

# A4: GET INVOLVED

Newsletter

# I AM A LEADER TOO!

Discover Europe Inclusion Action



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# What is Youth on Board?

YOUTH ON BOARD is a youth-driven non-profit organization focusing on youth development and empowerment through philanthropy. We organize events to demonstrate community impact and encourage giving back. Our offerings include Youth Exchanges and Training Courses under the Erasmus+ program, providing unique opportunities for young people and youth workers to enhance skills, collaborate internationally, and engage in various activities.

## We aim to:



Encourage youth to actively join non-formal education programs.



Cultivate youth engagement in activism and community endeavors.



Advocate participation in European initiatives and programs.



Assist in self-improvement through cultural exploration and travel.



Develop leadership, teamwork, and communication abilities.





## Read about A4: Get Involved

Embark on an extraordinary journey with the "And I Am A Leader Too!" project, where our team ventured on a week-long trip around Europe. Supported by Erasmus+ and the Discover Europe Inclusion Action, this initiative falls under the European Programs for Youth, focusing on enhancing the soft skills, social adeptness, and self-confidence of young individuals through unique learning opportunities. Set sail, aspiring young leaders!



### Through this action:

Our objective is to empower young people facing challenges by equipping them with leadership and interpersonal skills, showcasing European models of work and inclusivity, improving access to European programs, and fostering networking opportunities on national and international scales.

Our aim is to motivate young individuals to take part in activism, personal growth, and European ventures by offering avenues for non-formal education, leadership development, and the cultivation of a shared sense of community and European identity.



Through the “And I Am a Leader Too!” project, 15 youngsters have already traveled across Europe by train, meeting new people and cultures while developing their soft and leadership skills. In the final phase, A4: Get Involved, we provided the same opportunity to 5 more motivated youth!

## Travel Route:

*Memories*



📍 Skopje, MKD

📍 Novi Sad, Serbia

📍 Budapest, Hungary

📍 Munich, Germany

📍 Maribor, Slovenia

🕒 02/08/'24

Departure!



The Skopje Bus station served as the gathering place for our group. It was where they met for the first time and embarked on the journey to Novi Sad. During the trip, the leader organized different games to help the group members get acquainted, break the ice, and share stories.

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# Novi Sad



The first group activity was "Immerse Yourself". Participants engaged in different imaginary scenarios and had to solve problems based on their assigned roles. This allowed them to gain insight into each other's thought processes in various situations and to uncover their own decision-making skills.

In Novi Sad, participants expressed their project expectations by creating videos where they shared their thoughts, anticipated project outcomes, and learning goals. Their brief stay in Novi Sad marked the start of a seven-day journey as they prepared to board the next train to Budapest.





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# Budapest



Budapest was one of the highlights for our group. After a long travel day, changing 4 different trains, they finally arrived. They quickly took on the night exploring around the Ferris Wheel and enjoying the summer weather.

The next day, the group explored the city, visiting landmarks like the Parliament, Shoes on the Danube, Buda Castle, and Fisherman's Bastion. They participated in the "What's Important?" simulation activity, discovering youth programs, engaging in discussions, and learning about educational opportunities. Guided by their leader, this experience deepened their understanding of available opportunities and enhanced their communication and critical thinking skills.

Ending the day with a reflection session and sharing experiences was the perfect conclusion to their Budapest journey as they headed to bed ready to catch the next train to Munich.





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# Munich



In Munich, the project entered its final phase, focusing on key European initiatives like soft skills development, inclusivity, diversity, environmental issues, renewable energy, and youth engagement in democracy. The group participated in the "Youth Activism" activity at the scenic Englisher Park, where they connected with young people from various countries, exchanged contacts, and formed new friendships.



The next day, the team explored Munich, visiting Marienplatz and experiencing the local culture, cuisine, and traditions. They focused on developing the soft skill of setting and pursuing personal goals. Through the activity "Setting a Goal!", they outlined future goals, created actionable plans, and expressed the emotional significance of their objectives.



Their journey in Munich came to an end with a delightful traditional German dinner. Afterwards, they retired for the night, getting ready for their final trip to Maribor.



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## Maribor



Maribor was the final stop and despite challenges like delayed trains and missed stops, the group used their travel time to reflect on the cities they visited and learn about youth development initiatives. They collaborated to create a local youth development idea, bringing their Erasmus+ journey full circle by exploring opportunities, sharing experiences, and generating new concepts with others.



The group arrived in Maribor late at night, quickly settled in, and ventured out to explore. They connected with students from across Europe, exchanging contacts and information. The next morning, they enjoyed a Slovenian breakfast, took a stroll through the city center, and boarded their final train to Zagreb. From there, they returned to Macedonia, enriched by their European journey.





# Key Takeaways



The main highlights of the final A4: Get Involved action revolve around three key areas:

**Personal development:** Participants gained insights into their reactions in various situations, enhanced their confidence, focused on future plans, and learned about their functioning in diverse settings while embracing essential European values.



**Soft skills & leadership development:** Through project activities, participants honed their communication, research, quick-thinking, rationalization, and public speaking skills. They also worked on their leadership skills by actively contributing, planning, and offering suggestions.

**Understanding Erasmus+ opportunities:** The action successfully educated participants about the numerous opportunities available through the Erasmus+ program, inspiring them to engage and participate.



# Testimonials

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Through this journey, I developed my leadership skills and gained confidence in guiding others.

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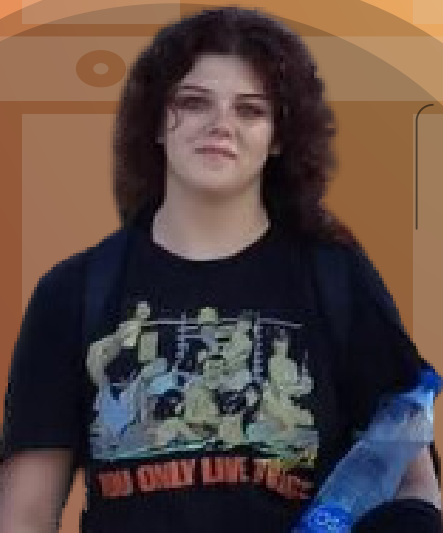


I met incredible new people and formed lasting connections across Europe.

Exploring different cultures and places was a transformative experience that broadened my horizons.



I discovered new cultures and learned so much from the diversity of experiences we encountered.



This project helped me hone my soft skills, making me more adaptable and effective in various situations.



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