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PAL Network (Belgium)

Celebrating Our Journey in Thessaloniki | Proud Ambassadors

In Thessaloniki, project partners came together **one last time** to celebrate successes, share experiences, and reflect on the impact we have created together over the past months. Beyond the project discussions and future plans, the meeting reminded us how important personal connections are. It was a great opportunity to finally meet colleagues and partners face to face, strengthen friendships, and reaffirm our shared commitment to empowering young people across Europe.

A big thank you to CUBE Non-Profit Organisation for the warm hospitality and to every partner who contributed to making this journey so meaningful.

Although the project is reaching its conclusion, the relationships, knowledge, and positive impact created through **Proud Ambassadors will continue long after the final meeting.**



Second edition of the ROMDIEM Newsletter

We are proud to announce **the release of the ROMDIEM Documentary**, a powerful exploration of the Roma Holocaust (Samudaripen) that brings together personal testimonies, historical research, artistic expression, and contemporary perspectives from across Europe.

The **documentary's online European premiere attracted 351 registrations and over 200 participants**, highlighting a shared commitment to remembrance, inclusion, and human rights.

Read **our latest newsletter to discover the project's recent achievements and access the documentary here!**

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Per Esempio (Italy)

Per Esempio in Brussels: solidarity, mobility and youth participation seen from the south

From 18 to 24 November, Per Esempio ETS, a civil society organisation based in Palermo, will be in Brussels to bring the experience of Sicily and the wider Mediterranean into the European debate. Two events at the European Parliament will present the final results of two projects co-funded by the EU through the CERV programme, followed by a networking event for European project makers.

Bridging Borders. Developing connections of solidarity within the EU
18 November, 18:00 to 20:00, European Parliament

Hosted by MEP Cecilia Strada (S&D), the event closes Bridging Borders, a 24-month campaign that engaged young people aged 16 to 30 in ten EU countries, with a special focus on the inclusion of young people with a migrant background. At its heart is the screening of "Article 13", the documentary produced by the project on the right to mobility as a cornerstone of European citizenship, followed by a round table with EU institutions and civil society organisations. The event will be held in English.



URRA KIDS. Empowering young people to lead civic engagement for sustainable communities

19 November, 15:00 to 18:00, European Parliament, room Spinelli 1E2

Hosted by MEPs Leoluca Orlando, Melissa Camara and Jaume Asens (Greens/EFA), the event presents the results of **URRA KIDS**. The project involved young people aged 13 to 17 from vulnerable contexts and with migration backgrounds in green and inclusive urban regeneration in Palermo, Naples, Barcelona and Dublin. Young participants, partners, EU institutions and national authorities for children's rights will discuss the EU policy recommendations developed by the project. Interpretation in English, Italian and Spanish will be provided.

For more information on both events, write to **info@peresempio.com**.



Ignitor Hub 2026
23 and 24 November, Comet Meetings, Brussels



Per Esempio is also one of the co-organisers of the **11th edition of Ignitor Hub**, together with EProjectConsult, Promimpresa Società Benefit, PRISM and CEIPES. After ten years of ideas and collaborations across Europe, the network meets again around a simple format: each participant brings two project ideas, one for each day, to share and develop with others. Information: ignitorhub2026@gmail.com.

Per Esempio joins the Mediterranean District of Social Innovation, with Muhammad Yunus

On **16 July 2026 in Naples, Per Esempio ETS** signed the Statement of Intent for the development of the Mediterranean District of Social Innovation. The initiative links urban and social regeneration in three cities of southern Italy: Naples, Palermo and Potenza.

Per Esempio **promotes the District together with FOQUS Fondazione Quartieri Spagnoli (Naples), Consorzio Genera 3zero network and Fondazione Città della Pace per i Bambini (Potenza).** Working with local communities and social organisations, the District combines education, new forms of welfare, culture, care and the creation of new businesses and jobs. The business creation strand will be developed together with the Yunus Centre and will follow the social business principles of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus: social purpose before profit, reinvesting to maximise impact, respect for human dignity at work and environmental responsibility.

