

YW-MED

Youth Workers Network across
the Mediterranean Sea



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YW-MED SUSTAINABILITY & LONG-TERM IMPACT STRATEGY

*From Project Results to a Lasting
Mediterranean Legacy*

2026 → 2030



Building an **inclusive, connected**
and **empowered** Mediterranean
community of youth workers.

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NETWORK



KNOWLEDGE



INCLUSION



COOPERATION

YW-MED AT A GLANCE



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Building inclusive youth work across the Mediterranean

YW-MED improves the quality of youth work and promotes the inclusion of LGBTQIA+ young people in Erasmus+ youth exchanges in contexts where inclusion and the defence of rights still face challenges.



7 COUNTRIES

Italy, Greece, Spain, Albania, Malta, Jordan, Turkey



24 YOUTH WORKERS

directly involved in research, co-design and capacity building



RESEARCH & SURVEY

National research in 7 countries and a Mediterranean survey with youth organisations



PRACTICAL TOOLS

Guidelines for inclusive youth exchanges and international activities



NETWORK

Mediterranean Youth Workers Network launched through the International Forum



AWARENESS & DISSEMINATION

Public events, media, institutions and community engagement across the region



OUR SHARED VALUES



INCLUSION

Ensuring safe and welcoming spaces for all young people



COOPERATION

Strengthening ties across cultures and borders



RESPECT

Promoting human rights, diversity and dignity



EMPOWERMENT

Supporting youth workers and young people to create change together



SOLIDARITY

Working together for a more just and inclusive Mediterranean



PROJECT PERIOD

01/09/2024 – 31/08/2026



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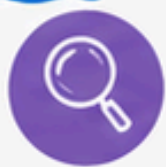
KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED

From evidence to tools, network and impact

Concrete outputs and milestones that build a strong legacy for **inclusive youth work** across the Mediterranean.



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1. RESEARCH



National research carried out in 7 countries on LGBTQIA+ inclusion in youth work.



2. MEDITERRANEAN SURVEY



A sector survey with youth organisations across the Mediterranean to assess needs, challenges and readiness for inclusion.



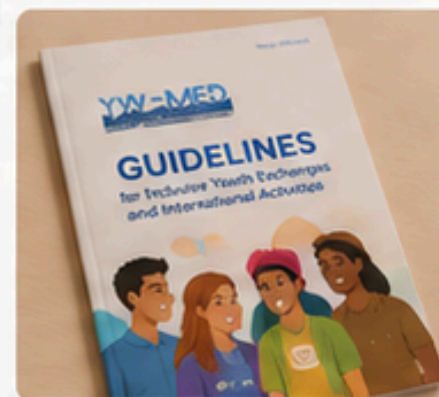
3. CAPACITY BUILDING: 2 WORKSHOPS



Two international participatory workshops (Tirana & Rome) with 24 youth workers using participatory design to co-create solutions.



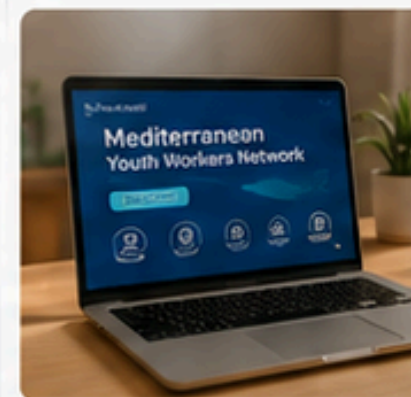
4. PRACTICAL TOOL: GUIDELINES



Co-developed and validated Guidelines for youth workers to design safer, more inclusive and empowering youth exchanges.



5. NETWORK LAUNCHED



The Mediterranean Youth Workers Network officially launched as a space for connection, exchange and cooperation.



6. AWARENESS & DISSEMINATION



Public events, media actions, institutional presentations and community engagement across the region.

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS



7 COUNTRIES
Italy, Greece, Spain,
Albania, Malta,
Jordan, Turkey



24 YOUTH WORKERS
directly involved in research,
co-design and capacity
building



200+ PARTICIPANTS
from 7 countries at the
International Forum



1 MEDITERRANEAN NETWORK
created to keep the
community connected
beyond the project



YW-MED transforms evidence and collaboration into **lasting change** for more inclusive societies across the Mediterranean.



