

YOUTH AND EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

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WHY ETC'S REPORTS

The European Territorial Cooperation is implemented in our country through 19 operational programs which, in addition to the economic dimension of expenditure, also represent a collective impetus to create networks, understand contexts and develop solutions in a dialogue between States, territories, companies and institutions that represents a heritage that deserves to be known and valued.

From this premise, the idea of the ETC Reports was born: an opportunity to show what is happening within the projects and how this capital of knowledge can be put at the service of our country.

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THE EUROPEAN YEAR OF YOUTH
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2022 is the European Year of Youth. Based on what was proposed by the President of the European Commission in the speech on the State of the Union in September, then approved by Parliament in December last year, 2022 will aim to support a series of initiatives organized around four pillars:

- renew positive perspectives for young people, while highlighting how European goals linked to **green and digital transitions** and other Union policies allow us to draw inspiration from the actions, vision and ideas of young people to continue to strengthen and revitalize the common European project;
- **help young people, especially those with fewer opportunities, from disadvantaged and diverse backgrounds or from vulnerable and marginalized groups**, those from rural, remote, peripheral and less developed regions, and young people from the outermost regions, to acquire knowledge and relevant skills, and thus, to become active and engaged citizens;
- support young people in gaining a **better understanding of the various opportunities made available by public policies** at Union, national, regional and local level, in order to support their personal, social, economic and professional development in a green, digital and inclusive world, while aiming to remove the remaining obstacles;

- **mainstream youth policy into all relevant Union policy areas**, in line with the European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027, in order to encourage a youth perspective at all levels of the Union decision-making process.



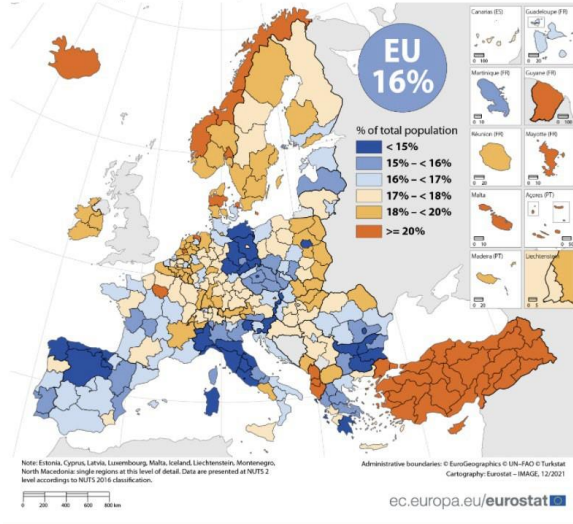
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<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021D2316&from=EN>

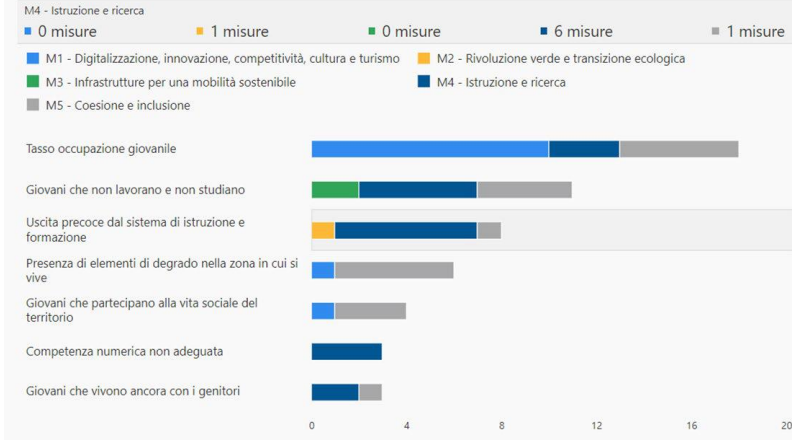
Italy ranks 16th in the EU-28, according to the Global Youth Development Index.

Our country, as also emerges from the data published by Eurostat - <https://www.istat.it/infografiche/giovani-europei/index.html> - is one of the oldest countries in Europe.

Young people aged 15-29 years old, 1 January 2020
(% of total population, NUTS 2)



Numero di misure del Pnrr per i giovani, divise per missione e per indicatore di valutazione



It is also for this reason that, overall, the PNRR foresees an impact of + 3.3% on youth employment and allocates € 21.9 billion to measures with a direct impact on young people: this is a challenge that must be pursued quickly, in the spirit of the European Year of Youth, and which can benefit from the knowledge and enhancement of the experiences in favor of young people financed by the ETC.

(Source: <https://www.openpolis.it/il-potenziale-impatto-del-pnrr-sulle-condizioni-dei-giovani/>)

The EU Youth Strategy provides the framework for collaboration at European level on youth policy in the period 2019-2027 and is based on the **Council Resolution of 26 November 2018**¹. EU-level collaboration will make the most of potential offered by youth policies. It promotes the participation of young people in democratic life, supports their social and civic commitment and aims to ensure that all young people have the necessary resources to take part in the society in which they live.

The objectives are achieved through a dual approach which includes:

- **Specific initiatives for young people**, aimed at young people to encourage non-formal learning, participation, voluntary activities, youth work, mobility and information;
- **Cross-sectoral “integration” initiatives** that ensure that youth-related issues are taken into account in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of policies and actions in other sectors with a significant impact on youth, such as education, employment or health, and well-being.

These approaches include mutual learning activities, planners of future national activities, the EU dialogue with young people, the EU Youth Strategy Platform and evidence-based tools.

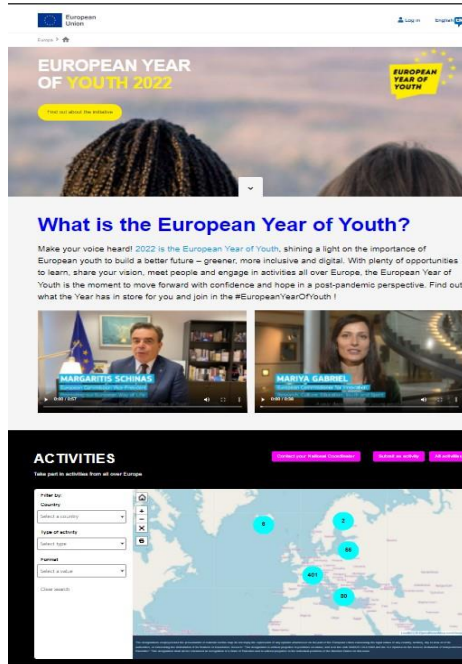


The **EU Youth Strategy**² focuses on three key areas of intervention, summarized in mobilizing, connecting, empowering, promoting their coordinated transversal implementation. During a series of dialogues conducted between 2017 and 2018 that involved young people from all over Europe, 11 European goals for youth were developed, which identify cross-cutting issues that affect the lives of young people and represent challenges.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/SPEECH_21_4701

² <https://europa.eu/youth/strategy-en>

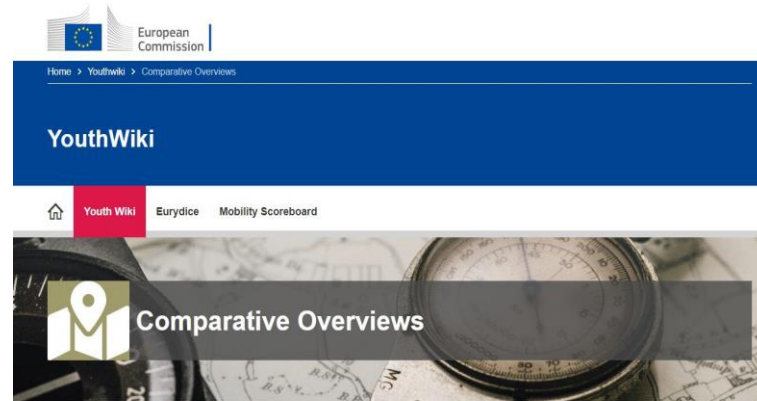
The European Commission has created a dedicated platform to provide support and highlight the various initiatives that will be implemented during the European Year of Youth.



