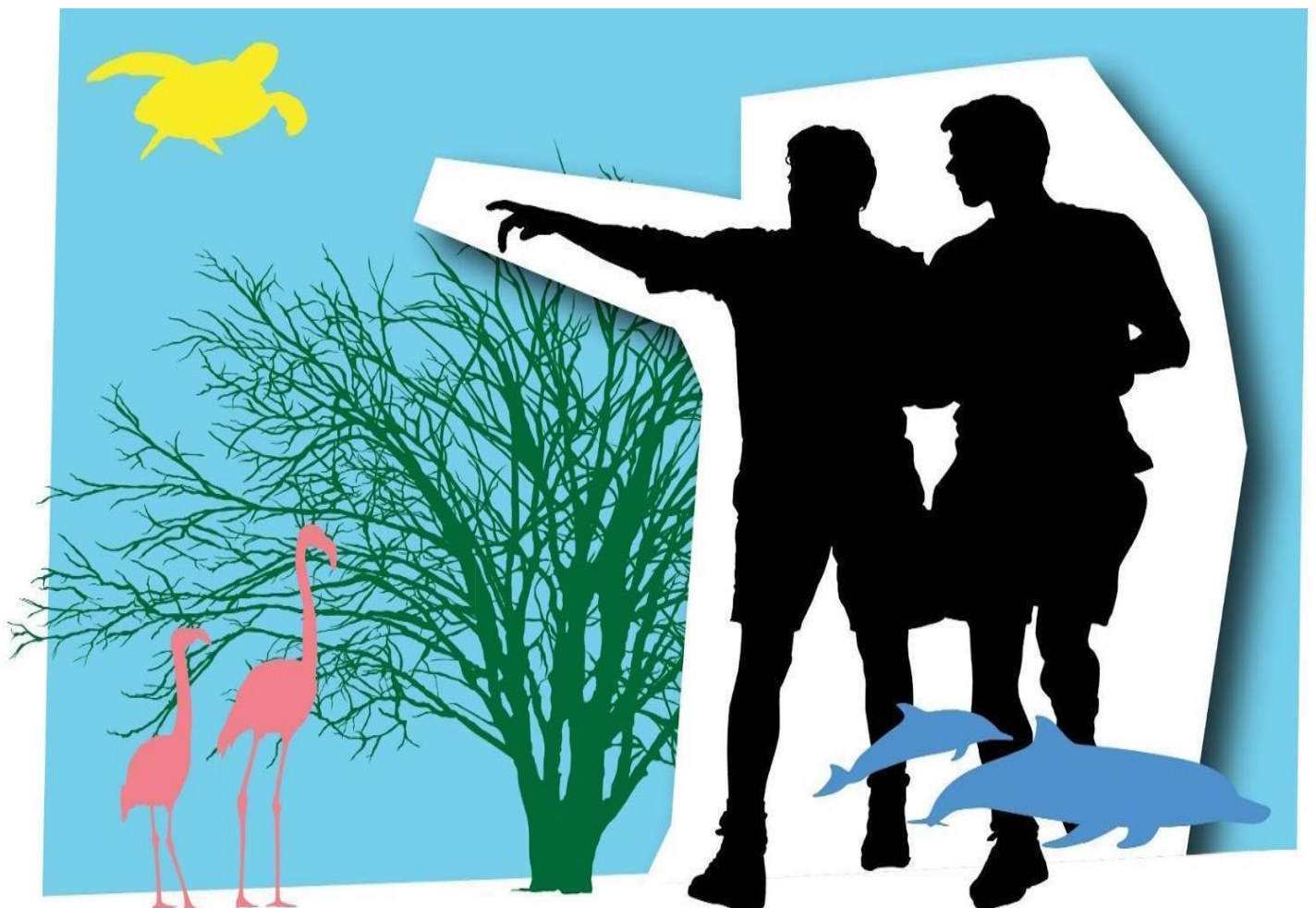




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In the context of the project titled

“YOU.th RO.und TRIP. for climate action”

(Acronym: YOUROTRIP)

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Support for Policy Reform - European Youth Together

between

the **Local Youth Council of [Country]**

Represented by _____

and

the partner organization

Based in _____

Represented by _____



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and the Cooperation Partner

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PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) supports the cooperation of the contractual partners, hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties”, and it shall enter into force on the date on which the last party signs.

