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Project Title: Empowering Youth Spaces: Accessible Digital Tools for an Inclusive Future

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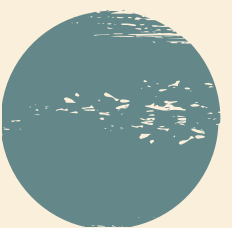
Dates: 24 February – 2 March 2025

(23 February and 3 March are designated travel days)

Location: Smolyan, Bulgaria

Accommodation: Hotel Dikas

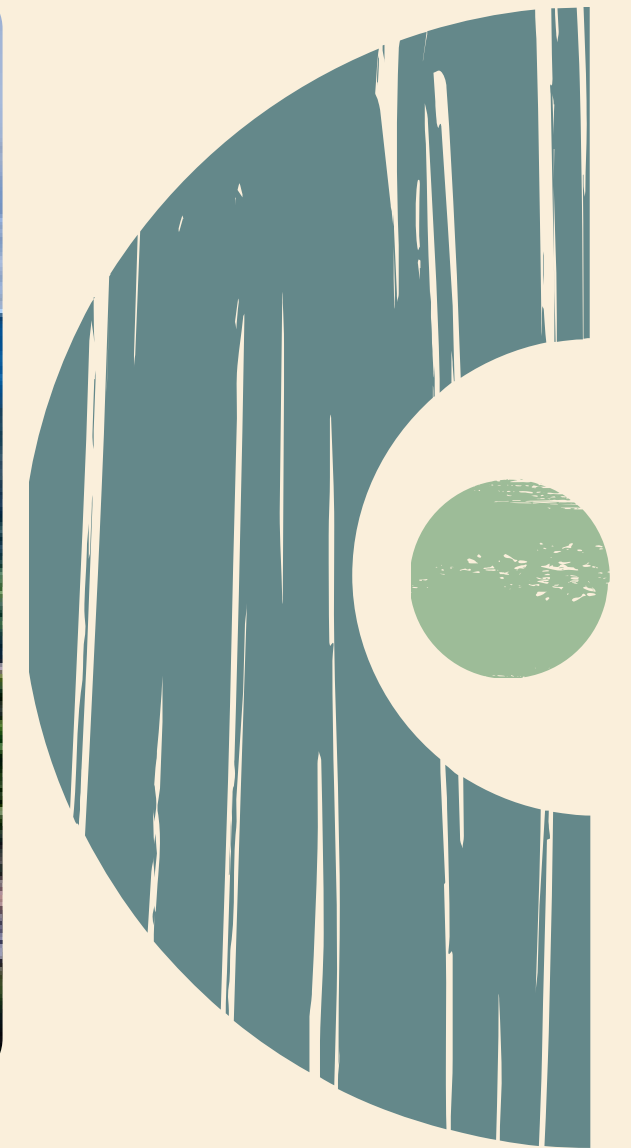
Participants: Youth workers and facilitators from **Bulgaria, Greece, North Macedonia, Croatia, Romania, Spain, and Turkey.**



WELCOME TO SMOLYAN!

We are thrilled to invite you to the "Empowering Youth Spaces: Accessible Digital Tools for an Inclusive Future" training course, a transformative experience aimed at enhancing digital skills and fostering inclusion in youth work. Co-funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme, this 7-day training course is a unique opportunity to learn, collaborate, and grow alongside like-minded individuals from seven different countries.

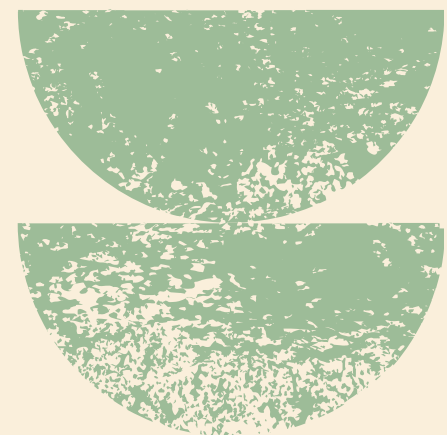
Smolyan, nestled in the heart of the Rhodope Mountains, offers the perfect setting for creativity, connection, and exploration. Prepare for an unforgettable week of skill-building, collaboration, and cultural exchange!