SAFE SPACES



INCLUSION



RESPECT



COOPERATION



SOLIDARITY



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HOW WE WORKED: OUR PARTICIPATORY JOURNEY



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From research to impact: a shared path
built together across the Mediterranean

YW-MED followed a participatory design approach that placed youth workers at the centre of every step – from identifying challenges to co-creating practical solutions.



1. RESEARCH

National research in
7 countries on LGBTQIA+
inclusion in youth work.



7 COUNTRIES



2. SURVEY DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

In Tirana, youth workers
defined indicators and co-created
the Mediterranean survey.



MAY 2025 – TIRANA



3. SURVEY & ANALYSIS

The survey reached youth
organisations across the
Mediterranean to assess
needs and readiness.



EVIDENCE BASE



4. CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP

In Rome, 24 youth workers
co-developed the Guidelines
using evidence, experiences
and good practices.

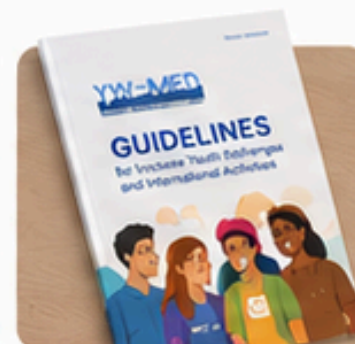


NOV 2025 – ROME



5. GUIDELINES DEVELOPMENT

Co-created and validated
Guidelines for inclusive youth
exchanges and international
activities.

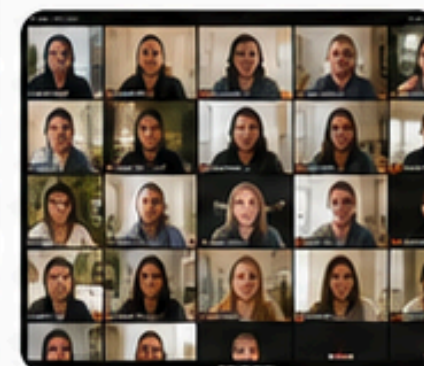


PRACTICAL TOOL



6. NETWORK & INTERNATIONAL FORUM

The Mediterranean Youth
Workers Network launched
with an International Forum
engaging 200+ participants
from 7 countries.



APRIL 2026 – ONLINE

OUR PARTICIPATORY APPROACH



Youth workers as co-creators,
not just participants



Shared responsibility
at every stage



Local realities informing
common solutions



Validation, feedback
and continuous improvement

HUMAN-CENTERED METHODOLOGY



LISTEN



UNDERSTAND



CO-CREATE



ACT

*Together we shape more inclusive
youth work across the Mediterranean.*



Cooperation
without borders



Inclusion
without labels



Safe spaces
for all



Stronger together
for a better future



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OUR LEGACY ASSETS

Solid results. Lasting impact.

YW-MED leaves a portfolio of concrete assets that will continue to **create value** for youth workers and organisations across the Mediterranean.



RESEARCH

National research in 7 countries on LGBTQIA+ inclusion in youth work.



MEDITERRANEAN SURVEY

A sector survey with youth organisations across the Mediterranean.



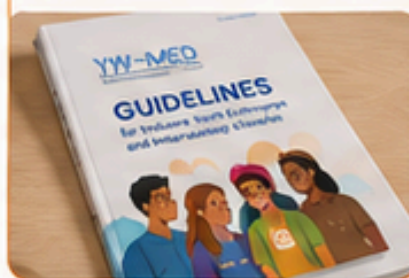
24 YOUTH WORKERS

Directly involved in research, co-design, capacity building and peer learning.



PRACTICAL TOOL: GUIDELINES

Co-created and validated Guidelines for inclusive youth exchanges.



MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH WORKERS NETWORK

A virtual space for connection, exchange, opportunities and cooperation.