The platform is accessible at the following link [What is the European Year of Youth? | European Youth Portal \(europa.eu\)](https://www.european-council.europa.eu/media/european-year-of-youth-portal)

Another platform of great interest is the Youthwiki platform which allows you to map policies and the effectiveness of policies in favor of youth for different European countries

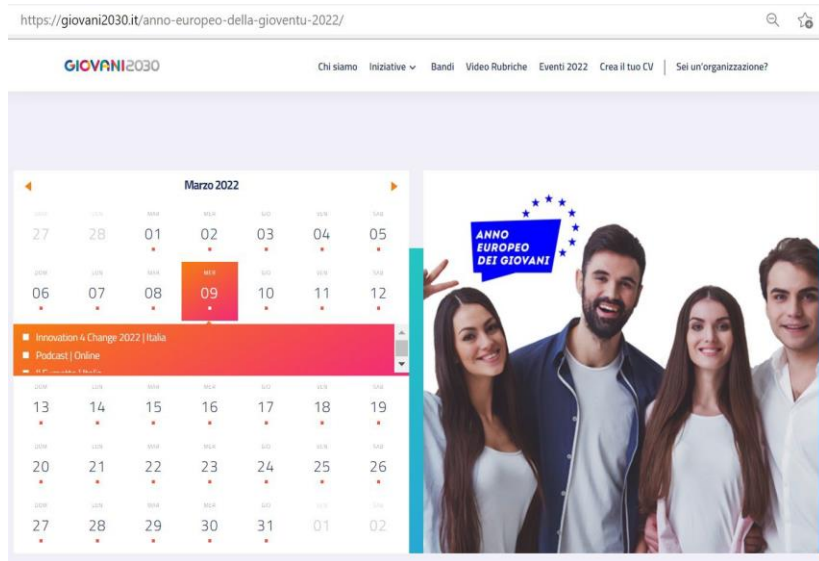
[Comparative Overviews | YouthWiki \(europa.eu\)](https://youthwiki.europa.eu/)



These interactive maps illustrate the main policies and programmes for young people across Europe. Their development is based on the information contained in countries' pages and go with short comparative reviews on the main trends across participating countries. Choose an indicator and year from the menus below then click on a country to go to a detailed description of that country's policies and programmes.

PLATFORMS AND RESOURCES IN EUROPE TO STAY UPDATED

The GIOVANI2030 portal of the Department for Youth Policies and Universal Civil Service offers a section specifically dedicated to the European Year of Youth, where it is possible to consult and promote initiatives throughout the country.



https://giovani2030.it/anno-europeo-della-gioventu-2022/


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ANNO EUROPEO DEI GIOVANI



The National Youth Agency plays a leading role in the implementation of the European Year of Youth and in the implementation of activities in line with the specific objectives identified. As indicated by the European Commission, the National Youth Agency will provide support and advice on the European Youth Year to project beneficiaries and potential users of European programs; it will organize communication and dissemination activities through websites and social channels; it will advertise the events organized through the European Youth Portal and the Youth2030 portal; it will sensitize users to organize initiatives; it will initiate cooperation with the institutional actors involved; it will disseminate the results of the activities.

The National Youth Agency will shortly publish the program of activities at the national level and any useful information for participation.

THE ETC AND THE EUROPEAN
YEAR OF YOUTH: NUMBERS

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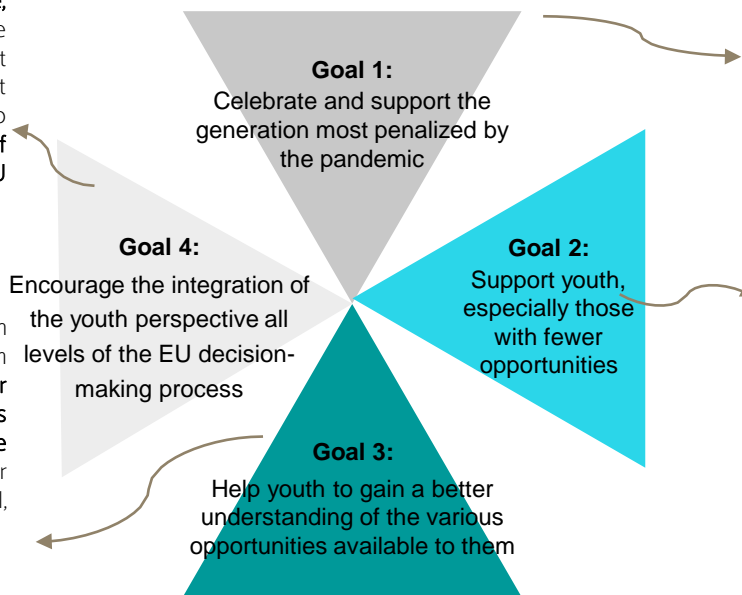
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The Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Year of Youth was adopted on 22 December 2021: the general objective of the European Year is to *intensify the efforts of the Union, the Member States and the regional and local authorities, together with civil society actors, to empower, honor, support and engage with them, including those with fewer opportunities, in a post-COVID-19 perspective in order to achieve a long-term positive impact for youth.*

In particular, the **European Year of Young People** pursues 4 main objectives which are those from which the reading scheme of the ETC projects in Italy was built.

Some programs, such as **Central Europe, Alpine Space and Interreg Europe**, have funded projects that aim, inter alia, at integrating youth policies in all relevant strategic sectors of the Union, in order to encourage the integration of perspective of young people at all levels of the EU decision-making process.

Almost all the ETC Programs with Italian participation have funded projects that aim to help young people gain a **better understanding of the various opportunities available to them and to actively promote them**, at European, national, regional or local level, to support their personal, social, economical and professional development.



The ENI Med, France-Italy Alcotra, Italy-France maritime, IPA Italy-Albania Montenegro, Italy-Malta, Italy-Austria and Urbact III programs have funded many projects that aim to **celebrate and support the generation most penalized by the pandemic**, highlighting how the green and digital transition offer new perspectives and opportunities.

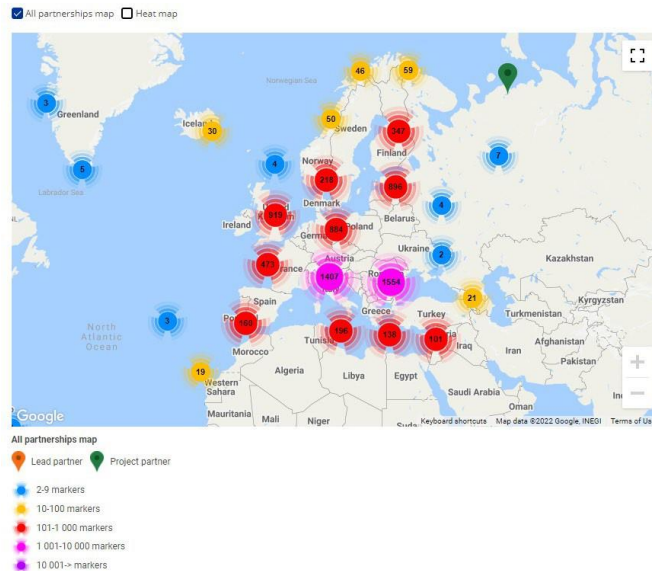
Central Europe, ENI Med, Italy-Austria, Italy-Switzerland, Italy-France Maritime and Urbact III funded projects that aim to **support all young people**, including through youth work, in particular young people with fewer opportunities, from disadvantaged backgrounds or from vulnerable and marginalized groups.

The data used in this report are taken from the SmartCTE analyzes that supported the drafting of the Annual Report on the Implementation of the CTE in Italy 2020.





In the [Keep.eu](#) database, considering all the projects registered, there are **248 projects that interest youth** (and which are used as search keywords “youth”, “young”, “youngsters”) out of a total of 1667 projects at European level (14.8% of the total) and **1665 Italian subjects who participated as partners or Lead Partners** out of a total of 6793 beneficiaries surveyed who used Interreg to finance initiatives in favor of young people.



If we consider the 4322 projects surveyed in the last three programming cycles with Lead Partner or Italian Partner, the projects on young people are still a **very low percentage** (5.7% of total projects) and slightly decreasing (4.2% in the 2014-2020), considering the trend of this percentage over the three programming cycles. Moreover, the Italian percentage is lower than the European average (6.8%).