OBJECTIVES

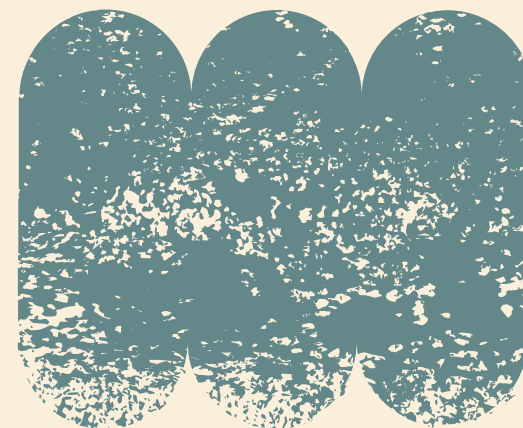
Promote EU Youth Goals

- Build a more inclusive, participatory society by empowering youth workers with digital tools.



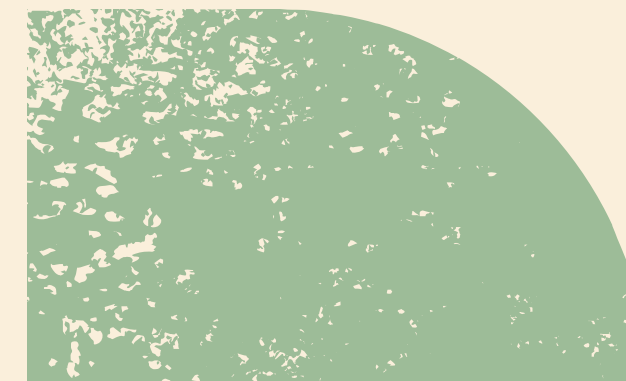
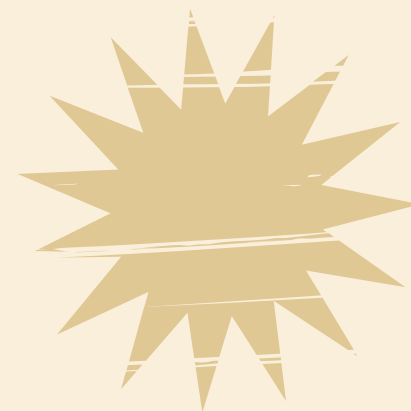
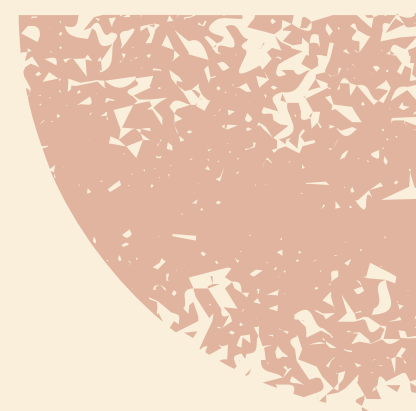
Enhance Digital Literacy:

Equip participants with accessible digital tools for project management, resource sharing, and smarter living.



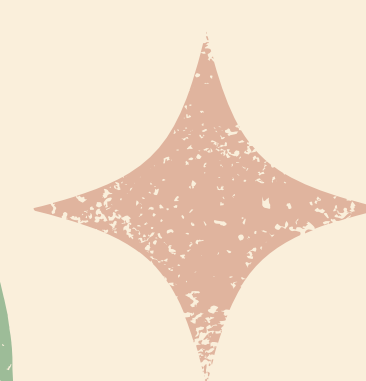
Support Marginalized Communities

- Provide innovative solutions to address the needs of disadvantaged youth.



Encourage Collaboration

Foster networking and knowledge-sharing among participants from diverse backgrounds





KEY ACTIVITIES




Workshops on Digital Tools:

Explore platforms like Google Workspace, Canva, ChatGPT, Microsoft Designer, and project management apps.



Interactive Sessions:

Participate in group activities to improve collaboration, facilitation, and team-building skills.




Security and Digital Safety:

Introduction to apps like Avira for password generation, secure storage, and protecting personal data.



Smartphone Optimization

Learn smarter living techniques, including voice assistants, mobile payments, and event scheduling.