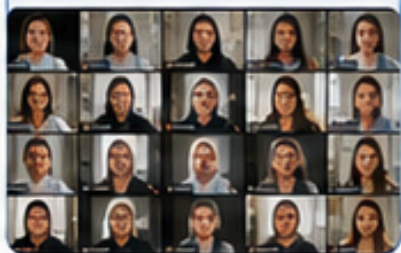
AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN

Content, campaigns and activities to promote inclusion and fight discrimination.



INTERNATIONAL FORUM

Official launch of the Network with 200+ participants from 7 Mediterranean countries.



INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Public events with local and regional institutions, civil society and key stakeholders.



COMMUNICATION ASSETS

Website, social media, materials, videos and the Forum recording.



A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

A growing community beyond the project, ready to collaborate and act.



A NETWORK THAT CONNECTS THE MEDITERRANEAN



7
COUNTRIES



24
YOUTH WORKERS



200+
PARTICIPANTS
at the International Forum



ONE
SHARED VISION
for inclusive youth work



STRONG RESULTS TODAY. LASTING CHANGE TOMORROW.

YW-MED turns research, collaboration and youth engagement into a sustainable legacy for more inclusive societies across the Mediterranean.

SUSTAINABILITY VISION

Our Commitment for 2026–2030

YW-MED will transform project results into a lasting Mediterranean **ecosystem of knowledge, tools and cooperation** for inclusive youth work.



OUR VISION

A connected Mediterranean where every young person can **participate, be respected** and **thrive**, regardless of who they are.

FOUR PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY



KNOWLEDGE SUSTAINABILITY

Keeping research findings and project knowledge available and relevant.



METHODOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

Ensuring continued use of the Guidelines and participatory approaches.



COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

Maintaining and expanding the Mediterranean Youth Workers Network.



INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Embedding inclusive practices in the daily work of organisations and stakeholders.



TOGETHER WE CREATE LASTING CHANGE

Stronger youth work. More inclusion. Better cooperation.
A lasting legacy for future generations.



STRONGER NETWORKS



MORE COOPERATION



MORE INCLUSION



BETTER FUTURE

*Stronger together,
inclusive forever.*



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OUR SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2026-2030



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From today's results to tomorrow's impact

YW-MED will keep its **results alive, in use and growing** through a clear plan built on people, tools, community and cooperation.



OUR GOAL

Ensure that the knowledge, tools and network created by YW-MED continue to **empower youth workers and organisations** across the Mediterranean long after the project ends.

OUR SUSTAINABILITY PATH

01. ACCESSIBLE KNOWLEDGE

We keep research, survey results and materials available and relevant for all youth workers and organisations.



02. TOOLS IN USE

We promote the use of the YW-MED Guidelines in youth exchanges, trainings and other international activities.



03. CONNECTED COMMUNITY

We maintain and expand the Mediterranean Youth Workers Network as a space for exchange, support and opportunities.



04. WIDENING IMPACT

We share our results with new youth workers, organisations, institutions and communities across the Mediterranean.



05. ORGANISATIONAL INTEGRATION

We embed inclusive practices in the daily work of partner organisations and their activities.



06. FUTURE COOPERATION

We use our network and experience to develop new Euro-Mediterranean projects and initiatives.



YW-MED LEGACY
People. Tools.
Network. Impact.



SUSTAINABILITY IS NOT AN AFTERTHOUGHT.
It is how we make our impact last.



OUR ROADMAP 2026-2030



2026

CONSOLIDATE

Keep results accessible, maintain the network, and promote the Guidelines.



2027

EXPAND

Grow the community, reach new organisations and increase the use of our tools.



INTEGRATE

YW-MED practices become part of everyday work in more organisations across the region.



COLLABORATE

New partnerships, exchanges and projects emerge from our shared network.



MULTIPLY IMPACT

A strong, inclusive and sustainable ecosystem of youth work across the Mediterranean.

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER



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Key results and concrete impact

YW-MED has turned collaboration into real results that **empower youth workers** and build a more inclusive Mediterranean.



