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PRO Youth Generator

DESIGN YOUTH PROJECTS FROM IDEA TO IMPACT

Organised by SCI Austria

From 14 (arrival day) to 18 (departure day) November 2026

Vienna, Austria

from Erasmus+ programme countries

(EU Member States and third countries associated with the Programme, see list [here](#))

Apply by Sunday, 27 September 2026

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ABOUT US

Service Civil International is the world's oldest voluntary peace movement, with over 100 years of experience. Our mission is to promote a culture of peace by organising international volunteering projects with local and global impact. We are present in 40 countries across 5 continents, and we collaborate with partners in almost every country in the world. Read more at www.sci.ngo.



Over its 100 years of global operations, SCI has accumulated extensive expertise in non-formal education and peacebuilding, which has been recognised by many institutions, including UNESCO and the Council of Europe. And did you know that SCI was even nominated numerous times for the Nobel Peace Prize?!

Service Civil International Austria (SCI Austria), founded in 1947, is the Austrian branch of the global peace and volunteering network Service Civil International (SCI), based in Vienna. The organisation mainly organises, together with local and international partners, short- and long-term volunteer projects in Austria and abroad. SCI Austria is also organising various international capacity-building activities for social and youth workers, as well as youth activities, across Europe and beyond. Furthermore, the branch is engaged in collaborative projects on various topics with other international partners.



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About PRO Youth Generator

PRO Youth Generator aims to create a long-term impact on project development practices by building on the knowledge and experience of active youth workers and youth organisations. It provides a space for motivated participants to strengthen their project design and writing skills, connect with potential partners, exchange experiences, and develop concrete project ideas. The



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training supports those who want to deepen their expertise and turn their ideas into high-quality initiatives that create meaningful impact for young people and their communities.

Objectives:

- Strengthen skills in developing and writing quality Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2 projects.
- Support participants in turning ideas into clear, impactful project concepts.
- Explore co-creation methods and participatory approaches in project development.
- Enhance organisational capacity in project planning and sustainability.
- Encourage the exchange of practices between youth organisations and different sectors.
- Create opportunities for networking and future partnerships.
- Inspire innovative solutions that respond to young people's needs and challenges.

Output and Follow-up:

As part of the **PRO Youth Generator** project, the follow-up phase plays a key role in ensuring long-term impact. Participants are expected to develop and submit youth-focused project proposals based on the ideas, partnerships, and knowledge gained during the training. These may include **European-funded programmes, such as Erasmus+ (KA1 and KA2 projects), Council of Europe (European Youth Foundation grants) and others.**

To support this process, participants will be encouraged to stay connected before, during and after the training course in Vienna, continue developing their ideas with project partners, and work towards submitting at least one project proposal under a relevant funding programme in 2027. This follow-up process aims to transform learning outcomes into concrete actions and sustainable cooperation among participating organisations.

PRO Generator... What is it NOT about?

- **PRO Youth Generator** is not a “voluntourism” project. If you plan to skip the sessions to visit Vienna while receiving free tickets, accommodation and meals, we strongly encourage you not to apply for this project;
- **PRO Youth Generator** is not addressed to individual participants who do not belong to any network or organisation and aims only at their personal development; it is essential that the skills and knowledge gained through the project are transferred to the

organisation, activists and volunteers. However, freelancers are invited to apply, as long as they are not digital nomads detached from local communities or social realities;

- **PRO Youth Generator goes far beyond a standard grant-writing workshop.** It is designed for participants who want to build partnerships, develop project ideas, and turn them into concrete initiatives for young people in areas such as inclusion, skills development, sustainability, and peacebuilding.

The Project Timeline

2 online sessions lasting 90 mins each

- Monday, 9 November 2026, from 17:30 to 19:00 CET
Topics: Vision, mission and values: Why we do projects; The Project Cycle; European Programmes supporting youth projects
- Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 17:30 to 19:00 CET
- Topics: Different project development model; From needs to objectives: why comes before what; Setting up group work in Vienna (participants are assigned to a trainer)

Training course in person in Vienna

- Saturday, 14 November 2026, Arrival Day. Welcoming activities open at 16.00 CET in our venue (see below). You are welcome to arrive before then!
- 15-16-17 November 2026, Working Days. Divided into small groups, each coordinated by a trainer, you will develop your project idea, focusing on values, aims, objectives, partnerships, impact, and monitoring strategies, as well as tips, hacks, and tricks in project writing. Workshops, an evening program and plenary discussion moments will complete the program.
- Wednesday, 18 November. Departure Day. You are expected to leave with a ready partnership and a clear plan towards your next youth project funding application.

