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ROMDIEM DOCUMENTARY ONLINE PREMIERE: ROMA HOLOCAUST AND BEYOND – WAYS OF HATE AND HUMANITY

PAL Network, as the coordinator of the ROMDIEM project, had the honour of opening the online premiere of the documentary Roma Holocaust and Beyond – Ways of Hate and Humanity, bringing together participants from across Europe.

Find the documentary [here](https://lnkd.in/dZJNiQze): <https://lnkd.in/dZJNiQze>

PAL Network (Belgium)

PAL Network Meets QUEST in Brussels

PAL Network recently met with the team of QUEST in Brussels to explore opportunities for future cooperation and strengthen partnerships at the European level. The meeting focused on shared priorities, including youth participation, inclusive education, active citizenship, and social inclusion.



Meet Our New Members!

PAL Network is delighted to welcome two new organisations from Italy to our growing European network.

- **Romani HealthCare APS** is a Roma-led association dedicated to improving access to healthcare, mental health support, and social inclusion for Roma and Sinti communities, particularly people with disabilities, autism, and neurodivergence.
- **En Kai Pan Cooperativa Sociale** brings extensive expertise in culture, performing arts, education, social innovation, and community development, promoting inclusion, gender equality, and lifelong learning.

Welcome to the PAL Network community!



PAL Network Youth Board Meets in Greece

The **PAL Network Youth Board** recently met in Thessaloniki, in Greece to advance its work on youth issues and policies across Europe. Through extensive research, the Youth Board identified the main challenges, barriers, and needs currently faced by young people in EU countries, while also examining existing national policies, legal frameworks, strategies, and initiatives addressing youth-related issues. Based on these findings, we developed a set of practical recommendations aimed at strengthening youth inclusion, participation, and equal opportunities. The **final Youth Policy Paper** will be submitted to the European Commission as part of the consultation process for the next **EU Youth Strategy**, contributing to future policy discussions and funding opportunities for youth across Europe.

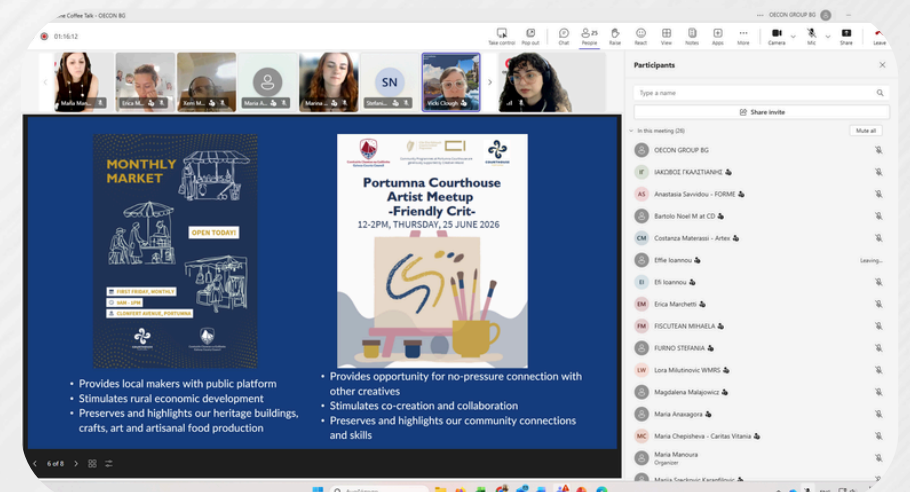
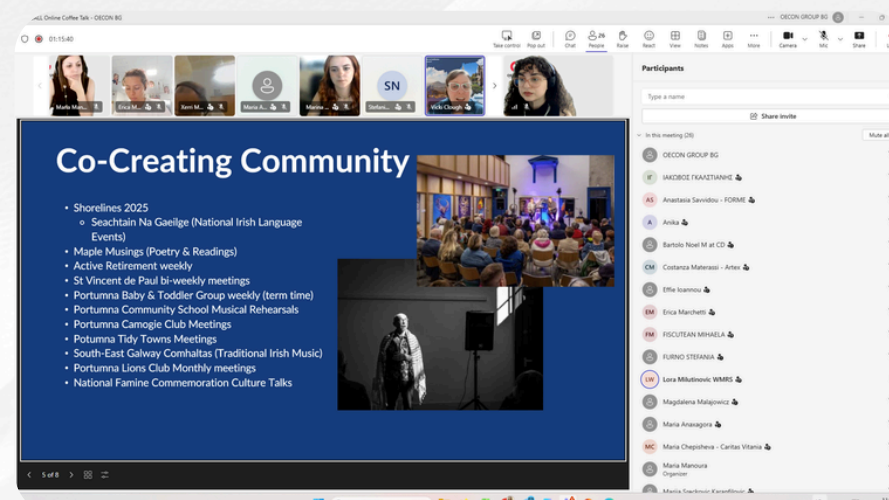