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ROMNI APS (Italy)

ROMA YOUTH EU VALUES ACADEMY

From Community to Civic Power

ROMNI APS presents ROMA YOUTH EU VALUES ACADEMY – From Community to Civic Power, an initiative for young Roma people aged 14 to 30 in Rome, Brescia and Isernia.

The **aim** is **to strengthen young Roma people's civic participation, combat antigypsyism and narrow the gap** between recognised rights and their everyday experiences.
Through activities in civic education, leadership, communication and advocacy, participants will be able to identify discrimination, document challenges in their communities and turn their experiences into concrete proposals.

The planned activities and outputs include:

·at least five training sessions and a Youth Civic Voice Lab;
·an 8–12 page Roma Youth Civic Brief with proposals developed by young participants;
·video messages made voluntarily and with participants' informed consent;
·at least three awareness-raising and dissemination activities;
·a public dialogue event with institutions and other stakeholders;
·the creation of **a Roma Youth Civic Network linked to ROMNI APS**.

Particular **attention will be given to the participation of girls, young women, minors and people facing multiple forms of discrimination**. The activities will include safeguarding measures and safe, inclusive ways to participate.

The initiative also aims **to strengthen dialogue between young Roma people, institutions, schools, equality bodies, civil society organisations and the media**, while giving space to young people's experiences and recommendations.
The **goal** is to **help young Roma people take a more active and visible role** in civic and democratic life.

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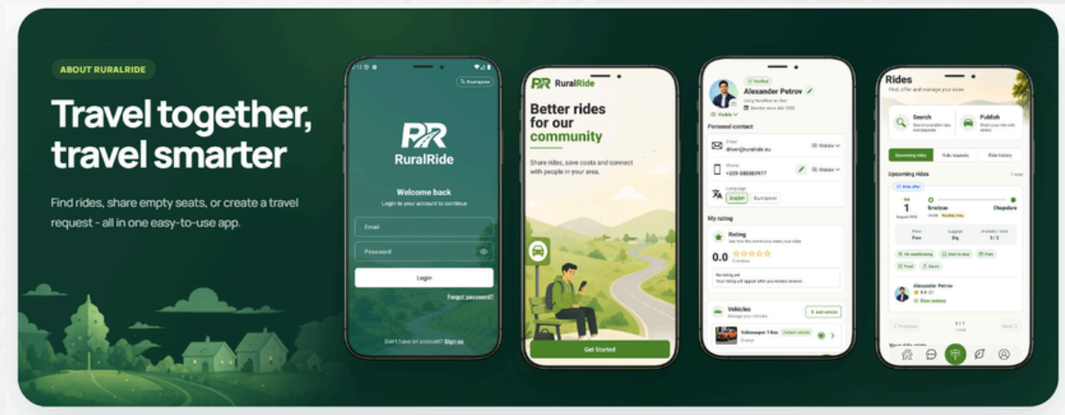
Coordinator of RuralRide, together with the Municipality of Smolyan, Bulgarian ITS Association (BITSA) and ASI.Gov ApS.
The project responds to mobility challenges faced by rural communities, where public transport options can be limited and residents may need to travel longer distances to reach work, education, healthcare and other essential services. The pilot is focused on the Smolyan region in Bulgaria. RuralRide is implemented by Next-Tech Association, the Municipality of Smolyan, Bulgarian ITS Association (BITSA) and ASI.Gov ApS within the RURBANIVE initiative. The public availability of the application is an important step towards real-world use and validation with local communities.

Next-Tech Association (Bulgaria)

Next-Tech Association

RuralRide application now available for download

The RuralRide application is now available for download on Google Play, bringing a new digital carpooling solution to rural communities.
RuralRide connects people in rural areas through shared travel. Users can search for a ride that fits their route and time or offer available seats in their car, connect with drivers or passengers through the app, confirm journey details and travel together. By making it easier to share journeys and travel costs, RuralRide aims to improve mobility options while supporting stronger local connections.



RuralRide website: https://www.ruralride.eu/

Download the application: Available on Google Play
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=next.tech.ruralride&hl=en

About RuralRide
RuralRide is designed to make shared travel easier in rural areas by helping people find rides, offer empty seats, share travel costs and connect with their local community.

