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You(th) App

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The You(th)App project aims to promote awareness of good practices of working with young people and spread their application, and ultimately support the work of youth workers for the successful development of future leaders among young people. All this through research, innovative policy proposals for youth and approaches for coordinated practices at the national and international level.

Project Coordinator: Zavod Nefiks (SI)

Partners:

Udruga za promicanje kvalitetnog života "Moral Diplomat" (HR);
UDRUGA ZA PROMICANJE I OBLIKOVANJE POZITIVNOG NAČINA
ŽIVOTA "INKUBATOR SREĆE" (HR);
Asociatia Pro Democratia (RO).

Objectives of You(th)App are based on the needs of youth workers in Croatia, Romania and Slovenia:

- to raise the quality of youth work by using alternative methods;
- to strengthen the capacities of young workers in their work without an Internet connection and, consequently, the competence of young people to participate and implement work with young people;
- to strengthen the knowledge and competences of 30 youth workers in European Union;
- to promote the recognition of the profession of youth workers and youth work among target groups.

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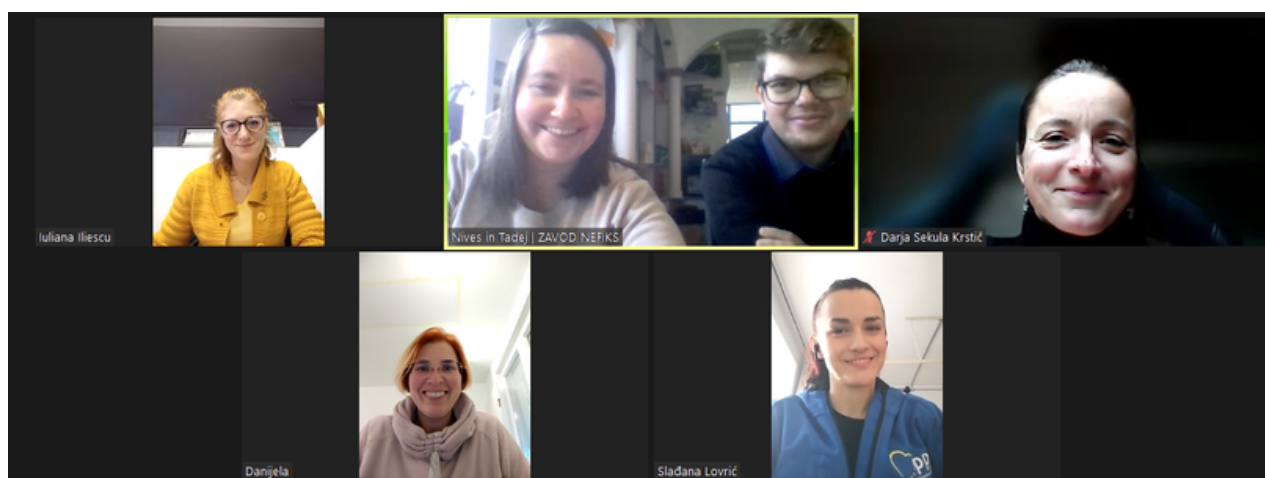




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You(th)App started on January 1, 2023 and will end on September 30, 2024. During the first three months of the project, the partners devoted time to defining the strategy for the implementation of the project and assigning tasks, as well as drafting and starting the implementation of the Communication and Dissemination Strategy (creation of a logo and project accounts on social media channels). As part of the Research WP, the Research Guidelines were developed in March and the desk research started.



“Youth Work is the horizon for the skills of future”

“Towards a European Year of Skills 2023” 🇪🇺 “With the insights of young generations for future generations” 📱

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The initial idea of creating a joint project in the field of youth began in March 2022 in Bucharest during the SALTO training Mentoring under Construction. Representatives of Moral Diplomat, Incubator Sreće and Nefiks met as training participants and took the opportunity to discuss the experience of the earlier application for the Erasmus+ KA220 call submitted by Moral Diplomat, and plan future ones. ”

Desk research for each country continued in April as the first step in the Research WP, followed by online surveys, guided interviews and focus groups. The results were analyzed and documented in national reports in early July. The objectives of the work package will contribute to all project objectives, especially the first three due to: (i) increase in the quality of work with young people using alternative methods, (ii) strengthened capacity of youth workers in their offline work and consequently the competence of young people to participate, and (iii) strengthened knowledge and competences of 30 youth workers.

Asociatia Pro Democratia, Moral Diplomat and Nefiks conducted a comprehensive research of today's practices and trends, and those intended to encourage and structure more effective work with young people (with the future generations of Europe) in Romania, Slovenia and Croatia. The research will serve as a starting point for the development of a new training model and a new offline mobile application.

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A youth worker is someone who encourages young people to grow as individuals, to be active and ambitious in developing and realizing their initiatives in cooperation with others. A youth worker is available to young people for all questions and doubts and regularly mentors several young people with different interests and needs.

At the same time, he/she is involved in various projects, works in a team, so has to manage a whole series of activities and possess a whole range of competencies (general and specific).

The research reports produced different conclusions for Croatia, Romania and Slovenia, but they all invite us as youth advocates to engage more actively, with special emphasis on promoting a clearer framework for defining youth workers (persons who work with young people), recognition and evaluation of their work, their training and finally sustainable financing of the necessary framework.



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