

The background of the entire slide is a close-up photograph of numerous sweet potatoes. They are piled together, showing various shades of orange, red, and brown skin. The texture of the skin appears slightly rough and natural.

CREATE, CONNECT, POTATO

Training Course: 12-18/10/2026

Host organisation: WINetzwerk e.V. (Germany)

Participating countries: Germany, Spain, Malta,
Portugal, Slovakia, Greece

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The mission of **Create, Connect, Potato** is to bring youth workers from different backgrounds together to create a **safe, playful, and practice-oriented space** where creativity is treated as a **core competence** in youth work.

We respond to a growing need for engaging, inclusive methods that help young people **step out of passive consumption** and into **expression, participation, and problem-solving**. Through experiential, arts-based and nature-based learning, participants strengthen their ability to design activities that reach diverse learning styles, support well-being and confidence, and build community.

IN THIS PROJECT WE WILL...

- exchange practical experiences on how creativity is treated in youth work and what barriers youth workers face when trying to innovate;
- strengthen creative confidence through hands-on, cost-effective methods (arts-based, nature-based, mindfulness);
- co-create a safe learning environment where experimentation is encouraged, mistakes are treated as learning;
- produce a shared toolkit of tested methods and activity plans that partners can use locally.

The project aims to provide a supportive space to reflect on creativity as a key youth work competence and to turn that reflection into practical approaches that make youth work more engaging, expressive and accessible.

METHODS & ACTIVITIES

The Training combines a balanced variety of group, pair and individual group non formal education methods to facilitate learning. These can fall under the following categories:

Art based

Different forms of both visual and performing arts will be utilised as methods both in group and individual work to experiment with and observe creative processes and factors that influence them.

Outdoor - Nature based

If the weather allows, we will take advantage of the surrounding nature and explore how connection to nature, experimentation with organic materials and the factor of randomness can influence creativity

Project based - learning by doing

Participants will have the opportunity to share and expand their knowledge and competences, collaborate with each other and co-create practical tools to add to their practice

PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

The project will host **four youth workers from each participating country**. We are looking for participants who:

- Age 18+
- Active youth workers, educators, facilitators, or volunteers in **non-formal education**, motivated to strengthen creativity as a practical competence in their daily work with young people
- Interested in **arts-based, experiential, and participatory methods**, and ready to experiment, reflect, and co-create with others
- Able to **communicate in English** as the working language
- Bring energy, curiosity, and a willingness to participate actively, share practice, and support a safe group process

The project is based on mutual respect, discrimination will not be tolerated.

THE VENUE

All the activities will take place in the **Leipzig Youth Hostel**, there we will be able to enjoy an intimate space for the safe and smooth development of our project.

The house is located in the East part of city of Leipzig, close to beautiful park Mariannen and less than 30 minutes away from the city centre.

You can find more information on the venue's website:

<https://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/leipzig/>



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and food supply will be fully covered by the Erasmus+ Programme. During the Training, youth workers will stay at the Guest House, in rooms according to EU comfort regulations (2-6 people per room). Three meals a day and two coffee-breaks will be provided at the venue.



TRAVEL



Please, be aware of the following **travel expenses limits**:

- Malta- 309€
- Spain - 309€
- Portugal- 395€
- Germany - 285€ (green travel only)
- Greece- 309€
- Slovakia- 309€

Please send your travel plan to the organisers before booking any tickets.

The costs of your travel up to this limit will be reimbursed by bank transfer after the project. We would like to remind you that the flight tickets need to be economy class. You are kindly asked to choose the most ecological way of travel.

Remember to keep all tickets and boarding passes!

TRAVELLING TO LEIPZIG, GERMANY

Time zone: GMT+1

Emergency call number: 112

Nearby airports:

-**Leipzig/Halle Airport** (closest airport to the venue but few international flights)

-**Berlin Brandenburg Airport**, plus train to Leipzig

-**Frankfurt Airport**, plus train to Leipzig

Other airports are also possible due to the good train connections in the country. More ecological ways of travel are encouraged. **Leipzig** train station can easily be reached by train or bus, and from there local transport can take you to the accommodation.

Participants coming from all the partner countries, generally just need their passport or European ID to enter Germany.



PROJECT TIMEFRAME

Arrivals	12th October from 4pm to the venue (dinner at 7pm)
Main activities	13th – 17th October (you are expected to participate in the whole youth exchange)
Departures	18th October (breakfast at 9am)
Extra days	You can travel a maximum of 2 extra days before and after from your hometown.
Confirmation	Don't forget to send the travel plan and wait for the confirmation before buying the tickets.

WHAT TO BRING?

- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC blue card) or other travel/health insurance
- All original travel tickets and boarding passes
- Towel, the accommodation won't provide us (you can rent one in the place if necessary)
- Your personal items (cosmetics, medicines)
Refillable water bottle
(tap water is drinkable)



- Local products from your country for intercultural nights, e.g: snacks/drinks/sweets or games
- Warm clothes! Autumn in Germany can get cold!

PARTNERS

Weltoffenes Interkulturelles Netzwerk e.V. - Leipzig, Germany

Športové dobrodružstvá, o.z. - Slovakia

Ama a Vida - Portugal

GANTALCALÁ LA RIOJA - Spain

Socjeta' Mużikali San Pawl - Malta

Youngsters Union - Greece

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