ETC projects on youth with Italian participation

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*<http://smartcte.agenziacoesione.gov.it/>

On the Smart CTE platform, out of a total of 1553 projects with Italian participation financed until 31.12.2020, **66 projects address the issue of youth** (i.e. 4.2% of the total projects), mobilizing **a total of 94 million euros**, of which 36.4 million for the benefit of Italy through **an ecosystem of 161 subjects, with a consolidated experience on youth issues and who usually participate in multiple networks** (as we can see from the number of Italian participations in projects on youth, equal to 411 participations). Also in this case, a term of comparison can be the allocation of PNRR resources on MYC (multifunctional centers at the service of youth), which provides for a total allocation of 22 million Euros: for Italy, the ETC is able to mobilize almost double the resources, meaning a significance - also in terms of the financial resources of the ETC - which should be more systematically correlated with other resources activated at national level to improve the condition of young people.

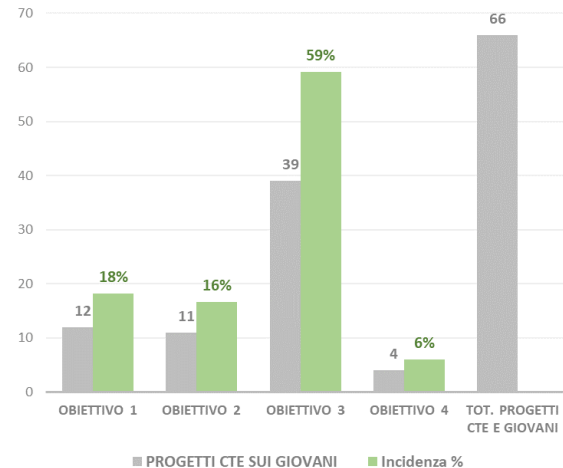
SMART CTE DATA ON ITALIAN PROJECTS
ON 31.12.2020
(2014-2020 programming)



The data and information available on Smart CTE constitute an **excellent source of inspiration** and a solid starting point both for the capitalization of the results of projects already funded in the 2014-2020 cycle and for new projects that will be funded in the 2021-2027 period. They also make it possible to identify a series of implementation methods for the initiatives for the European Year of Youth which can be based on the capitalization of what has been achieved so far by the ETC.

	2022 EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR GOALS	ETC PROJECTS ON YOUTH	Incidence %	TOT. RESOURCES ASSIGNED TO ETC PROJECTS on youth
1. Renew the positive perspectives for youth, highlighting how green and digital transitions and others EU policies offer opportunities for young people and for society in general.	GOAL 1	12	18	€ 20.081.583,58
2. Support young people, including through youth work (for young people with fewer opportunities, disadvantaged and heterogeneous contexts or belonging to vulnerable and marginalized groups).	GOAL 2	11	17	€ 21.408.268,10
3. Help young people gain a better understanding of the various opportunities available to them and actively promote them.	GOAL 3	39	59	€ 43.713.831,48
4. Integrate youth policies in all relevant EU policy areas, in line with the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027, in order to foster the integration of the youth perspective at all levels of decision-making of the EU.	GOAL 4	4	6	€ 8.773.929,68

The projects on youth funded by the ETC in Italy on 31.12.2020 cover, in fact, all four areas of objectives of the European Year of Youth with a **focus on objective 3** (promotion of opportunities for young people).



PROGRAMMES	ETC PROJECTS' ON YOUTH			
	GOAL 1 - EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR	GOAL 2 - EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR	GOAL 3 - EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR	GOAL 4 - EUROPEAN YOUTH YEAR
URBACT III	1	1	3	
INT EU			1	2
MED				
CE		1	1	1
AS			1	1
AI				
ENI CBC IT-TUNISIA			2	
ENI CBC MED	3	6	3	
IPA CBC IT-AL-ME			1	
IT-CH		2	3	
IT-SI				
IT-MT	1		1	
IT-FR MAR	2		8	
IT-HR				
IT-AT	1	1	4	
GR-IT			4	
FR-IT ALCOTRA	4		7	
TOTAL	12	11	39	4

The program with the largest number of projects on youth themes is the **ENI CBC MED** program (12 projects), followed by **Italy-France ALCOTRA** (11 projects) and **Italy-France Maritime** (10 projects). In the case of **INTERREG EUROPE**, there are two Policy Learning Platforms developed on youth issues that offer interesting insights on how to manage the mainstreaming process between ETC and ICO programs.

Only 4 programs do not have projects specifically dedicated to young people as of 31.12.2020, but in all programs young people fall within the transversal priority linked to equal opportunities.

In the following pages, we report the complete list of the 66 selected projects and an in-depth analysis of 16 of the 66 projects, four for each of the objectives of the European Year of Youth 2022.



Urbact III	BLUACT	BLUe GROWTH CITIES IN ACTION	https://urbact.eu/bluact
Eni Med	HELIOS	ENHANCING THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF NEETS	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/helios
Italy Malta	MEN	EXCELLENT MEDITERRANEAN NET	https://keep.eu/projects/25289
Italy-France Maritime	ARTLABEXPER	ART LAB EXPERIENCES	http://interreg-maritime.eu/it/web/art-lab-exper/progetto
Italy-France Maritime	MEDMOBILITY	MOBILITY ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA	http://interreg-maritime.eu/web/medmobility
Eni Med	STANDUP!	SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE ACTION FOR NETWORKING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY BUSINESS VENTURES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/stand-up
Alcotra	INFORMAPLUS	INFORMA PLUS	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/informa-plus
Alcotra	INTERBITS	INTERBITS INTERVENTI DI ARMONIZZAZIONE E VALORIZZAZIONE DEL SISTEMA BITS E ITS	https://www.ines-solaire.org/renforcer-capacites/audit-evaluation/interreg-alcotra-interbits/
Italy Austria	PASSOPASS	DA PASSO A PASSO: DA PASSO DI MONTE CROCE CARNICO A PASSO PRAMOLLO	https://www.cai-fvg.it/progetto-passopass/
Alcotra	CBET	CROSS BORDER ENERGY TRAININGS	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/cbet-cross-border-energy-trainings
Eni Med	GIMED	GREEN IMPACT MED PROJECT - POSITIVE INVESTMENTS FOR POSITIVE IMPACTS	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/gimed
Eni Med	GREENLAND	GREEN-SKILLS FOR A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/greenland
Alcotra	A.P.P.VER.	APPRENDRE POUR PRODUIRE VERT	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/app-ver-apprendere-produire-verte
Eni Med	RESMYLE	REPENSER EMPLOI ET INSERTION SOCIALE DES JEUNES MEDITERRANÉENS A TRAVERS LE DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/resmyle
Eni Med	SKILLS4SPORTS	INCREASING THE EMPLOYABILITY OF NEETS BY TACKLING THE SKILLS GAP FOR THE SPORTS SECTOR	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/skills4sports
Eni Med	YEPMED	YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PORTS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN	http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/yep-med
Italy Austria	MOJA	LAVORO GIOVANILE MOBILE TERRA RAETICA	https://www.bzgvn.it/it/Amministrazione/Attualita/News



Italy Switzerland	BINARIO9E3/4	BINARIO 9 E 3/4	https://interreg-italiasvizzera.eu/database_progetti/binario-9-e-3-4/
Italy Switzerland	YI-YOUNGINCLUSION	YOUNG INCLUSION	https://www.progetti.interreg-italiasvizzera.eu/it/b/78/younginclusion
Urbact III	ONSTAGE	MUSIC SCHOOLS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE	https://urbact.eu/onstage
Central Europe	INSITU	INTERGENERATIONAL SOCIAL INNOVATION SUPPORT SCHEME	https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/IN-SITU.html
Eni Med	MORETHANAJOB	REINFORCING SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, UNEDUCATED AND REFUGEES	http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/morethanajob
Eni Med	MYSEA	MYSEA "MYSEA - MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH, NEETS AND WOMEN ADVANCING SKILLS, EMPLOYMENT AND AWARENESS IN THE BLUE AND GREEN ECONOMY"	http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/mysea
Alpine Space	YOURALPS	EDUCATING YOUTH FOR THE ALPS: (RE)CONNECTING YOUTH AND MOUNTAIN HERITAGE FOR AN INSPIRING FUTURE IN THE ALPS.	https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/youralps/en/home
Central Europe	YOUMOBIL	PROMOTION OF THE MOBILITY OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN RURAL AREAS THROUGH BETTER ACCESS TO EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT NETWORKS	https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/YOUMOBIL.html
Eni Med	IHERITAGE	iHERITAGE: ICT MEDITERRANEAN PLATFORM FOR UNESCO CULTURAL HERITAGE	http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/heritage
Eni Med	IPMED	IP CAPACITIES FOR SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION	http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/ipmed
Eni Med	MEDST@RTS	MED MICROFINANCE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR START-UPS	http://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/medstarts
Alcotra	GIOVANI	JEUNES	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/fr/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/jeunes
Alcotra	IMPACT	IMMERSION DANS LE PATRIMOINE CULINAIRE TRANSFRONTALIER	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/impact-immersione-nel-patrimonio-culinario-transfrontaliero
Alcotra	INNOVLAB	INNOVLAB	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/innovlab
Alcotra	P5-PCPEM	P5-PARCOURS CIVIQUE ET PROFESSIONNEL EN MONTAGNE	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/percorso-civico-e-professionale-montagna