7

COUNTRIES

involved across
the Mediterranean



24

YOUTH WORKERS

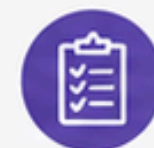
directly involved
in all project phases



200+

PARTICIPANTS

joined the International
Forum from 7 countries



2

INTERNATIONAL
WORKSHOPS

Tirana (May 2025) &
Rome (Nov 2025)



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PRACTICAL TOOL

YW-MED Guidelines for
inclusive youth exchanges



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MEDITERRANEAN
NETWORK

officially launched
on 27 April 2026

RESEARCH

National research on
LGBTQIA+ inclusion
in youth work.



MEDITERRANEAN SURVEY

Sector survey with youth
organisations across the
Mediterranean.



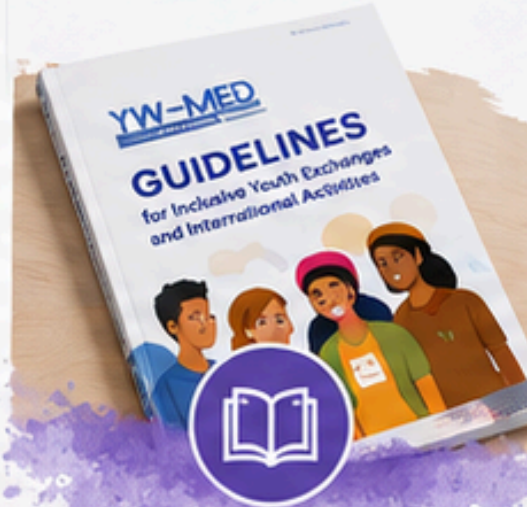
CO-DESIGN WORKSHOPS

Youth workers co-designed
solutions and built practical
methodologies together.



GUIDELINES DEVELOPMENT

Co-created and validated
Guidelines for inclusive
youth exchanges.



AWARENESS & DISSEMINATION

Campaigns, events and content
reached communities, institutions
and the wider public.



NETWORK & FORUM

A Mediterranean Youth
Workers Network launched
with an International Forum
of 200+ participants.



*From ideas to impact.
From the Mediterranean, for the Mediterranean.*



OUR STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABILITY

How we ensure long-term impact

YW-MED builds on **five strategic approaches** to keep our results alive, relevant and growing well beyond the end of the project.



01 PEOPLE FIRST

Empowering youth workers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead inclusive change in their communities.



02 PRACTICAL & ACCESSIBLE

Creating user-friendly tools and Guidelines that are easy to use, adapt and replicate in different contexts.



03 COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS

Strengthening a lively Mediterranean network that connects people, organisations and opportunities.



04 VISIBILITY & ADVOCACY

Raising awareness and promoting inclusive values through campaigns, events and policy engagement.



05 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Listening, learning and adapting together to respond to real needs and emerging challenges.



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STRONGER TOGETHER. SUSTAINABLE FOREVER.

Our strategy is built on collaboration, inclusion and shared responsibility to create a lasting legacy across the Mediterranean.



YOUTH
EMPOWERMENT



INCLUSIVE
SOCIETIES



MEDITERRANEAN
COOPERATION



SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE



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WHO WE WORK WITH

Stronger together for an inclusive Mediterranean

YW-MED brings together a diverse network of organisations and people united by a shared commitment to **youth**, **inclusion** and **cooperation**.

OUR OBJECTIVES WITH AND FOR



YOUTH WORKERS

Strengthening capacities, sharing knowledge and creating peer learning opportunities.



ORGANISATIONS & INSTITUTIONS

Supporting collaboration, innovation and the implementation of inclusive practices.



LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Promoting participation, social cohesion and community-led initiatives.



DECISION-MAKERS & POLICY STAKEHOLDERS

Informing policy with evidence, experiences and the voices of young people.



THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Building bridges across countries and cultures for a more peaceful, just and sustainable future.