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Materia Group (Cyprus)

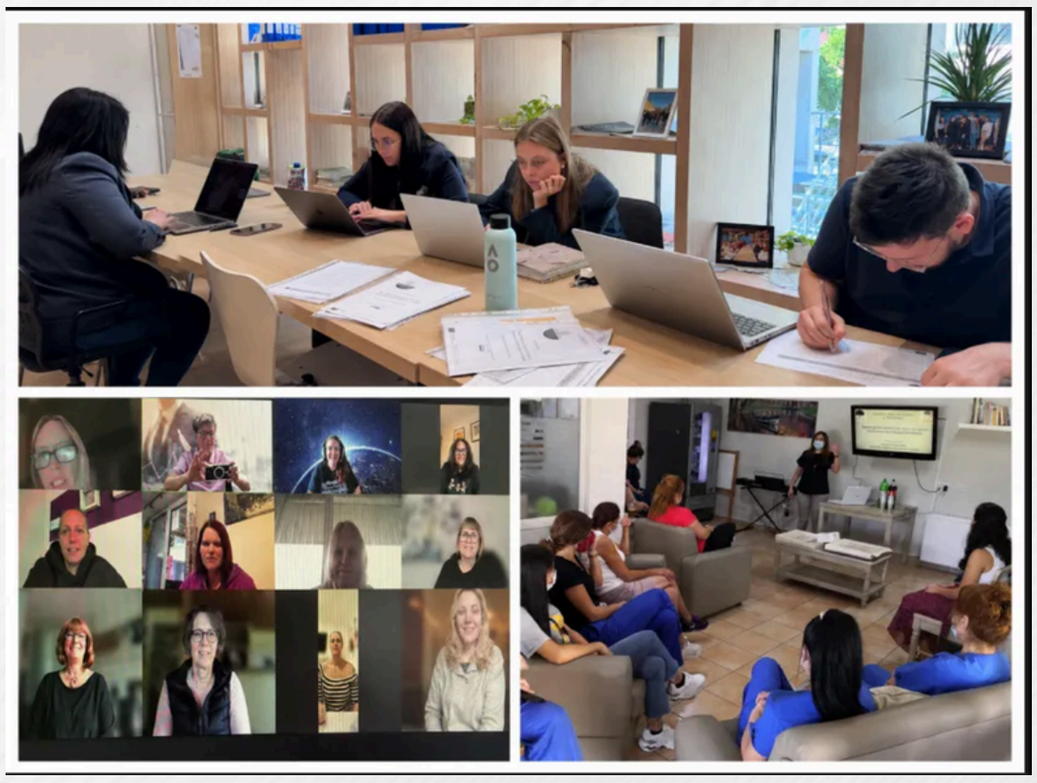
At Materia, we are **always looking for ways to turn good ideas into something that can make a real difference in people's everyday lives**. This year, that means being involved in six European projects exploring new ways to support people, families and care professionals.

Through **MOSAIC**, we are connecting with European initiatives supporting migrant women and sharing experiences that can strengthen inclusion and participation across communities.

With **Monit_Us** **www.monitus.eu**,we are looking at how managed observation and timely notifications can help care professionals notice changes earlier and respond when support is needed.

-**WeCare** **focuses on something we see every day:** technology is only useful when people feel confident using it. The project combines assistive technology with digital-skills training for caregivers, helping bring innovation closer to everyday care.

-We are particularly excited to be coordinating PERMA – Permaculture Education for Resilience and Meaningful Ageing https://perma-project.eu/, which brings together ageing, nature, learning and purpose. It explores how activities connected with nature can create opportunities for participation, wellbeing and meaningful ageing.



In **PROHEALTH,** we are working with European partners on a personalised, technology-based approach combining cognitive and motor activities to support health and help counter frailty.

And **EDU-MENT www.edu-ment.eu** has recently reached an important milestone. The digital screening tool developed for nurses and care professionals has been refined from 150 to 44 items across six domains and tested with care professionals. It is designed as a practical educational support tool, not a diagnostic instrument.

Across all **six projects**, the common thread is simple: "Innovation should ultimately serve people". We are proud to contribute our experience from Cyprus to European collaboration and, in return, bring new ideas back into practice.