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Alcotra	PAYSCAPABLES	PAYS CAPABLES	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/pays-capables
Alcotra	TERRACT	LES ACTEURS DE LA TERRE	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/terract-gli-attori-della-terra
Greece Italy	CRAFTLAB	CRAFT LAB - RESIDENCES ON THE WAY FROM PRODUCTS TO THE ADRI-IONIAN DESIGN	http://interreg-craftlab.eu
Greece Italy	PITSTOP	PIT STOP - INNOVATION PATHWAYS FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT	http://interregpitstop.eu/?fbclid=IwARoAFcHNtIXnJVefZOSpKpdE-fL2oroiKQLeokAOLdfjmeP110OI-w-S_BU
Greece Italy	YESS	YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS STARTUP SCHOOL	https://yessincubation.eu
Italy-Albania-Montenegro	HISTEK	HIGH SPECIALIZED TECHNICIANS IN KETS	https://histek.italy-albania-montenegro.eu
Italy Austria	E-EDU4.0	NETWORK TRANSFRONTALIERO DI FORMAZIONE 4.0	http://www.eedu40.eu/?lang=it
Italy Austria	NEW-FAR	NUOVE PROSPETTIVE PER IL FUTURO DEI TERRITORI ALPINI	https://www.dolomilive.eu/it/lavori/progetti-medi/nuove-prospettive-per-il-futuro-dei-territori-alpini/
Italy Austria	SCET-NET	SENZA CONFINI EDUCATION AND TRAINING NETWORK	https://euregio-senzaconfini.eu/it/progetti/lead-partner/scet-net/
Italy Austria	VIDEM	VIA DELLA MUSICA	http://www.carnia.utifvg.it/fileadmin/user_carnia/Pagine_interne/ViDeM/PosterA3_DE_IT_UTI.pdf
Italy Switzerland	S.T.A.G.E	SCAMBI TRANSFRONTALIERI ALBERGHIERI PER LA GOVERNANCE EDUCATIVA	https://interreg-italiasvizzera.eu/
Italy Switzerland	TRANSFORM	TRANSFORMAZIONE E IMPRENDITORIALITA' APERTA	https://www.progetti.interreg-italiasvizzera.eu/it/b/78/trasformazioneeimpreditorialitaaperta
Italy-France Maritime	EXTRA	L'ESPERTO DI PROGETTI EUROPEI PER LO SPAZIO TRANSFRONTALIERO	http://interreg-maritime.eu/it/web/extra/progetto

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Italy-France Maritime	GIM	GIOVANI IN MOVIMENTO	http://interreg-maritime.eu/it/web/gim/progetto
Italy-France Maritime	IN.VI.TRAJEUNES	IN.VI.TRA JEUNES - VALORIZZAZIONE E SVILUPPO DI COMPETENZE PER INSERIMENTO LAVORATIVO NEL SETTORE COOPERATIVO TRANSFRONTALIERO	http://interreg-maritime.eu/it/web/in.vi.trajeunes/progetto
Italy-France Maritime	MARITTIMOMOB	ACCÈLERATEUR TRANSFRONTALIER DE MOBILITÉ'S	http://interreg-maritime.eu/it/web/marittimo-mob/progetto
Italy Malta	MOVEON	MOBILITA' TRANSFRONTALIERA ATTRAVERSO L'EROGAZIONE DI VOUCHER	https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&act=8&ved=2ahUKewj_oZfifaf1AhVMMewKHfcbDKoQFnoECAQQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.moveon-italiamalta.it%2F&usg=AOvVaw23Jql27NrmMdfZGvKEusYc
Eni Italy Tunisia	ALLER	ALLIANCES ENTREPRENEURIALES DANS LE CADRE DE RE'SEAUX TRANSFRONTALIERS	https://keep.eu/projects/25195/ALLER-EN/
Eni Italy Tunisia	CEFEL	ARCHEOLOGIA PUBBLICA: COMMUNAUTÉ, ÉDUCATION, FORMATION, ÉCONOMIE ET TRAVAIL	https://keep.eu/projects/25202/CEFEL-EN/
Urbact III	GENYCITY	GET INTO THE SWING OF THE CITY!	https://urbact.eu/gen-y-city
Urbact III	JOBTOWN2	JOBTOWN: A EUROPEAN NETWORK OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE AND LEARNING	https://urbact.eu/all-networks
Urbact III	ONBOARD	CONNECTING CITIES THROUGH EDUCATION	https://urbact.eu/onboard
Alcotra	PRIMO	PERSE'VE'RANCE, RE'USSITE, INSERTION, MOTIVATION, ALLIANCE É'DUCATIVE TRANSFRONTALIÈ'RE POU LA PRÉ'VENTION DU DÉ'CROCHAGE SCOLAIRE	https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/primoperseveranza-riuscita-inclusione-motivazione
Greece Italy	CIAK	COMMON INITIATIVES TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND VALORIZE TOURISM POTENTIAL OF THE PROGRAMME AREA THROUGH CINEMA	https://greece-italy.eu/rlb-funded-projects/ciak/
Interreg Europe	SPEEDUP	SUPPORTING PRACTICES FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEMS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN POLICIES	https://www.interregeurope.eu/speedup/
Italy Switzerland	D.E.A.	DEA: DIVERSITA' E ARTI PERFORMATIVE PER UNA SOCIETA' INCLUSIVA DEL TERZO SETTORE	https://www.idearti.eu/diversita-arti-101



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Italy-France Maritime	STEP	STUDENT TRANSNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM	http://interreg-maritime.eu/web/step1
Italy-France Maritime	TOUR.I.S.M.O.	TOUR.I.S.M.O: TOUR INTERNAZIONALE PER GLI SCAMBI MARITTIMI NELL'OSPITALITA'	http://interreg-maritime.eu/web/tourismo/progetto
Alpine Space	DUALPLUS	INCREASING THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF DUAL EDUCATION FOR SKILLED CRAFTS AND TRADES IN THE ALPINE SPACE	https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/dualplus/en/home
Central Europe	ARRIVALREGIONS	EXPLORING SOCIAL INNOVATION APPROACHES FOR THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF NON-EU NATIONALS	https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/Arrival-Regions.html
Interreg Europe	E-COOL	ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INTRAPRENEURIAL MINDSET IN YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE DYNAMISATION OF COMPETENCES, TEACHING METHODOLOGIES AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM	https://www.interregeurope.eu/e-cool/
Interreg Europe	IEER	BOOSTING INNOVATIVE ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM IN REGIONS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS	https://www.interregeurope.eu/ieer/

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03 YOUTH IN THE INTERREG
2021-2027 PROGRAMMING





MEN (Italy-Malta)

**ART LAB EXPER (Italy-France
Maritime)**

CBET (France-Italy Alcotra)

STANDUP! (ENI CBC Med)

GREEN TRANSITION AND BLUE ECONOMY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH

GOAL 1



A CROSS-BORDER SPACE FOR COLLABORATION FOR WORKING PLACEMENT

Introductory information

The **MEN project**, financed under the Italy-Malta cross-border program, involves 7 partners, including - for Italy - *the Municipality of Acireale, ITS Archimede Foundation - Tourism & Culture, ITS «STEVE JOBS» Foundation, Itaca Integrazione e Transizione Catania, GAL Terre di Aci, ITS Mobilità Trasporti Catania*. The project started in 2020 and has a total budget of 2.8 million euros.