Follow-up stage online

- The dates of the online meetings will be decided by the participants and the trainers during the activity in Vienna and in the following months, according to their availability;
- Divided into small groups or individually, the participants will be mentored by the trainers during December 2026, January and February 2027. Participants can arrange



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online video meetings, exchange information via email, and work on Google Drive.

- Trainers can help you refine project ideas, identify common pitfalls, polish written project drafts, and do final pre-submission checks.

FOR WHOM

The ideal participants are project designers, facilitators, and trainers involved in preparing project applications; project managers and coordinators; and NGO staff and board members interested in **project design** and making an impact on youth work at the local and international levels. We also encourage tandem applications: apply with a close partner you intend to submit a proposal with for the next deadline and participate and grow together during the activity.

There are a few formal requirements you need to satisfy to join the training course:

- 1. You should belong to an organisation, network or institution;**
- 2. You can be a freelancer, but you must prove a clear connection with an organisation, a network, a movement, a local reality;**
3. You need to be a resident of one of the [eligible countries](#) (EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, Western Balkans - Region 1, and Neighbourhood East (Region 2); nationality in one of the eligible countries is not necessary (*for example, a Brazilian candidate resident in Hungary, who will travel from Hungary, can apply*);
4. You must be able to communicate in English (the working language of the course);
5. You must be at least 18 years of age;
6. Active members of an SCI branch, or of an organisation belonging to the IVS movement, will have priority in the selection process. Participants from non-IVS organisations can apply, too.
7. You must attend for the entire duration of the programme, including the 2 online sessions before the meeting in Vienna (see the "[project timeline](#)" section for more info) (no exceptions will be made).
8. You should commit to developing and submitting a project proposal by the first relevant funding deadline in 2027.

We explicitly encourage participants of all genders, abilities and ethnic backgrounds to apply.

The accommodation is equipped to host participants with physical disabilities and wheelchair

users.

WHEN the in-person activity will take place

- The training course will start on 14 November 2026 (arrival day, with a light getting-to-know-each-other session in the late afternoon) and will end on 18 November 2026 (departure day). We will work 3,5 full days (participants will enjoy a free afternoon halfway through the course).
- You need to arrive at the venue on 14 November before 14:00.
- Departures are planned on 18 November after breakfast at 10:00

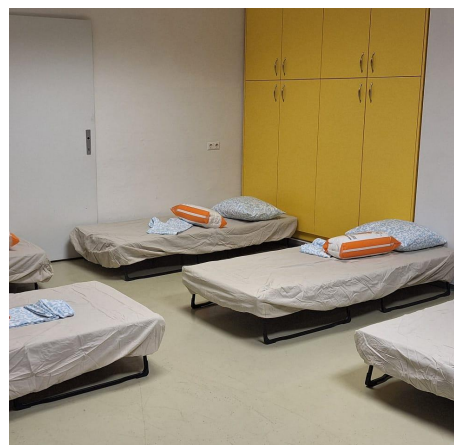
WHERE

The group will be accommodated in a modern, comfortable and well-equipped facility in Vienna city centre. Wi-Fi is provided. Rooms and toilettes will be shared. No need to bring a sleeping bag. The venue's address will be shared with participants after the selection process. A cook will prepare the food. Participants will be asked to do small tasks (preparing breakfast, washing up).

Accommodation: The training course will take place in a community space at the [4lthangrund cultural centre](#), with simple living conditions. You will sleep in a room shared with other people. Showers and toilets are shared.

Food: We will offer vegetarian food, including vegan options, during the project. This choice aligns with SCI's commitment to sustainability and climate justice. By rejecting industrial animal agriculture, we aim to promote a more peaceful planet.

This activity is alcohol-free to ensure a safe, inclusive, and accessible learning environment for everyone. Keeping the space free from alcohol prevents social pressure or exclusion, supports participants who avoid alcohol for personal, cultural, or health reasons, and helps maintain the clarity, trust, and emotional presence needed for peacebuilding, creativity, and collaborative learning.