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Youth Employment / Training Foundation (YETF) (Cyprus)

Youth Employment Training Foundation

At **YETF, our European work continues to focus on a simple idea:** people should have the opportunity to participate, express themselves and feel included in the communities around them.

With **SignMeIn – Sign My Right to Inclusive Employment** **www.yetf.cy/signmein/**, an EU Presidency Project **running from 2024–2026**, we are focusing on inclusion in employment and the rights of people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. The project brings together awareness, participation and practical approaches to **making workplaces more accessible and inclusive**. It builds on our wider experience of working directly with young people and employers and creating opportunities for meaningful interaction between them.

Through **SA & CE – Symbolic Action & Civic Expression (Erasmus+ KA210)**, we are exploring **creative ways to strengthen civic expression and participation**, particularly by giving people accessible ways to communicate their views, ideas and experiences.



Our newest initiative, **VOWED – Voices Without Fear: Resisting Gender-Based Hate Speech and Building Inclusive Democracies**, addresses **another important challenge**: creating spaces where people can participate in public and democratic life without being silenced by gender-based hate speech. Through the CERV-CHAR-LITI programme, the project will work on awareness, resilience and inclusive approaches to countering harmful online and offline narratives.

Although the three projects address different issues, they share a common goal: creating the conditions for people to have a voice, participate and be treated with dignity.

For YETF, European cooperation is about more than delivering projects.
>>It is about listening to people, learning from partners across Europe and turning that exchange into practical opportunities for more inclusive communities.

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Students Who Have a Voice: Stories of Real Participation in Schools

Slobodná škola (Slovakia)

Slobodná škola (slobodnaskola.sk) invites you to an online session: Students Who Have a Voice: Stories of Real Participation in Schools. The session is part o**f Catalyst Now Week 2026.**

What does a school look like when students have a real power at school, and are actively involved in making those decisions? Through stories from students and adults, we will explore the surprising, funny and sometimes difficult reality of sharing decision-making with children and ask what we, as adults, actually need to let go of for it to work.

🗓️ **Tuesday, 13 October 2026**

🕘 **9:30–10:30 CEST**

💻 Online via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84868954307

🇬🇧 **The session will be held in English.**
👉 **Registration for the event:**
https://catalystnow.net/events/students-who-have-a-voice-stories-of-real-participation-in-schools/



This **online session will share a concrete story of meaningful student participation in school**. We will explore what a genuine student voice looks like in practice, what conditions make it possible, and how educators and school leaders can move beyond simply “listening to students” towards real collaboration and co-creation with young people.

What are the challenges and benefits of such an approach?