The goals

The MEN project aims to **increase the mobility of young workers in the cross-border area**, through the creation of joint career guidance and accompaniment services, to promote qualification and job placement. The project, in fact, has created a **“cross-border” space for collaboration** between public institutions, Sicilian and Maltese employment centers, schools, technical colleges, agencies and associations and private labor market organizations, for **working mobility exchanges** in the two islands, mainly in the sectors of **environmental protection, sustainable tourism, blue economy and quality of life and health of citizens**.



Why a project can be inspirational

It is a replicable model of creating a **cross-border network that allows you to experiment with joint paths for the placement of young graduates and workers from different countries through job placement internships** and services to facilitate the match between job supply and demand, as well as the activation of **cross-border job mobility vouchers**.

<https://italiamalta.eu/progetti/progetti-finanziati/men/>

Creata una rete lavorativa con Malta per l’inserimento di cento giovani

Firmato ieri l'accordo nell'ambito del progetto "Men" messo a punto dal Gal "Terre di Acireale"

«Ogni occupato avrà una borsa di lavoro di 2mila euro al mese per 6 mesi. In seguito potrà spendere il know-how nelle nostre imprese»

ANTONIO CARRERA

ACIREALE. Ha un duplice obiettivo: creare una rete lavorativa stabile tra Italia e Malta favorendo la mobilità e qualificare i giovani coinvolti. Il progetto previsto dall'accordo di partenariato firmato tra il Comune di Acireale e il Comune di Toriun.

ACIREALE: L'ESTENSIONE ORARIA PER I DIPENDENTI COMUNALI «Criteri di selezione blindati, serve una programmazione»

ACIREALE. La questione relativa al bando di concorso per l'estensione oraria con mobilità contrattati al rapporto con la municipalità, che si affatterà i vari settori dell'Ente e continua a far discutere. Dopo la bocciatura delle modifiche proposte dall'opposizione rispetto a quanto previsto dall'amministrazione, la decisione è palpabile. «Abbiamo eviden-

mento a punto dal Gal "Terre di Acireale", diretto da Annamaria Privitera, nell'ambito del programma "Italia Malta", presentato dal Comune di Acireale e finanziato al primo passo. Il progetto prevede la creazione di un gruppo di lavoro che si occuperà di individuare i giovani del nostro territorio e di avviare percorsi di qualificazione e di inserimento lavorativo. La borsa di lavoro di 2 mila euro al mese è destinata a coprire i costi di gestione del servizio. Il sindaco Stefano Ali e dagli altri in rappresentanza del Comune di Acireale, "Archimede" di Siracusa e "Steve Jobs" di Catagione. La cooperativa "Tara", il prestigioso Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAT) "Terre di Acireale" e i rappresentanti coinvolti si sono incontrati in modalità remota con il



La presentazione del progetto nel Comune di Acireale

primo cittadino acireale affiancato dall'assessore al Turismo Fabio Mancuso e dallo stesso direttore del Gal.

«Abbiamo gettato un ponte che de-

pende per il momento per sempre» commenta

Antonio Carrera, presidente del Gal.

«L'obiettivo è creare una rete stabile di collegamenti con Malta per ampliare il mercato del lavoro. Questo centro mobile, che ruoterà in un sito geografico, porterà una borsa lavoro di 2 mila euro al mese per sei mesi. Realizzati così a realizzare un'esperienza formativa e alla fine potranno ringraziare di restare in quelle imprese che li hanno ospitati oppure di trovarli, arricchito magari con un know-how da portare presso le nostre imprese».

«L'esperienza mostra per Acireale l'importanza di unire il primo di una serie di progetti presentati. Aspetto importante è la sinergia che si può creare con altre realtà e quindi fare squadra e stanca di dal modello italiano invece va solitamente verso processi di invecchiamento e di chiusura.

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GUIDING YOUTH TOWARDS GROWING INTEREST JOBS

Introductory information

The **ART LAB EXPER project**, funded as part of the Italy-France Maritime cross-border program, involves 8 partners, including - for Italy - *University of Genoa (Dept. Architecture and Design), Insight Human Resources, Academy of Fine Arts Mario Sironi, Artimanos, Pigna Mon Amour, Team S.r.l.* The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 294 thousand euros.

The goals

The ART LAB EXPER project **capitalizes part of the results of the previous ART LAB NET project**, with the aim of accompanying many businesses of artistic craftsmanship in the processes of accessing the market, technological innovation and generational change. The project therefore intended to **stimulate the interest of youth in high value-added activities for artistic crafts**, highlighting the possibility of using new technologies, in particular digital.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

A cross-border **training-collaborative model** was created that describes the training and collaboration path **between youth and artisans**, as well as a collection of successful cases aimed at **supporting sectoral areas in distress** but strongly characterizing the cooperation territory and in close correlation with the tourism sector, demonstrating the possibility of cross-border collaboration.

The model can be replicated over time and transferable to other areas and contexts and has made it possible to capitalize on the methodology, contents, didactic-experiential approach, risk management, as well as the direct effects on the Italian and French artistic crafts sector.

<http://interreg-maritime.eu/web/art-lab-exper/progetto>



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TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH IN THE GREEN BUILDING FIELD

Introductory information

The **CBET project** funded under the Alcotra France-Italy cross-border program, involves 5 partners, including - for Italy - *I.I.S. Erasmus of Rotterdam, C.S. COMPANY Soc. Cons. a.r.l., Environment Park S.p.A.* The project started in 2017 and has a total budget of 1.4 million euros.

The goals

The CBET project addresses Italian and French **students, graduates, unemployed/unemployed people** and aims to develop **non-formal and informal technical skills** in the field of Green Building and for the installation and maintenance of Renewable Energy Sources in buildings. Learning takes place by experimenting with **innovative education actions**: theoretical lessons in the classroom but also experiences in the field and the use of platforms and advanced technological models for effective, efficient and economical teaching, easy to use and close to the needs of young students. Furthermore, **youth can acquire certified skills in the education systems of different countries**, with a mutual recognition of qualifications.

Why a project can be inspirational

Creation of a **reference education model** for subsequent joint actions: *courses and practical experiences of simulation of construction sites* with particular attention to photovoltaic systems, solar thermal systems, external insulation systems and the installation of dry systems for the development of informal and non-formal skills in the field of RES (Renewable Energy Sources), EE (Energy Efficiency) and Green Building; e-learning *courses and modules with the use of videos* relating not only to energy issues, but also aimed at implementing economic, organizational and entrepreneurial skills. Promote, with a view to multilingualism, integration into the cross-border labor market through the **experimentation of joint bi-national paths and mobility experiences in the partner country.**

<https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/cbet-cross-border-energy-trainings>



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YOUTH IN SUPPORT OF THE SUSTAINABLE TEXTILE ECONOMY

Introductory information

The **STAND Up! project** funded by the ENI CBC MED program involves 7 partners, including - for Italy - the *Prato Textile Museum*. The project started in 2020 and has a total budget of 3.6 million euros.

The goals

The STAND Up! project arises from the need to **satisfy the need for a transition towards an ecologically and socially responsible circular model in the textile sector**, a key traditional industry in the Mediterranean. The project **supports textile entrepreneurs and eco-innovative initiatives in the 5 countries involved in the project** (Spain, Italy, Lebanon, Egypt and Tunisia) to help them seize the business opportunities that green evolution is generating.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

- Development of an **ecosystem of business support, innovation and technology transfer** for the creation of **sustainable jobs** for youth and women.
- **Training, mentoring and expert support** provided to young entrepreneurs (24-35 years old) and women.
- **Investment schemes with venture capital dedicated** and accessible to startappers.
- Eco-innovation **open platform**.
- Transfer of **mechanisms of eco-innovative technologies**.
- **Specific award** for solutions to the textile and clothing industry.
- **Virtual Community of Practice** for Intellectual Property.
- Trademark and patent **voucher system and support service**.

<https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/projects/stand-up>



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IN SITU (Central Europe)

HELIOS (ENI CBC Med)

YOUNG INCLUSION (Italy-Switzerland)

SKILLS4SPORTS (ENI CBC Med)

SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL ANIMATION AND INCLUSION OF YOUTH

GAOL 2



SOCIAL INNOVATION INTERVENTIONS TO FAVOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Introductory information

The **In SITU project**, funded under the Central Europe transnational program, involves 12 partners, including - for Italy - *Veneto Region (Labor Department) and ENAIP Veneto Impresa Sociale*.