The parties agree that climate change presents worldwide challenges and risks to environment and economies, impacting human health, increasing extreme weather events, threatening natural resources and triggering forced migration of population. Impacts from climate change are already inevitable due to the greenhouse gas emissions already resident in the atmosphere.

The Parties are aware that international efforts are necessary to ensure protection of humankind and our planet, and to limit the increase in global average temperature to below 2°C.

The Parties bearing in mind that strong local, national and global partnership for sustainable development at all levels are required to achieve this. In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States express their commitment to protect the planet from degradation and take urgent action on climate change¹.

In the mutual interest of the Parties to stop global warming and to strengthen the cooperation between local youth as “leaders of tomorrow”, local communities, stakeholders and policy makers, and as a contribution to increase national cooperation the Parties enter into this following **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**. Based on principles of equality and reciprocity, this MoU serves as a basis for cooperation and partnership between all parties.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Local Youth Councils (LYC) are initiated within the framework of the Erasmus+ Project “YOU.th RO.und TRIP. For climate action” and will be implemented by 9 partner organizations in 8 European countries:

- Austria
- Denmark
- France
- Greece
- Portugal
- Romania
- Spain
- United Kingdom.

LYCs aspire to foster youth participation in democratic procedures of decision making through discussions and participation on the high priority topic of climate change.

1.2. Through seven youth exchanges, of which 6 hosted internationally and one hosted nationally by each partner organisation, with 28 participants each, young people from the above mentioned countries will get trained in political engagement and will establish a LYC in order to transfer youth voice, in the form of policy papers, to decision makers of all levels and thus,

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=197>

promote climate action. The 8 LYC together form the International Climate Youth Council and thus a strong international network committed to climate protection.

- 1.3. Additionally youth workers of each country will get trained to support the national LYC nationally and on the youth exchange activities.
- 1.4. In each youth exchange, the international youth-team participating one week full of participatory activities and debates, will draw together policy recommendations, which will be presented to national and European level policy makers.
- 1.5. To ensure the sustainability of their activities and future initiatives, also beyond the project period, a stable local network of key stakeholders, local communities, policy makers and the LYC will be created. The local network and the LYC aim to support each other in taking measures for tackling climate change and strengthening youth voice, in a longer term.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. The goal of this MoU is to promote national partnership and understanding by implementing national activities, initiatives and projects focusing on measures to combat climate change.
- 2.2. With this agreement, the parties express their intention to take joint action to combat climate change, to support each other in the implementation of project-mobilities focusing on climate-protection and to enter into a sustainable and democratic partnership in the framework of the Erasmus+ project "YOUROTRIP" and beyond.

3. INTENDED AREAS OF COOPERATION

3.1. Local Youth Council and local stakeholders

A local youth council will be established, where the participants of the youth exchanges and other members recruited at networking- and information events will participate.

3.1.1. To ensure the sustainability of the Local Youth Council for the future, local networks are created between local communities and key stakeholders, policy makers and the local youth. Local Stakeholders involved can be sustainable SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises), Universities and Schools, NGOs and CSOs (Non-Governmental Organisations and Civil Society Organisations), as well as Local and Regional Authorities and Communities, People of social interest and Media.

3.1.2. The objective of the cooperation and communication between the parties is to support actions to combat climate change together, to consider youth needs and their vision of a sustainable future and to discuss possible solutions to contemporary global problems.

3.1.3. For this reason, networking events will take place inviting and involving the local communities, local policy makers, key stakeholder and the local youth council.