Online Coffee Talk

Artisans in Cooperation: Building Social Craft Partnerships in Europe

Online Coffee Talk | 19 June 2026

Organised by OECON Group Bulgaria within the Craftwork4.0All platform, this interactive online session brought together social cooperatives, craft collectives, and creative organisations from across Europe to exchange experiences and explore opportunities for collaboration.



Focusing on sustainability, social inclusion, and partnership building, participants shared ideas and best practices while discussing the role of craftsmanship in creating positive social impact. The event encouraged networking and laid the foundation for future collaborations, including joint initiatives and EU-funded projects.

ROMDIEM Documentary screening

What happens when stories that have been overlooked for decades finally come to light?

More than 200 people from across Europe joined the online premiere of the documentary Roma Holocaust and Beyond – Ways of Hate and Humanity.

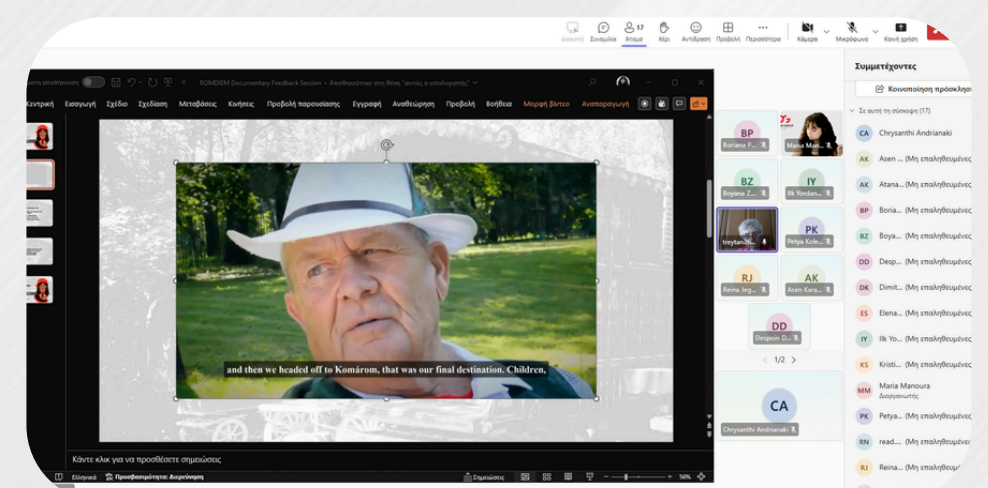


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ROMDIEM Feedback session

The follow-up discussions focused on collecting feedback on the ROMDIEM documentary about the Roma Holocaust. Participants highlighted the emotional impact of the testimonies, the importance of giving voice to underrepresented histories, and the documentary's effectiveness in raising awareness among wider audiences. At the same time, participants provided constructive feedback on storytelling elements, structure, and balance of content. The combination of personal testimonies, historical analysis, and artistic elements was widely appreciated.

"The most powerful part was hearing personal testimonies, these were not just historical events but real people's lives."



CPDIS (Romania)



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CPDIS is an organization dedicated to developing and implementing impactful projects by bringing together resources, expertise, and knowledge to address the needs of its target groups. Its work focuses on creating sustainable educational mechanisms across a variety of fields, aiming to support learning, personal development, and community growth. Through its initiatives, CPDIS promotes collaboration, innovation, and capacity building, ensuring that activities are adapted to real needs and contribute to long-term positive change in the communities it works with.

This month, participants took part in educational and international activities focused on learning, non-formal education, teamwork, and personal development. During Learning Sprint #2, young people received free educational support, study materials, and school supplies, creating an accessible and motivating learning environment. Through the P.E.A.K. Workshop, participants developed practical skills using interactive and non-formal learning methods.