The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 2.1 million euros.

The goals

The IN SITU project **has developed regional strategies to reintegrate the long-term unemployed, particularly young people** and over 50, into the world of work through intergenerational learning initiatives, and has carried out pilot actions including the creation of “Social Innovation Hubs (SIH)” in each Region involved in the creation of new businesses.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

- Development and approval of a **regional strategy for the long-term unemployed**.
- Creation of a territorial network to support the project through the creation of the **Social Innovation Hub**.
- Implementation of **training courses to promote business start-up by long-term unemployed**.
- **Creation of social enterprises** by the end of the project.

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/IN-SITU.html>



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BLUE E CIRCULAR ECONOMY AS NEET OPPORTUNITY

Introductory information

The **HELIOS project**, funded under the Eni CBC Med program, involves 7 partners, including - for Italy - *the Arces Association and the Blue Fishing and Growth District - COSVAP*.

The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 2.7 million euros.

The goals

The HELIOS project contributes to **reducing the high NEET rates and skills mismatch** by focusing on the blue and circular economy, identified as an economic sector with great potential for regenerative economic growth among NEETs. The project **provides curricula for innovative and tailored training courses, geared to the specific needs of the labor market and the needs of NEETs and women**, through direct interaction with local businesses. This was achieved through **coaching and mentoring of transversal skills**, as well as the creation of e-learning tools and methodologies supported by new technologies, to facilitate the learning of skills for NEETs and women.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

- **Creation of a software for the profiling of NEETs** in each area involved.
- **Identification of specific sectors with a high employment potential** in the blue and circular economy sector-
- Creation of professional curricula oriented to the needs of the labor market.
- **Agreements between training institutions and businesses** to better link technical and vocational education and training institutions to market needs.
- **Training of NEETs** and women in the blue and circular economy.
- **Cross-border traineeships** for youth.
- **Artistic events** on the theme of the blue economy.

<https://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/helios>



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SUPPORT AGAINST YOUTH MARGINALIZATION

Introductory information

The “**Young Inclusion**” project, funded by the Italy-Switzerland cross-border program, involves 12 partners, including - for Italy - *Sim-Patia social cooperative, the Sentiero social cooperative society, San Raffaele s.r.l Hospital, the Clessidra society social cooperative, Brianza Health Protection Agency, Municipality of Castellanza, Municipality of Seregno, Municipality of Monza, Ariella Vidach - AiEP*. The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 1.2 million euros.

The goals

The “Young Inclusion” project is an **innovative project** created with the aim of **recovering and preventing situations of serious marginalization of youth** through the **construction and consolidation of community care** for the physically disabled due to an accident, women in distress and children with borderline personality disorder.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

Building and consolidating **community care for youth** with borderline personality disorder.

Use of the **GET® Method (Therapeutic Experiential Groups)**: a specific treatment for borderline personality disorder built on the group, and which finds full application in Community Care paths.

<https://www.progetti.interreg-italiasvizzera.eu/it/b/78/younginclusion>



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PORT AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT



Introductory information

The **Skills4Sports project**, funded under the Eni Cbc Med program, involves 8 partners, including - for Italy - *the South South International Cooperation Association*. The project started in 2020 and has a total budget of 2.9 million euros.

Gli obiettivi

The Skills4Sports project aims to **increase the employability of NEETs by addressing the skills gap in the sports sector**.

To this end, new curricula will be created in sports-related professions, including those related to athletics (coaches, doctors, etc.) and business-oriented ones (merchandising, marketing, administration, event management).

All this must guarantee the reduction of the match of requirements and skills between supply and demand, as well as **the creation of new opportunities for youth** who are not currently studying or working.



Why a project can be inspirational

- It carried out an initial analysis, based on the skills gap between job seekers and the needs of companies, which will lead to **electronic tools addressed to youth** (e-learning platform, mobile app and social media app).
- He has created a **"Strategic Alliance for Skills4Sports" network**, aimed at agents involved in sports.

<https://www.enicbcmed.eu/projects/skills4sports>



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**EDUCATIONAL AND WORKING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ACTIVE
INTEGRATION OF YOUTH**

GOAL 3

IMPACT (France-Italy Alcotra)
Gi.M (Italy-France Maritime)
MOVEON (Italy-Malta)
YU MOBIL (Central Europe)



YOUTH AND BINATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE TOURIST-HOTEL SECTOR

Introductory information

The **IMPACT project**, funded under the Alcotra France-Italy cross-border program, involves 2 partners, including - for Italy - *the consortium company Apro Formazione*.

The project started in 2017 and has a total budget of 1.2 million euros.

The goals

The IMPACT project offers an **innovative bi-national education path** in the tourism-hotel sector. It is addressed to **youth between 16 and 18 years old** enrolled in the professional training courses of the partners participating in the project.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

Creation of a **bi-national teaching model** that can be replicated over time and transferable to other areas and contexts: a new way of teaching through **digital teaching** (streaming lessons, webinars, etc.), **internships** in restaurants, **seminars**, **competitions**, **events**, **didactic dinners** in France and Italy.

<https://www.interreg-alcotra.eu/it/decouvrir-alcotra/les-projets-finances/impact-immersione-nel-patrimonio-culinario-transfrontaliero>



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YOUTH MOBILITY AS A MECHANISM TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND CITIZENSHIP

Introductory information

The **GI.M (Youth in Movement) project**, funded as part of the Italy-France Maritime cross-border program, involves 4 partners, including - for Italy - *Chamber of Commerce Riviera di Liguria Imperia La Spezia Savona, Signum Cooperative Society Consortium and Confcommercio North Sardinia*. The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 294 thousand euros.

The goals

The GI.M project realizes, through the collaboration between the education/school system, companies and employment services, **a system of exchange of experiences and work experiments for youth** belonging to the partner territories (Liguria, Sardinia, Corsica) within companies operating in the catering, trade and agri-food production sectors.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

Development of **a system of exchange of experience and work experiments among youth** who will work in the field of tourism activities.

It thus contributes to **increase the cross-border** mobility of workers.

It favors the **development of green tourism and the enhancement of territorial specificities** by accompanying participants towards employment prospects.

<http://interreg-maritime.eu/web/gim/progetto>

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CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY THROUGH VOUCHERS DELIVERY

Introductory information

The **MoveOn project**, funded under the Italy-Malta cross-border program, involves 2 partners, including - for Italy - the *consortium company ASS.FOR.SEO*.

The project started in 2020 and has a total budget of 2.8 million euros.

The goals

The MoveOn project aims to promote a better balance in the labor market in the Sicilian Region/Malta cooperation area by supporting **cross-border mobility paths for young people and recent graduates**, in particular **job placement internships**, through the provision of specific **vouchers and related support services**. (administrative, management, user assistance, information, dissemination and capitalization of results, etc.).

Why a project can be inspirational

- Assignment of **100 mobility vouchers**
- **100 job placement internships**: that the young recipients of the voucher will carry out in 50 companies operating in the sectors of the program strategy.
- **Creation of a cross-border network** for the promotion of mobility in the area thanks to the drafting of new national Memoranda of Understanding as part of the 2021-2027 programming cycle.

<https://italiamalta.eu/progetti/progetti-finanziati/move-on/>
<https://www.moveon-italiamalta.it/>



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Introductory information

The **Youmobil project**, funded under the Central Europe transnational program, involves 8 partners, including - for Italy - *T BRIDGE S.P.A and the Modena Agency for Mobility and Public Transport*.

The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 1.8 million euros.

The goals

The YOUMOBIL project aims to **enhance the public transport system for youth living in rural areas** also using interfaces for mobile devices.

It aims to strengthen the passenger transport system for young people living in rural areas and to improve their access to European and national transport networks.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

- Experimentation of **a new public transport service in the Modena area** to connect the suburbs to the city center and to the railway transport network, exclusively by reservation through the **YOUMOBIL app**.
- **Direct participation of young people**, through ideas and proposals, in the **5 pilot actions** carried out in the project countries (Italy, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany and Poland).
- Investment project for the **renovation of an old railway station** which will host a library, a gallery, a meeting room and a railway museum.
- **Incentives for youth** to experience **the use of the train across Europe**.