Sustainable food: The food we provide will be vegetarian with vegan options. This is not just a practical decision, but also an ideological one: SCI believes in the values of sustainability and climate justice – and if we want to contribute to a more peaceful planet, we need to give up on animal agriculture and its destructive effects on our planet. Once your application for the training is selected, you can specify your dietary needs in the registration form.

MEET THE TRAINERS (and the team)



Mauro Carta: Mauro is a freelance trainer and project manager with a degree in European Studies and Education Science and extensive experience collaborating with IVS organisations. He designed and implemented several youth projects, including training and seminars on topics such as project management, youth work, non-formal education, and impact measurement. Furthermore, Mauro has coordinated workcamps in Europe, Africa and Australia.



Hamza Al-Shayeb: Hamza is an activist, trainer, and youth worker dedicated to building regenerative, creative spaces for young people through non-formal learning. He has a track record of designing and implementing impactful projects across various funding schemes, always ensuring they reflect the needs and visions of the youth he works with. His core focus areas include digital youth work, climate justice and advocacy, media literacy, and activism.



Gianmichele Tuozzo: Gianmichele is a project designer, manager and educator working on socio-ecological regeneration, environmental education and local development. With a background in philosophy, economics and international project management, he designs European projects and participatory learning experiences across sustainability, youth work, culture and rural transformation topics. In 2023, he co-founded Mòvesi APS, an NGO based in Southern Italy working on socio-cultural regeneration of depopulating rural areas.

The team also includes:

Andrea Loddo - coordinator and project manager

Michele Zanda - cooking and logistics

CERTIFICATES

Participants will be awarded a Youthpass certificate at the end of the activity.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Food and accommodation, as well as all organisational costs, will be fully covered through co-financing by the European Union. Some partners may ask for a **small fee** to cover their placement costs. Please check with your organisation.

Participation fee. In order to provide full support to the development of project proposals from idea to final application, this project requires more intensive work from trainers than we can fully cover with regular funds. For this reason, we ask for a participation fee of 50€ to be paid either by bank transfer at the moment of selection or in cash upon arrival.

We will reimburse travel tickets (including **visa and visa-related costs**) at 100% of the maximum amounts (see table below), paid within three months after the end of the training and upon receipt of the original documents. Maximum travel reimbursement will be according to Erasmus+ rates:

Travel distance	Green travel	Non-Green travel
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

To calculate the distance from your departure venue to Vienna, please use the [Erasmus+ distance calculator](#).

We encourage you to use environmentally friendly transport (bus, train, car sharing) when possible.



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Even though this is not a “discover Vienna” project, you may also stay in Vienna or Austria for a few days (5 days in total, to be freely distributed before and/or after the training - for example, 2 days before the start day and 3 days after the end) at your private expense, as long as the travel cost is not higher than the cost which you would bear if coming only for the course duration - otherwise you will be asked to cover the difference.

HOW TO APPLY

If you consider yourself a suitable candidate for the course, please fill in the [application form](#) by midnight on Sunday, 27 September 2026. We will notify you of the selection results after the deadline. Be aware that you will need support from an organisation. For this reason, before submitting your application, please contact your sending organisation.

All those accepted will receive a detailed “infosheet” (including how to get to the venue, how to book your travel, what to bring, more information about the project agenda, and details about the preparatory tasks). We will support you in the pre-departure phase together with your sending organisations.

***** Please do not start booking tickets until you receive the official approval confirmation from SCI Austria! *****

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

The program will be shared with the selected candidates after the selection process

Online session

Sessions	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Morning	Arrival Time	European projects: trends and directions	From Ideas to Project Work in small groups to develop the proposals	Project pitching for feedback Speed advising session with other trainers	Departure Day



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Afternoon	Check in Welcome and get to know each other Presentation of the venue and the programme	From Ideas to Project Work in small groups to develop the proposals	Rounds of Project Writing Workshops	Speed dating among participants to create new partnerships Wrapping up proposals How to do next	
Late afternoon Evening	Networking activities	Project Visit in Vienna	Dinner out	Dinner out?	

ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have further questions regarding the project, you can write to:
coordination@sciaustria.org