They also engaged in the Play2Lift initiative, which promoted cooperation, creativity, and active participation through experiential activities. In addition, the PlugTree+ Erasmus+ Youth Exchange provided an international learning experience focused on environmental sustainability, active citizenship, intercultural dialogue, and youth engagement, empowering participants to become more active members of their communities.

LearningSprint#2– A free study session where is supported young people in learning by providing a structured study environment and all the necessary school supplies.

P.E.A.K. Workshop–Workshop facilitator/support team member.

Play2Lift–Participant/Facilitator.

PlugTree+–Erasmus+Youth Exchange focused on environmental sustainability, active citizenship, and youth participation.



ROMNI APS (ONLUS) & ROWNI – Roma Women Network APS (Italy)



From 10 to 14 June 2026, **ROMNI APS, together with ROWNI – Roma Women Network APS**, travelled to France, visiting Paris and Troyes for a journey of dialogue, remembrance, solidarity, and cooperation.

Our first stop was Paris, where we had the opportunity to meet and connect with several Slavic Roma communities living in the city. It was a valuable moment of listening and exchange, allowing us to learn about their stories, experiences, and the realities they face in their daily lives.

After Paris, we travelled to Troyes at the invitation of the Union of Roma from the Former Yugoslavia in the Diaspora (U.R.Y.D.) to participate in the annual commemoration held on 13 June, dedicated to the Roma who were killed, expelled, or went missing in Kosovo in 1999.

For **ROMNI APS**, it was an honour to participate alongside ROWNI, to listen to their needs, share our experience as civil society organisations, and further strengthen cooperation among Roma organisations across Europe.

We would like to sincerely thank U.R.Y.D. for their invitation, warm hospitality, and trust, and we also thank the Roma communities we met in Paris for their time, openness, and generosity in sharing their experiences.

We do not forget.

Together for remembrance, justice, and dignity.



📍 National Roma and Pro-Roma Coalition

On 27 June in Rome, organisations, activists, and community representatives from across Italy gathered to launch a new phase of cooperation through the National Roma and Pro-Roma Coalition.

The meeting included the adoption of the Coalition's Statute, thematic working groups, and discussions on concrete actions to combat antigypsyism and promote equality, participation, and social justice. The Coalition was established to build a stronger Roma and pro-Roma voice in Italy, one that can put forward concrete proposals to institutions, support Roma women and young people, promote Roma culture and historical memory, and advance social justice and equal rights.

📺 Watch the event: <https://youtu.be/sRuXUwHniOE>





CODECA (Cyprus)



Refugee Day Festival 2026: Presenting the AMIR Project in Nicosia

As part of the Refugee Day Festival 2026, held on 19 June at Faneromeni Square in Nicosia, we took part in a meaningful gathering of dialogue and exchange with the local community.

During the event, we presented, among other initiatives, the AMIR project, highlighting its mission, objectives, and current stage of implementation. We also distributed informational materials to the public and had the opportunity to engage in conversations with visitors, listen to their perspectives, and exchange experiences on issues related to integration and social cohesion.

Our participation in the festival is part of the "Different Roots. Shared Future" campaign, which promotes the message that inclusive societies strengthen the whole community and create opportunities for everyone.

Theory of Change – Empowerment & Language Support Workshops

The 4th Newsletter of the European project "Theory of Change" is now available, highlighting the latest activities, achievements, and progress made throughout the implementation of the project.

This edition presents the recent activities carried out under Work Package 4 (WP4) discussion workshops, which aimed to empower children and young people with a migrant background.

Through language support activities, participants strengthened their communication skills, gaining greater confidence in their everyday interactions and group discussions.

In addition, through games, group activities, and open dialogue, participants enhanced their interpersonal relationships and promoted intercultural interaction. Young people had the opportunity to collaborate meaningfully, support one another, and feel like active members of an inclusive learning community.

We invite you to read the 4th Newsletter and learn more about the project's latest developments and key achievements: <https://www.codecacy.org/articles-en?article=theory-of-change-empowerment-and-language-support-workshops>

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4th Newsletter

More progress from the "Theory of Change" project!

We're excited to share the latest steps forward in our mission to support migrant children through education and social inclusion.