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/YOUMOBIL.html>



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DUALPLUS (Alpine Space)
ARRIVAL REGIONS (Central Europe)
E-COOL (Interreg Europe)
IEER (Interreg Europe)

**INTEGRATING THE FOCUS ON
YOUTH IN ALL POLICIES**

GOAL 4



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YOUTH AND DOUBLE EDUCATION

Introductory information

The **DuALPlus project**, funded under the Alpine Space transnational program, involves 9 partners, including - for Italy - *the Autonomous Province of Trento and Ivhapa*

The project started in 2018 and has a total budget of 2.2 million euros.

The goals

DuALPlus pursues three objectives. First, the project will improve **youth's career guidance** and public recognition of dual education as a valuable learning path. Second, it will promote **innovation and quality in dual education**. Finally, it will improve **the framework conditions** for innovation by increasing the horizontal and vertical permeability of the dual education system.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

DuALPlus will break new ground to **increase the attractiveness of dual education for skilled crafts and trades**. The results will directly benefit young people who decide to pursue a career in the craft sector and skilled trades. SMEs, tutors and master craftsmen who wish to update their technical and teaching skills will also benefit.

<https://www.alpine-space.org/projects/dualplus/en/home>



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YOUTH AND THE POTENTIALS OF INTEGRATION

Introductory information

The [Arrival Regions project](#), funded under the Central Europe transnational program, involves 12 partners, including - for Italy - *the Mountain Union of the Mongia and Cevetta Langa Cebana Alta Valle Bormida Valleys and UNCEM Piedmont*. The project started in 2019 and has a total budget of 2.2 million euros.

The goals

The overall objective of the project is to improve the skills of decision makers in nine rural areas previously prone to population decline and aging to [successfully integrate young third country nationals](#) into social life and the world of work. Furthermore, the project aims to change the widespread negative perspective on migration of non-EU citizens by emphasizing instead its potential.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

Arrival Regions introduces [approaches based on social innovation](#), adapted to respond to the specific characteristics of rural areas, tested and evaluated. Local decision makers are provided with a toolbox of possible approaches, accompanied by training courses.

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/Arrival-Regions.html>



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Introductory information

The **E-COOL project**, funded under the Interreg Europe interregional program, involves 10 partners, including - for Italy - *Puglia Region*. The project started in 2018 and has a total budget of 2 million euros.

The goals

- E-COOL will identify and exchange, through a quadruple helix approach:
- Best practices for creating **innovative entrepreneurial ecosystems open to youth**,
 - Actions to **stimulate entrepreneurship** in the attitudes and mentality of young people,
 - Good practices and lessons learned will be transferred into **Action Plans to be included in regional policies**.

Why a project can be *inspirational*

Promoting entrepreneurship is an important driver of **smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth**, as well as a primary goal of the regions of the EU. Improving entrepreneurship has both economic and social benefits; it is not only a driving force for job creation, competitiveness and growth, but also contributes to the personal fulfillment of the individual.

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/e-cool/>



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Introductory information

The **IEER project**, funded under the Interreg Europe interregional program, involves 10 partners (8 in the second phase), including - for Italy - the *Marche Region*. The project started in 2016 with a total budget of 2.3 million euros, receiving additional covid-oriented funding in 2021-22 (490,000 €).

The goals

iEER aims to define pathways and solutions for partner regions that allow Higher Education Institutes and other Quadruple Helix actors to be part of a **thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in support of young entrepreneurship** through the improvement of 11 SIE programs in 10 different regions (FI, DK, UK, IE, ES, IT, DE, FR, PL and RO).

Why a project can be *inspirational*

iEER is about working together across borders and organizations to find the best solutions for **regional business ecosystems**. Now the project supports a **sustainable and socially inclusive recovery** from the Covid-19 pandemic, with the aim of learning and sharing best practices on how to restart the entrepreneurial mindset and capitalize on digitalization and remote work.

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/ieer/>



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DO YOU WANT TO HOST YOUNG MOTIVATED VOLUNTEERS ?

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documents to
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[Guidelines to host organisations](#)



Interreg Youth Volunteer is the program supported by DG Regio which allows young Europeans to be involved from 2 to 6 months to support Interreg programs and projects. Also in 2021-2027, the program is active, and it is possible to submit applications following the guidelines for host organizations accessible on the website <https://www.interregyouth.com/>.

This is a program, managed by AEBR, which involves 379 young volunteers, 90 of whom are Italian, in supporting the implementation of European territorial cooperation programs and projects. There are 51 active programs in IVY. Volunteers can be involved to support the cooperation and communication activities of the Interreg and IPA programs or projects. From January 2020, the initiative is also open to ENI CBC programs.



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TOOL 1

There are 11 ETC programs of Italian interest that play an active role as Host Organizations of IVY volunteers: ALCOTRA, Italy-Austria, Central Europe, Italy-Slovenia, MED, ADRION, Italy-Malta, Italy-Albania-Montenegro, Interact, Interreg Europe, ENI-MED. In addition to the MAs, volunteer programs are active in the context of INTERREG projects with some beneficiaries of the projects (EURAC, Gorizia Chamber of Commerce, GECT GO, Pino Pascali Foundation, Impact Hub Syracuse, Metropolitan City of Turin and ARCES) which involve volunteers in 10 different projects (GAYA, SCALE (up) ALPS, ArTVision +, CCP GRAIES Lab, ENISIE, START, EUMINT, JobMatch 2020, MONET, EGTC GO). In Italy, on the 31.12.2020 a total of 74 volunteers were hosted by the ETC programs.

Each volunteer has a budget of 5000 Euros financed by DG Regio to carry out the “Citizens Engagement Initiatives”. The events are intended to inform citizens about cohesion policy and involve them in the dialogue. Volunteers can propose their ideas - there are no constraints other than the focus on one aspect of EU regional policy, public involvement and budget. Someone organized a thematic day in which some projects coherent with the topic addressed were invited, others proposed visits to a specific project with playful/informative activities. Since May 2018, the volunteers have held 21 events, 3 of which in Italy and many have been organized outside Italy by Italian youth hosted by Interreg programs or projects outside our country. The events were often organized with the support of the host organizations, as in the case of the event organized by three volunteers on the occasion of the 2018 cooperation day organized by the Italy-Slovenia program. Here you can see some of the events: <https://www.interregyouth.com/past-citizens-engage>;

Volunteers can collect information, build content and propose innovative communication solutions, also in conjunction with the initiatives of the European Day of Cooperation. An example is that of the Routes4U project, funded by DG Regio at the Institute of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe to integrate the actions of Interreg projects on cultural routes to macro-regional strategies. IVY volunteers developed the Living Libraries of each itinerary, according to the methodology defined by the Council of Europe and also applied in other Interreg projects (for example, URBACT);

The Interreg Reporters initiative was also launched within the IVY program. This is a selection process for youth aged 18 to 30 passionate about communication who want to collect the stories of Interreg programs and manage relations with stakeholders.



The Manifesto indicates twelve lines of action to bring European territorial cooperation ever closer to youth concerning both focus and communication techniques to increase the participation of young people in the construction of program strategies and to address specific capitalization and dissemination actions and also indications on the simplification of procedures to facilitate the generation of project proposals by youth.

Among the other lines of action, the creation of edutainment solutions and specific training to create the culture and awareness of young people and schools with respect to the CTE world are suggested.

More information is available here:

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgen/er/brochure/youth_manifesto_interreg_en.pdf



Several territorial cooperation programs involving Italy have defined the **types and objectives of the first calls** with which to launch the programs. Among the various solutions proposed it is worth remembering that among the solutions to bring youth and youth associations closer to planning on Interreg: **small projects**, which - in line with what is also happening in some directly managed programs (think of Erasmus 2021-2027 precisely for projects aimed at youth) - provide for limited ceilings for the project budget and forms of financing disconnected from costs to make it easier for youth to participate in calls; the creation of a **“strand” dedicated to youth within the standard calls**.