OUR TARGET GROUPS



YOUTH WORKERS
AND EDUCATORS



NGOS AND
CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANISATIONS



YOUNG PEOPLE AND
LOCAL COMMUNITIES



POLICY MAKERS AND
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES



TRAINING PROVIDERS
AND ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONS



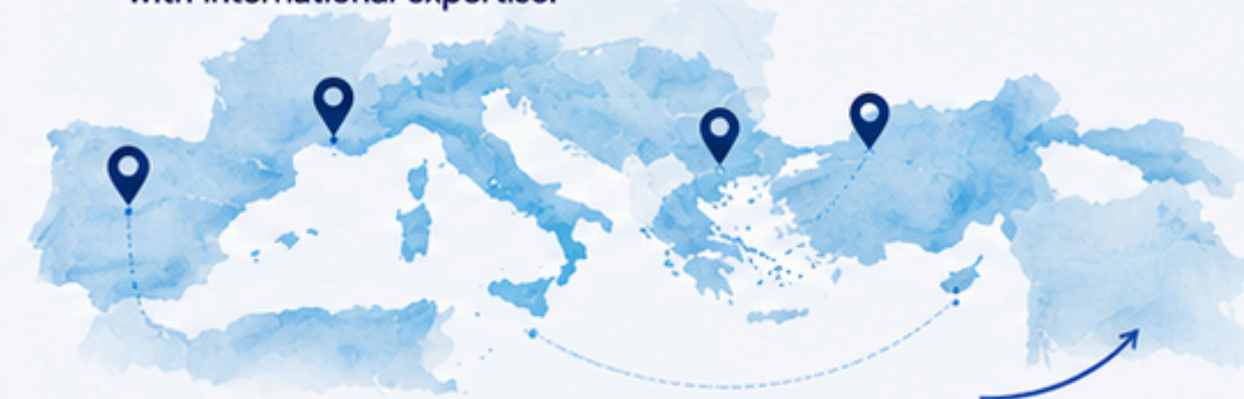
INTERNATIONAL
NETWORKS AND
PROGRAMMES



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A STRONG AND DIVERSE CONSORTIUM

YW-MED is implemented by a consortium of organisations from across the Mediterranean, combining local knowledge with international expertise.



FROM NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST
of the Mediterranean



DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND EXPERTISE
united by common values



ONE GOAL: EMPOWERING YOUTH
and building inclusive societies

Together, we amplify impact.

OUR VALUES GUIDE US



INCLUSION



RESPECT



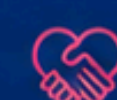
EQUITY



SUSTAINABILITY



INNOVATION



SOLIDARITY



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FROM PROJECT TO LEGACY

Building a lasting impact across the Mediterranean

YW-MED is more than a project. It is a community, a set of practical tools and a shared commitment that will continue to create value long after **31 August 2026**.



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1. PROJECT RESULTS



We produce high-quality, practice-oriented results that respond to real needs of youth workers.

- Guidelines
- Survey & Research
- Workshops & Training
- Network & Community

2. PRACTICAL USE



Youth workers and organisations use the Guidelines and tools in their daily work and activities.

- Training
- Project Design
- Youth Exchanges
- Inclusion & Safeguarding

3. MULTIPLIERS



Trained youth workers become multipliers within their organisations and local communities.

- Sharing Knowledge
- Peer Learning
- Mentoring
- Local Activities

4. NETWORK



The Mediterranean Youth Workers Network remains active, connecting people, organisations and ideas across the region.

- Collaboration
- Exchange Opportunities
- Joint Initiatives
- Stronger Community

5. LONG-TERM IMPACT



Sustainable practices, stronger organisations and empowered young people across a more inclusive Mediterranean.

- Inclusive Societies
- Active Citizenship
- Social Cohesion
- Positive Change

OUR COMMITMENT FOR 2030 AND BEYOND



KEEP THE KNOWLEDGE ACCESSIBLE

We keep all results available and easy to access for everyone.



KEEP THE GUIDELINES IN USE

We promote the use and adaptation of the Guidelines in every context.



KEEP THE COMMUNITY CONNECTED

We nurture the Mediterranean Youth Workers Network and its collaborations.



KEEP THE IMPACT GROWING

We continue to inspire new actions, projects and partnerships that create value for young people.



*The project ends. **The impact continues.***

31 AUGUST 2026



2030 AND BEYOND

Together, we build a more inclusive, empowered and connected Mediterranean.

THANK YOU!

**Stronger together,
more inclusive forever.**

Let's keep the knowledge accessible,
the Guidelines in use, the community connected
and the impact growing across the **Mediterranean**.



PROJECT WEBSITE

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