WP4 Debate Labs Continue - Language, Confidence and Participation

This month, the project activities continued with new workshops involving children and young people from migrant backgrounds. Through language support activities, participants had the opportunity to strengthen their communication skills while improving confidence in everyday interactions and group discussions.

Alongside the linguistic support, the workshops introduced the basics of debate: how to express ideas, listen to others, build arguments, and participate respectfully in a shared discussion.

Using interactive games, collaborative exercises, and guided conversations, the activities created an engaging environment where learning became both practical and inclusive.





Abarka ONGD (Spain)



ABARKA ONGD is taking part in **RootED – Rural Opportunities and Outreach for Tomorrow, an Erasmus+ Capacity Building project** bringing together six organisations from Serbia, Spain, Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan and Turkey. The project connects urban and rural youth to develop skills in agritourism, sustainable entrepreneurship and digital tools, contributing to the revitalisation of rural communities and the reduction of youth unemployment across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

ABARKA leads the work package dedicated to policy innovation and sustainable development, and will host the international youth mobility event in Spain, where young participants from all six partner countries will develop and pitch their agritourism business ideas.

The project is currently developing its training programme materials, designed to equip young people, future entrepreneurs, young farmers, unemployed youth and rural changemakers with the knowledge, skills and abilities to develop, manage and promote sustainable agritourism initiatives. The programme has been built on the results of a training needs assessment and consultations carried out with young people and stakeholders across all partner countries.

Link:<https://abarka.org/treinta-meses-para-cambiar-el-mapa-la-hoja-de-ruta-de-rooted/>



STRONGER TOGETHER

ABARKA ONGD is proud to announce the successful completion of **Stronger Together (2024-1-ES01-KA210-ADU-000246731), an Erasmus+ KA210-ADU** Small Scale Partnership focused on promoting women's economic independence through intercultural cooperation between Spain and Turkey. Over 18 months, ABARKA (Spain) and Zembul Women's Cooperative (Turkey) co-developed 8 multilingual training modules on entrepreneurship, gender equality and social economy. More than 80 women participated in local workshops, and 16 trainers were trained as agents of change in their communities. The international exchange in Turkey brought together 14 representatives from 4 new organisations, expanding the European cooperation network.

The project concluded with a closing event in Oiartzun, Spain, bringing together over 30 participants to celebrate results and open new collaboration opportunities. The final report has now been submitted, consolidating the learning, good practices and stories that emerged throughout the project.

Stronger Together has shown that when women share knowledge and support each other across cultures, the impact is lasting and transformative.

Link:<https://abarka.org/%F0%9F%8C%8D-stronger-together-promoviendo-la-independencia-economica-de-las-mujeres-a-traves-de-la-interaccion-cultural-y-la-educacion/>



Albanian Association of Industrial Environmentalists - AAIE (Albania)



PAL Youth Board Participation

The Albanian Association of Industrial Environmentalists (AAIE) actively contributed to the PAL Network Youth Board initiative by supporting the participation of two youth representatives, Ms. Megan Mara and Mr. Petri Çikolli, in the Youth Board activities held in Thessaloniki from 22 June to 7 July 2026.

As part of this initiative, preparatory meetings were organized to discuss upcoming youth-related activities and priorities within the PAL Network. A key outcome of the process was the development of a Youth Policy Paper, which will be submitted for consultation with the European Commission. The paper provides a foundation for future youth-focused activities and funding opportunities, with particular emphasis on Roma inclusion, youth participation, equality, and relevant European policies. The establishment of the Youth Board represents an important milestone for all PAL Network partner organizations, strengthening the meaningful engagement of young people and enhancing their participation in future European initiatives and collaborative actions.



ROMDIEM Documentary Participation

AAIE staff and partners participated in the PAL Network event marking the official premiere of the ROMDIEM Documentary, which was broadcast online on 23 January 2026. The documentary explores one of the least known and most overlooked chapters of European history—the Roma Holocaust (Samudaripen). More than a historical documentary, the film is a powerful tribute to memory, resilience, and humanity. Through testimonies from survivors, descendants, and families affected by the atrocities of the Second World War, it brings forward voices and experiences that have too often remained unheard. The documentary also features distinguished historians, researchers, professors, and other experts who provide valuable insights into the historical context of the Roma Holocaust, the mechanisms that enabled these crimes against humanity, and the continuing importance of remembrance, education, and the promotion of human rights and social inclusion.



