Quest in Sicily'

'Quest in Sicily', Italy, is a youth training to exchange ideas and empower ourselves to be more active change agents in our communities. It will be held in **Calatafimi Segesta**, in the province of **Trapani**, Sicily, which is part of the archaeological site included in the **Segesta Archaeological Park (itinerario)**. **Preliminary dates for the training: 18-24 April, 2023.**

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What Kind of Training

What is the training about?

16 young people from Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, accompanied by trainers from these countries, will participate in a training program to enhance their key competencies and skills for organizing youth activities. The training agenda features exciting activities such as 'Digital Storytelling,' 'Survivor' in the Bosco Angimbe Forest, 'Cultural Detectives' in Palermo, and 'The Incredible Journey of Plants' in the Botanical Garden of Sicily, one of Europe's largest.

During the training, the participants will:

- Learn about and accept 'The Bill of Rights of the Nation of Plants' by Stefano Mancuso
- Develop new skills and competencies through the 'Bosco Angimbe Survivor' – experiential learning activity
- Improve their intercultural competence and tolerance by being 'Cultural detectives' in Palermo
- Develop an understanding of biodiversity, sustainability and cultural issues as EU values through the interactive learning games: 'The Incredible Journey of Plants' in the Botanical Garden' in Palermo.
- Develop knowledge, skills and attitudes to be the Change Agents in our communities' civil life
- Support other youths to take action and campaign for green, diversified and digital rural communities;
- Create and perform a mini workshop on one of the project topics and create digital stories.

Delivery Style of the Training

'Learning by experience' – learning from experiencing different activities and putting them into practice;

'Learning to play, playing to learn' – connected with learning through games, from actions and playful environment: 'Cultural Detectives in Palermo',

'Learning through Nature' – learning sensitive and challenging topics while practising environmentally-friendly behaviour: 'Survivor' in the Bosco Angimbe Forest and 'The Incredible Journey of Plants' in the Botanical Garden of Sicily

What Comes after the Training?

Local workshops

After the participants go back to their places of residence, they have to organize and perform a mini workshop for their peers on one of the project topics. They will use the project publications and resources to spread the word.

Local campaigns

The 16 trained youths, together with 60 other peers from their countries, will launch 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM national campaigns. In total, in the four participating countries, the campaigns aim to engage 240 youth and institutions locally, and 200 supporters online, by inspiring them to address local challenges with a European perspective (such as Sustainable Green Europe, Equality and Inclusion, which are part of the European Youth Goals).

Digital stories

The campaign participants will tell their stories digitally, by publishing them on the project platform <https://paralel-silistra.net/active/>. We will disseminate these online narratives nationally and internationally via social media and direct communication with European organizations.

Selection Criteria

Who Can Attend:

- Between 19-29 years old;
- Interested in the topics of **BeActive – Active Youth for Green, Diversified and Digital Rural Communities**;
- Exchange ideas and practices about actions or campaigns that have led to changes;
- Ready to participate in an intercultural environment and challenge ourselves in working on a high-intensity programme full of practical assignments;
- Resident of Spain, Italy, Bulgaria and Portugal and able to work and communicate in English.

Financial Costs

The grant from Erasmus+ covers 100% accommodation, food and program materials, 100% of travel costs (only the most economical), up to the maximum expenses of 300EURO: For travelling reimbursement, it is mandatory to keep e-tickets, boarding passes, and invoices. **Once the flight tickets are bought by the organisers, the selected participants should cover the full cost in case they don't come.**

- Fill out the evaluation forms;
- Present all the travelling documents.

Selection Process Schedule

- 15.02.2023 - Publication of information online (in the social media) and off-line (if applicable)
- 20.02.2023 – Online meeting for Q&A session. All applicants can attend. (link in the publication)
- 21.02.2023 – Deadline for applicants
- 22.02.2023 – Selection of participants
- 23.02. – 2.03.2023 – Individual and/or group meetings with selected participants on travel and training issues

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What is Expected from the Selected Applicant?

1. Preliminary Online Assignment

Each selected participant should read the PREPARATORY READING PACK on linguistic and intercultural competencies, environmental awareness, and Sicily culture. The PACK offers some SAFETY ISSUES to be considered by the applicants. The partners' youth trainers will act as group leaders and assist the selected participants in obtaining the following insurance: - travel insurance; - a European Health Insurance Card.

2. Youth exchange (YE) /

Participate actively and fully in the intensive programme in Sicily 18-24.04.2023. Agenda will be provided in March 2023.

3. National actions

Together with the national coordinators and trainers, each selected participant should perform peer-to-peer workshops and use the established WIKI network, the platform and the toolkit. All together these young people will organise 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM campaign events in the four countries and reach out to 180 (45 per country) incl. but not limited to marginalised youths. At the same time, via the WIKI network and the uploaded digital personal stories, they will have to expand the campaign so that 220 young people are exposed to the campaign slogans online. These young people, coming from different walks of life, will be exposed to the project concept and will be encouraged to be more active locally, get included in communal initiatives, develop EU citizens' awareness and become visible through telling their personal stories digitally.

4. Evaluate training experience

Each participant in the training will receive an online evaluation form and give anonymous feedback to the organisers. They will share their follow-up activities and testimonials.