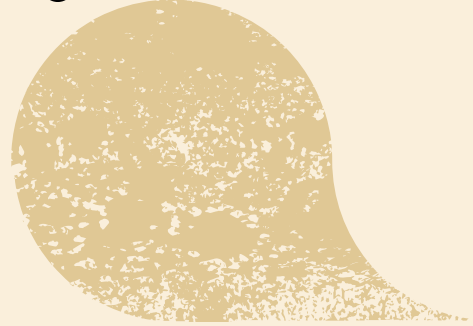

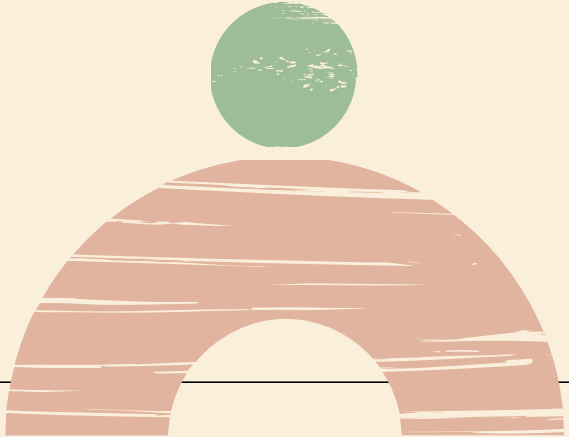
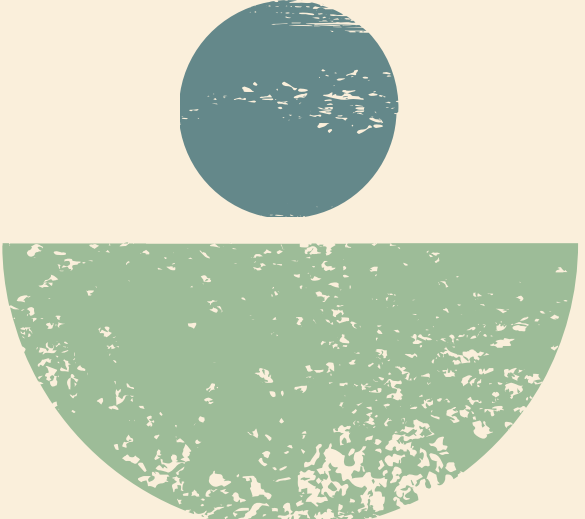
Sustainable Solutions for Youth Spaces:

Develop inclusive strategies to make youth spaces accessible for marginalized communities.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- **Day 1: Welcome, icebreakers, and project introduction.**
 - **Day 2: Workshops on digital tools and hands-on practice.**
 - **Day 3: Collaborative activities and sessions on EU Youth Goals.**
 - **Day 4: Practical training on AI tools and smartphone optimization.**
 - **Day 5: Cultural exchange and sustainable youth space planning.**
 - **Day 6: Final presentations, evaluation, and reflection.**
 - **Day 7: Closing ceremony and farewell.**
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TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Travel Guidelines:

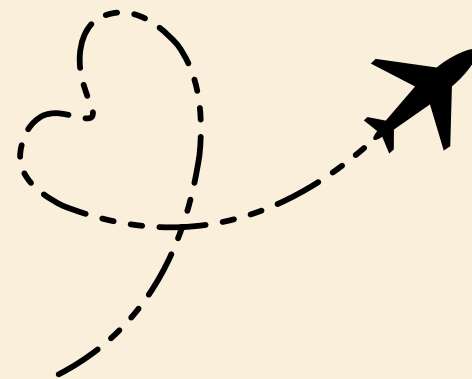
According to the Erasmus+ Programme, participants are entitled to travel reimbursement based on distance bands. Please ensure your travel itinerary aligns with the following:

- **Arrival Date: 23 February 2025**
- **Departure Date: 3 March 2025**
- **Venue Address: Hotel Dikas, Smolyan, Bulgaria**




Travel Guidelines:

- **Nearest Airports:** Sofia Airport (SOF) and Plovdiv Airport (PDV).
- **Transfer to Smolyan:** Shuttle buses and private minibuses could be arranged from Sofia or Plovdiv to Smolyan. Detailed schedules will be provided closer to the event date.



REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement will be provided during the training course, upon submission of the required travel documents (boarding passes, tickets, and invoices). It is important to keep your expenses within the Erasmus+ rules and distance calculation guidelines. The exact reimbursement sums are as follows:

<p>Travel</p> 	<p>Contribution to the travel costs of participants, including trainers, accompanying persons and facilitators, from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return.</p> <p>Below 500 km, participant will, as a general rule, travel with low-emissions means of transport.</p> <p>Financing mechanism: contribution to unit costs.</p> <p>Rule of allocation: based on the travel distance and number of persons.</p> <p>The applicant must indicate the distance between the place of origin and the venue of the activity¹⁶¹ by using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission¹⁶².</p> <p>For itinerant activities, the applicant should add up the distances between individual venues and choose the distance band corresponding to the total.¹⁶³</p>	<p>Travel distance</p>	<p>Green travel</p>	<p>Non-Green travel</p>
	10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR	
	100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR	
	500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR	
	2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR	
	3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR	
	4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR	
	8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR	

Reimbursement will be provided after the project, upon submission of the required travel documents (boarding passes, tickets, and invoices). Travel must comply with Erasmus+ environmental guidelines, encouraging green travel options where possible.

ACCOMMODATION

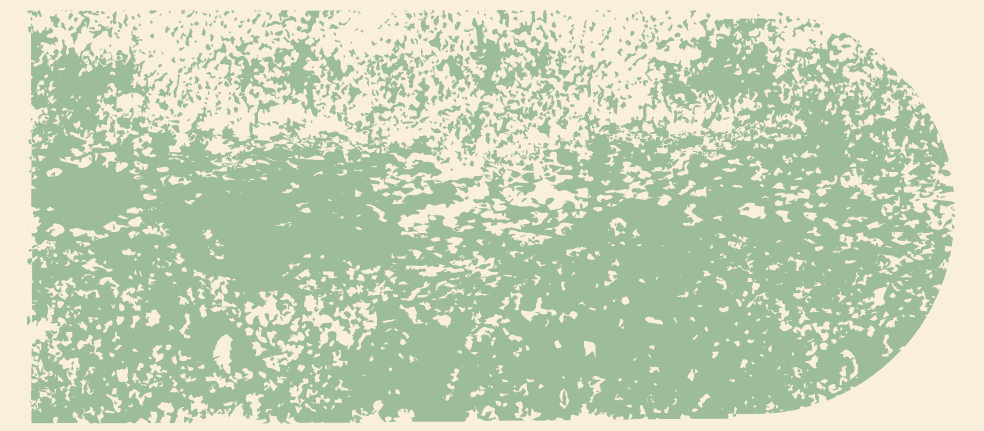
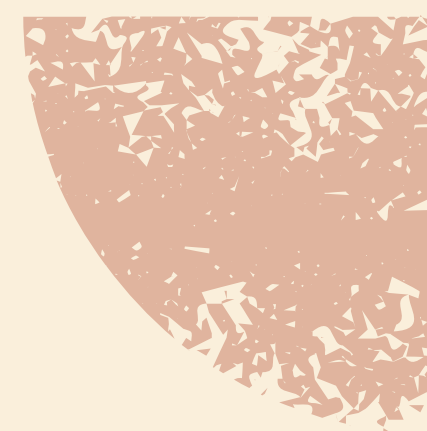
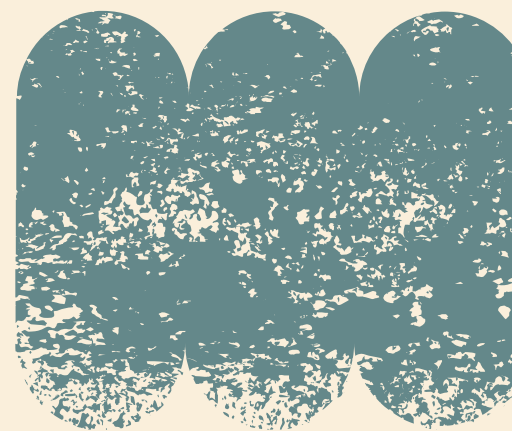


Participants will be accommodated at Hotel Dikas, a comfortable venue offering shared rooms (two to three participants per room) with en-suite bathrooms. Meals, including vegetarian and vegan options, will be provided daily. Please notify us in advance if you have specific dietary requirements or allergies.



WHAT TO BRING

- **Comfortable clothing and shoes for indoor and outdoor activities.**
- **Personal hygiene items and any necessary medications.**
- **Laptops, smartphones, or tablets for digital workshops.**
- **National flags or traditional items for cultural exchange evening.**



Contact Information

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We look forward to welcoming you to
Smolyan for an inspiring and
unforgettable experience! Let's work
together to create accessible digital tools
and inclusive youth spaces that make a
difference! 🌟



Application form

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