SOLUTION: Solidarité & Inclusion (France)



Our organization is very pleased to present you a new project entitled **“Walking alongside you” (WAY)** and funded under the Erasmus Plus programme (KA2) under the coordination of the Migration and Development Council (Germany) and including PODERÍO TRAINING & RESEARCH (Spain) and SOLUTION (France).

The overall goal of the WAY project is to support young immigrant women in their transition to adulthood by empowering them with the necessary skills for social and labor market integration.

To reach this objective, the partnership will :

- Develop a comprehensive digital toolkit in English and partner languages, containing modules on intrapersonal skills, interpersonal skills, and employability skills.
- Implement workshops in Germany, Spain, and France to test and refine the toolkit's content with the target group.
- Create a set of best practices and case studies from the workshops that can be shared with other organizations. - Boost confidence and draw a clearer career path for the young immigrant women who participate in the project's activities.
- Initiate an enhanced network of youth organizations with a shared set of tools for supporting young immigrant women.



The project started the 31st of March 2026 and will last 15 months, ending on the 29th of June 2027. Partners are currently developing the toolkit.

To be kept in the loop of the project's activities, please follow us on Facebook: The project started the 31st of March 2026 and will last 15 months, ending on the 29th of June 2027. Partners are currently developing the toolkit.

Find us here:

<https://associationsolution.org/projects/walking-alongside-you/>

Regional Development Agency Berat, (Albania)



RDA Berat closed successfully the project on "VET TOURISM HOSPITALITY";

The main objective of this project was to train 50 young job seekers/per year, in Berat Region (with focus on rural zones and roma people, from which 40% women and 30% returned emigrants), on Tourism Hospitality combining basic knowledge of professional competences with green/digital skills. This project have began on March 2024 and is closed at the end of May 2026.

Through this project, we want to empower young unemployed people and unemployed women, in particular(40% of the participants), and returned emigrants(about 30% of the participants) by offering them new professional training in the field of hospitality, including green, digital skills elements that would help them for job opportunities or self-employment.



During the training program, two coaches from business sector have been support the trainees. The training, is based on DUAL system: 30% theory based in class and 70% on job training at the business sector. Some mouth agreements in advance have been made by RDAB with the private tourism business sector. The main results of this project in three years period are the percentages (%) of employed or self - employed of the trainees. We are proud to say that already all the trainees(95%) are employed or self employed now days.

This success, due to the fact not only of RDA Berat, but also the big support from business sector and Municipality of Berat. The fact that Berat Town , derives its main income from tourism sector, is an added advantage for RDA Berat to facilitate the employment of those who have undergone the training.

Şefkatli Eller Fizik Tedavi ve Rehabilitasyon Derneği -Şefkat-DER (Turkey)

e-LIFE – Empowering Seniors through Digital Skills and Cultural Heritage

The e-LIFE (Once upon a life: Memories of hope so that seniors and depopulated areas can face the social challenges of the 21st century through training in digital skills) project is a 24-month Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership in Adult Education (2025–2027), coordinated by the Municipal Public Library of Proszowice (Poland) and implemented by six partner organisations from Poland, Spain, Cyprus, Türkiye, and Greece.

The project addresses two major European challenges: the digital exclusion of older adults and the depopulation of rural communities. Through an innovative combination of digital literacy, storytelling, and sustainable tourism, e-LIFE empowers senior citizens to become active creators of digital content while preserving and promoting their local cultural heritage.

The partnership is developing a comprehensive Digital Skills and Tourism Training programme for adult educators, followed by the creation of the open-access "Once Upon a Life" digital platform, where seniors' stories and videos about hidden local attractions will be shared through QR-code technology. The project will also produce a Methodological Guide to support educators and organisations wishing to replicate the approach across Europe.

Beyond improving digital competences, e-LIFE promotes active ageing, intergenerational learning, social inclusion, and community participation. By enabling seniors to document local traditions, history, gastronomy, and places of interest using digital tools, the project contributes to preserving Europe's cultural heritage while supporting sustainable local tourism and lifelong learning.

As the Turkish partner, Şefkatli Eller Association contributes to the development and validation of the educational materials, stakeholder engagement, local dissemination activities, and the preparation of the project's methodological guide, ensuring that the developed resources respond to the real needs of adult educators and senior learners.

