



Future is up to You(th)!

Let's involve in solidarity based economy network to contribute to sustainable development.

Youth Exchange

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Wiltz, Luxembourg

General Info Pack

Welcome!

We greatly appreciate your interest in this youth exchange and we hope you will be one of the participants who will take part in the program, representing Luxembourg.

We believe that you could benefit from this YE. We also intend to give you the chance to share your experience with others and therefore to be a source of enrichment for other participants. It will be a youth exchange, but not one where you can sit back and relax. We will use active methods, based on experimental learning in combination with practical theory. It means that you will work in workshops, with role plays and exchange the experiences you have in your day to day work.

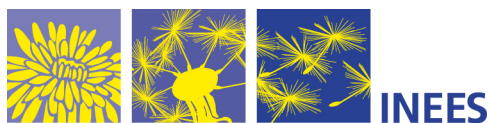
In the following pages we try to give a general overview of the youth exchange.

Read the guide carefully and if you feel motivated to participate, download the application form from our website (www.inees.org) and send it by e-mail to info@inees.org

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us!

Institut Européen pour l'Economie Solidaire (INEES)

Coordinating Organisation



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About INEES...

INEES' goal is the emergence and the recognition of the third sector between public sector economy and private sector economy: the social and solidarity economy (SSE). INEES' activities are composed of exchanges of good practices, conceptual research and actions at the national level, Grande-Région (cooperation between regions Sarre - Lorraine - Grand-Duchy of Luxemburg - Rhénanie-Palatinat - Région wallonne - Communauté française de Belgique - Communauté germanophone de Belgique) and European level. The institute intervenes regularly in events, seminars and conferences.

Another important activity is the identification of a networking with the actors and protagonists in SSE at the European level. With as first aim, to better understand and know each other. Then, to speak out with one voice, even if the concepts of SSE are different in each country and culture, to come out with a force of proposition for the recognition and the valorisation of the SSE. INEES' activities are therefore various, but the principle still remains: the organisation process leans on the participation and valorisation of the resources. INEES is a non profit association with a voluntary board of directors. It's composed of 15 members from France, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Luxemburg, researchers, protagonists and SSE networks or sectors' representatives. Our public target is composed of the civil society for the consciousness of SSE. This civil society implicates all people involved directly or not in SSE projects, but also the users of the SSE services. The authorities are also a target for the recognition and the valorisation of the SSE. The researchers and protagonists (actors) for the consciousness, the recognition and the valorisation of its work and values.

What is a Youth Exchange?

Youth Exchange project are realised in the framework of the Youth in Action Programme of the European Union.

The aim of Youth Exchanges is to get groups of young people from different countries together so they can explore their social and cultural differences and similarities. Youth Exchanges are targeted at young people between the age of 13 and 25. They receive the unique opportunity to experience significant mutual learning situations and to strengthen their feeling of being Europeans.

Each exchange must have a theme that is relevant to the daily experiences of the young people involved but also has a clear European dimension. Themes could cover numerous issues, such as young people in society, racism and xenophobia, local heritage, drugs, the environment, etc.

By participating in a youth exchange, young people go through a non-formal learning experience, which is recognised through a specific certificate called [Youthpass](#).

Our aims and objectives

The primary objective of the project is to develop solutions and strategies to address environmental challenges in order to empower the participants to take action in the future.

Some of the general learning objectives of the exchange will be:

- To provide participants with a stimulating introduction to the key environmental issues presently threatening our global and local environment.
- To provide the possibility to the participants to think over together the issues of environmental protection and sustainable development
- To acquire intercultural competencies for all participants
- They will learn how to work in a team
- improvement of communication skills in a multi cultural group

- learning about youth in action programme
- personal and social skills like working in team and independent way, learning participatory methodology in youth work, organizing and leading activity etc.
- Learning new methods of work to apply them in their association

Participating Countries

- France
- Hungary
- Luxembourg
- Turkey

We expect 4 (18-25 year old) participants (2 boys and 2 girls) and their group leader (total: 5 people) from each country.

What language will we use?

However you speak different languages « the official language » will be English only. But don't be scared if you think your English is not good enough... We will support you and don't forget that this won't be a language course or exam where you have to speak perfectly.

The venue of the YE

Our youth exchange will be held in a youth hostel in the town of Wiltz in the northern part of the country.

The participants will be mixed nationalities in rooms in order that people mix together and find easy way to create a strong group dynamic.

You can find more information by visiting the following links:

- <http://www.wiltz.lu/>
- [http://www.youthhostels.lu/?t=58&language=EN&topmenu\[\]=10](http://www.youthhostels.lu/?t=58&language=EN&topmenu[]=10)

Cultural Evenings

We plan to have 4 cultural evenings, that means that one entire evening is dedicated to the presentation of each participating country, where you will introduce Luxembourgish culture..

These presentations/activities should not be just a “lecture” so try to find most creative way to show your culture. It means that all options are possible. A culture may be presented by a song, a story, a poem, a dance. You can bring pictures, music or anything which you consider to be most appropriate to present your culture. You may also bring maps, posters, postcards, and leaflets, etc.

You should also bring gastronomic “treasures” from you region or the country:

- food which is typical for your region (however, it may not be possible to heat food, and definitely not to cook it in the youth hostel) and drinks.
- bring CDs of traditional / typical and party music or other things typical from your country that you want to share with us during your cultural evening and maybe during other evenings.

The contents

During the 7 full days of the exchange we will be working on the topics of social solidarity based economy (more info: www.inees.org or www.lux09.lu), environmental issues and sustainable development. We will use the method of non-formal education, that means we are dealing with these issues with the help of different activities as role plays or discussion. For these we always expect for active participation from everybody.

We ask the participating countries to present the different faces – natural beauties and polluted areas – of their living places with the help of **photos**. During the 7 days of the exchange every country is asked to prepare a 3rd artwork, so altogether 12 pieces (8 photos – 2/country – 4 works of art) will be exhibited in the local Wiltz community.

Also please have a look at local environmental situation and policies in your living area. And try to think about global environmental challenges and how we can face them.

Costs

Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid by grant from the National Agency of Luxembourg (Service National de la Jeunesse) of the “YOUTH in Action” Programme.

The refund of travel expenses

There will be a refund of **70% of the real travel expenses** within Luxembourg.

Application

Please download, and send the filled in application form to the e-mail address: info@inees.org

The deadline for applications is the 31st August. We will decide about participants until the 4th of September.

Contact

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us:

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