The **NEXT MED program** foresees that a first general call for proposals will be launched at the beginning of the program. It will be open to all policy objectives and ISO 1. It will be open to standard projects. It is proposed that part of the budget of this first call is destined to create a **“youth strand”** for projects with a strong participation of young beneficiaries. The aim is to encourage direct participation of youth through the involvement of youth-led/oriented organizations in projects as partners, broaden the platform of beneficiaries, stimulate new ideas and approaches, and provide sustainability of results in the long term. This is in line with EU political cooperation for young people, which is supported by the European Union (EU) Youth Strategy and marked by the designation of 2022 as the European Year of Youth. The “youth” part of the program is also in line with the guiding principles of European youth policy, such as inclusion, participation, and the global European, national and local dimension of the implementation of the actions. As the ‘youth section’ is a pioneering approach to the program, it can be explored with a limited budget. The budget allocation of the proposed program for this call is to dedicate 45% of the total EU funds available, of which 20% to be reserved for the youth section.

Small Project Funds: il contenuto dell’art. 25 del nuovo Regolamento Interreg



On small projects, please refer to the information section contained on the ACT website

https://www.agenziacoesione.gov.it/news_dai_programmi/small-project-funds/

SMALL PROJECTS AND YOUTH STRANDS TO FACILITATE YOUTH PARTICIPATION

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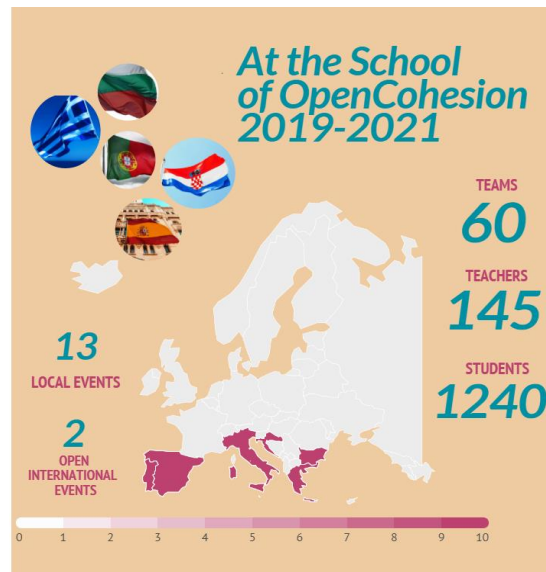
In 2021, as part of the actions supported by the INTERACT program, **the first experimentation of ASOC - A School of Open Cohesion, applied to the ETC, started.**

The first three programs to join the experimentation were the Italy France Maritime Program, the Italy Austria Program and the Italy Croatia Program and, in the process of being defined, the Italy Switzerland Program.

The initiative aims to spread the knowledge of Interreg programs in schools in order to stimulate more and more youth to play an active role in the preparation and monitoring of ETC projects.

The **European Territorial Cooperation Pills**, prepared by the Agency for Territorial Cohesion, are available on the Slideshare channel of the initiative, which are also useful support for other initiatives involving schools. Presentations can be downloaded from this link: <https://www.slideshare.net/ascuoladioc/asoceu-cte-cosa-fa-la-cte-in-italia>

Interreg programs interested in participating in ASOC ETC can instead acquire more information at this link: <http://www.ascuoladiopencoesione.it/it/news/ASOC-ETC-start>



The organization of data on Italian participation in ETC projects involving youth shows almost total coverage of our country with a **concentration of projects** that sees **Piedmont** in first place, **Liguria** in second place and **Sicily** in third.

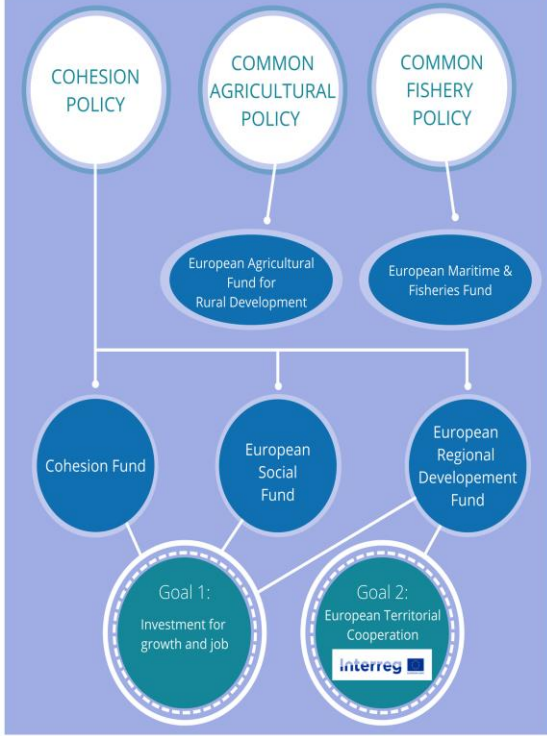
As regards the **number of subjects active in the presentation and management of Interreg projects on youth issues** (i.e. the unique number of Italian partners), **Piedmont** is still in first place, followed by **Sicily** and then by **Liguria, Tuscany and Sardinia** on an equal footing.

These are important data to build, starting from ETC projects and networks, an action to consolidate the innovations and models tested thanks to Interreg within the actions financed by ICO programs (with particular reference to the ROPs and PONs) but also of the solutions supported by REACT EU and PNRR in the context of Next Generation EU (mainstreaming).

NUTS II	TOT. ITALIAN PP RESOURCES ON YOUTH PROJECTS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED	TOTAL OF ITALIAN PP (PARTICIPATIONS)	UNIVOCAL NUMBER OF ITALIAN PARTNERS
Abruzzo				
Basilicata				
Calabria	€ 573.992,82	1	1	1
Campania	€ 273.970,00	2	2	2
Emilia Romagna	€ 284.507,50	3	3	2
Friuli Venezia Giulia	€ 967.940,20	4	10	10
Lazio	€ 1.537.661,69	3	3	3
Liguria	€ 2.233.306,20	12	16	13
Lombardy	€ 1.749.623,50	3	12	12
Marche	€ 164.123,00	1	1	1
Molise				
Piedmont	€ 9.502.215,82	13	35	34
Aut. Prov. Bolzano	€ 536.630,00	3	3	3
Aut. Prov. Trento	€ 285.000,00	1	1	1
Puglia	€ 2.732.374,99	7	14	11
Sardinia	€ 1.320.484,43	9	13	13
Sicily	€ 8.396.016,39	11	22	19
Tuscany	€ 1.776.240,08	8	13	13
Umbria				
Valle D'Aosta	€ 3.243.811,80	5	7	3
Veneto	€ 866.757,63	3	5	5
	€ 36.444.656,04	89	161	146



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In the same way, starting from the recognition of long networks already active thanks to INTERREG projects, the results of European projects on youth are a basis that allows to consolidate the initiatives financed thanks to INTERREG on directly managed programs. Just as an example, we propose below a game of “parallel mirrors” that combine INTERREG projects with “equivalent” projects financed by directly managed programs. It is a capitalization model that seeks to stabilize a “Youth Factor” created in the territories by INTERREG projects by expanding it on directly managed programs (upscaling).

YOUNIG
Improving institutional capacities and fostering cooperation to tackle the impacts of transnational youth migration

<p>Home</p> <p>Partners</p> <p>Library</p> <p>News and events</p> <p>Gallery</p> <p>Newsletters</p> <p>Contact</p>	<p>Youth migration is intensifying in the Danube Region and it challenges all levels of administrations. It has new drivers (such as online communication channels and new behaviour patterns) and serious developmental consequences. Emigration of young people may cause a severe loss of labour force and human capital, coupled with unreturned incoming transfers (such as social and financial remittances), while immigration, if not properly managed, may result in marginalisation and the underuse of human resources.</p>	<p>Start date 01-01-2017</p> <p>End date 30-06-2020</p>
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An ETC project that deals with migration and youth, takes its results and its network and

.... becomes a HORIZON project with research and pilot actions (upscaling)

.... connects with PON, POR, PNRR (mainstreaming)

**ERASMUS +
MIGRATION PROJECT**

“Migration: Europe’s challenge for the 21st Century”

.... becomes an ERASMUS + project on the same themes (upscaling)

**RESPOND
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“The future does not belong to youth, the future belongs to everyone. Ours is a common future in which youth are key leaders for their ability to be disruptive innovators”.

*Jean-Eric Paquet , Director General, DG
Research and Innovation*



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