3.2. International youth exchanges and development of policy recommendations

Young people of eight different countries will take part in six international youth exchanges and will host one youth exchange. In every exchange activity three young people and one supervisor from each country will take part. At the end of each youth exchange, they will be responsible to draw policy recommendations for climate protection measures. At the end of the project, a delegation of youth and partner representatives will visit the European Institutions to present the policy recommendations produced. Participation in consultations with politicians of local and European level will foster the sense of European identity and inspire youth to take more action towards involvement in political life.

3.2.1. After every youth exchange, a national roundtable will take place, to discuss and adapt the policy recommendations developed during the youth exchanges with the cooperation partners: local policy makers, communities and other key stakeholders. Involved cooperation partners agree in the frame of this MoU to participate and to discuss with the youth their climate demands, to get in touch with their perspectives but also bring in their points of view and add their policy recommendations for climate protection.

Country	Month of implementation of the exchange-mobility & roundtable (due to Covid19 the Time and Country of every exchange can change)
Greece	July 2021
Portugal	August 2021
Denmark	September 2021
Romania	October 2021
France	November 2021
Spain	January 2022
Austria	March 2022

3.2.2. The involved stakeholders are supposed to support the local youth exchange in their best endeavors, in the benefit of fostering their national and international reputation in working with the international youth teams as well as the national LCYs. The involved cooperation partners support the LYC on the one hand by the participation in the national roundtable, which takes place after each youth exchange, in order to discuss and supplement with the youth their climate demands. On the other hand the cooperation partners support the LYC with its online and offline application, as well as with material support, if possible.

3.2.3. In order to make the cooperation visible, advertising materials of the cooperation partners will be made visible at the events, and they will also be listed as cooperation partners on the project's website.

4. EVENTS

4.1. Networking Event & National Roundtable

A networking & Roundtable-event between the international youth-exchange participants, the Local Youth Council and the local stakeholders will take place in the end of every youth-exchange in the hosting country. The event aims to foster communication among youth and policy makers of the local and regional level and to establish a bond between the local and international youth and the local communities and relevant stakeholders in order to build sustainability of youth councils for the future.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. Any specific program, joint activity and sharing of confidential information will be subject to the conclusion of a separate formal agreement, including the necessary budget for the program or activity as the need may arise.

5.2. Each party understands that the cooperative activities envisaged by this MoU will be subject to the negotiation and conclusion of separate formal agreements and according to the availability of funds. This MoU places no financial obligation on either of the partner institutions.

5.3. The parties will designate one responsible each at their institutions who will facilitate and oversee implementation of this MoU. The expansion of cooperative areas and activities is to be further discussed based on the needs and interest of both parties.

6. DISSEMINATION AND MEMBER RECRUITMENT

6.1. All activities will be shared by the parties through social media intensively in order to attract more supporters and new members to the LYC.

6.2. The parties are invited to use the corporate identity of the project in all matters connected to the project. For financing reasons it is necessary to use the logo of the European Union in all project matters. Furthermore, if applicable, the partners are supposed to present flyers and leaflets of the project to promote it.

6.3. Additionally cooperating partners are asked to promote the round tables and assist in the recruitment of youth council members.

7. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

7.1. Either party has the right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months written notice to the other party. Such termination shall not automatically terminate separate formal agreements entered into between the Parties pursuant to Sections 2 and 3. Termination of this Agreement will not affect the completion of any joint activities or programs in progress at the time of termination.

7.2. This MOU may only be amended in writing either by the exchange of letters between the two institutions or by signing an amending agreement. Such amendments, once approved by both parties, will form part of the MOU.

8. LANGUAGE

8.1. This MoU is written in duplicate in English and both parties retain one copy each of the authentic texts.

In agreement with the above terms of participation, the authorized representative hereby affixes signatures.

Signatures

On behalf of the
Local Youth Council of [Country]

[Place]

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On behalf of the
Partner Organization

[Place]

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On behalf of the
Cooperation partner

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