Through collaboration, innovation, and community engagement, e-LIFE demonstrates how digital transformation can strengthen social cohesion, empower older generations, and create new opportunities for rural communities across Europe.



e-LIFE Project Advances with Trainer Capacity Building and Video Preparation

The e-LIFE – Once upon a Life project continues to make significant progress as partners move from the design phase into the implementation of one of its most innovative activities: empowering senior citizens to become digital storytellers and ambassadors of their local cultural heritage.

During the latest phase of the project, partner organisations successfully delivered Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions in their respective countries. The training equipped educators, adult learning professionals, and facilitators with the knowledge and practical tools needed to guide senior participants throughout the project. The programme focuses on developing digital competences while encouraging participants to document and promote lesser-known cultural and tourist attractions through engaging video storytelling.

Stay tuned as the e-LIFE partnership transforms local memories into lasting digital experiences for communities across Europe.

Find Us here: <https://e-life.erasmusplus.website/>



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Institute of Psychological Development (IPSA)



In June 2026, IPSA's Child, Adolescent and Family Department successfully completed the Pilot Programme for Social-Emotional Support in Municipal Childcare Centres, which had been launched in March 2026 in cooperation with the Municipality of Larissa. The programme strengthened educator-child relationships while promoting children's social-emotional development, early identification and timely intervention.

On 16 June 2026, IPSA organised a three-hour experiential workshop on Restorative Justice in Schools and Organisations in Larissa for 25 secondary school teachers, in cooperation with the Regional Directorate of Education of Thessaly. The event formed part of the dissemination activities of the Erasmus+ project 2025-1-EL01-KA122-ADU-000331143.

On **18 June 2026**, IPSA participated as a speaker at **STEM Robotics**, an educational organisation specialising in STEM, robotics and innovation, within the Erasmus+ STEMpower Through Art – KA154-YOU project. The presentation, “Supporting People with Disabilities in Greece 2026,” highlighted current approaches, key challenges and future perspectives for strengthening the inclusion and support of people with disabilities in Greece.



From **18 to 20 June 2026**, IPSA, the Friends of IPSA Association and its Volunteer Team participated in the **Pinios Festival 2026**, organised by the Municipality of Larissa in collaboration with local organisations and volunteers. Through interactive activities for children, adolescents, parents and adults, IPSA promoted psychosocial wellbeing, inclusion and community participation.

On **20 June 2026**, IPSA participated as a speaker at the **6th “Gift and Bridge of Life” Conference**, contributing to discussions on health, social solidarity and community support.

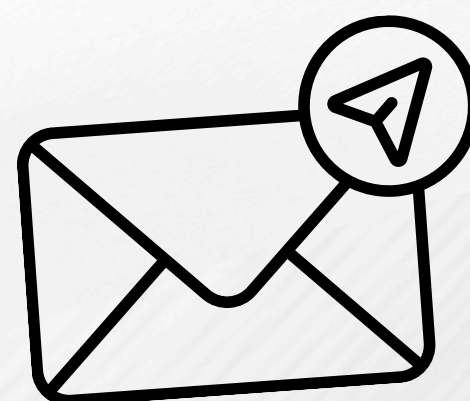
On **23 June 2026**, IPSA delivered the seminar **“Creating a School of Relationships Instead of Conflicts”** in Volos for School Life Counsellors of Magnesia, with online participation from educators in the Sporades islands, as part of the Erasmus+ 2025-1-EL01-KA122-ADU-000331143 project.

On **30 June 2026**, within the framework of the same project, IPSA delivered an experiential workshop on Restorative Justice in Schools and Organisations at the “Dimitris Chondros” Mental Health Promotion Centre in Trikala, operated by the Social Solidarity NGO SYN-EIRMOS, promoting restorative practices in educational and organisational settings

Slobodná demokratická škola Košice (Slovakia)



We invite you to Žakarovce, to the Worldschoollers Hub, on 7–20 September.



Join us for a shared learning and living experience in a small village setting in Eastern Slovakia. This is a space for connection, collaboration, and everyday exploration of education beyond the classroom.

Come and form your own first-hand impression of Slovakia through real encounters, shared projects, and meaningful time together.

We warmly welcome worldschooling families and communities to Žakarovce — on the eastern edge of Western civilization.

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