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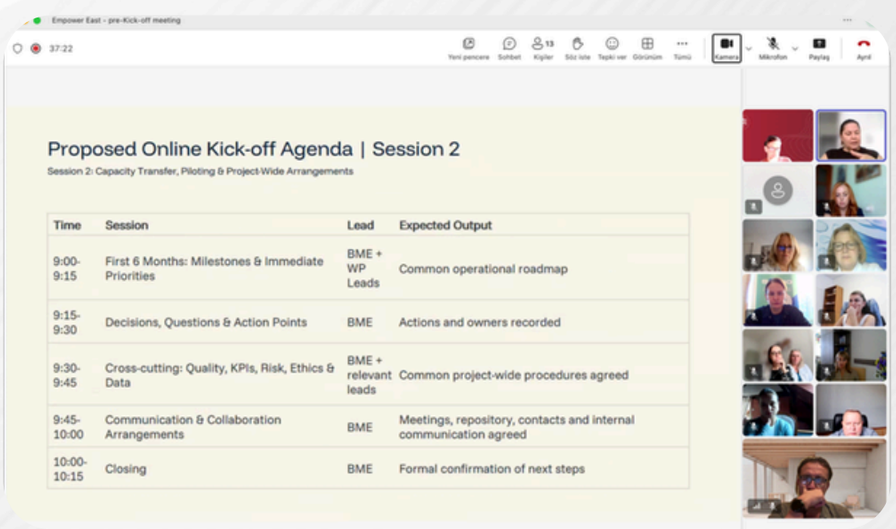
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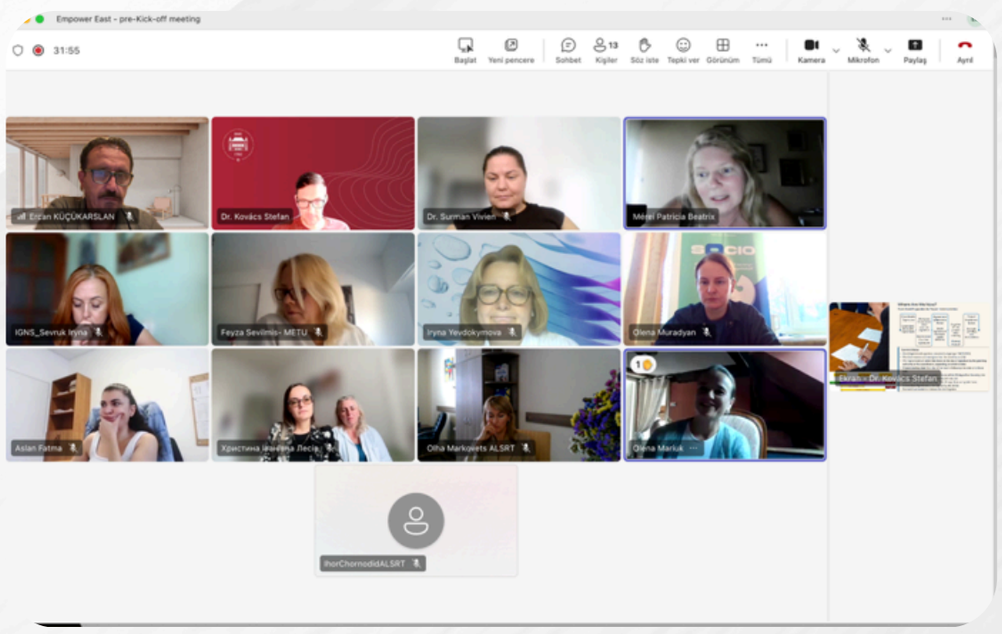


Established in 2009, **BOSEV is a multidisciplinary, non-profit foundation and VET centre based in Ankara, Türkiye.** Working through a broad institutional ecosystem that includes hospitals, rehabilitation centres, adult education units and vocational training facilities, BOSEV brings together expertise in education, health, social inclusion, digital transformation and community development. **The Foundation is committed to expanding access to high-quality lifelong learning,** particularly for vulnerable groups, women, young people and communities facing social or economic disadvantage. In recent years, BOSEV has broadened its work to include environmental health, green skills, sustainable agriculture, rural development, precision-agriculture tools and green entrepreneurship, linking its strong educational and social mission with the European Green Deal and the Sustainable Development Goals.

EMPOWER EAST: Empowering Ukrainian Universities and Early Career Researchers for a Stronger European Future

EMPOWER EAST is an innovative Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE Strand 1) project initiative designed to strengthen institutional capacities and support Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in Ukrainian higher education institutions, fostering their integration into the European Education and Research Areas. **Coordinated by Budapest University of Technology and Economics (Hungary)**, the consortium **brings together BOSEV Foundation and Middle East Technical University (Türkiye)**, **alongside four Ukrainian partners:** Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University, V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, the Institute of Environmental Geochemistry of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and the Academy of Labour, Social Relations and Tourism.





Over 24 months, t**he project aims to address structural challenges in doctoral education, research management, career diversification and international cooperation** through evidence-based institutional needs analysis, targeted capacity building and sustainable reform strategies. A distinctive feature of EMPOWER EAST is its emphasis on research assessment reform aligned with the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), alongside improved access to European funding ecosystems, including Horizon Europe, ERC, MSCA, WIDERA, EIC and cascade funding opportunities. **Five innovative training modules** will address responsible research and AI literacy, entrepreneurship and industry engagement, scientific communication, doctoral supervision, and international research funding. International staff **training in Hungary and Türkiye** will facilitate knowledge transfer, followed by institutional pilot activities supporting mentoring, industrial placements and EU grant applications. Each Ukrainian partner will also develop a tailored three-to-five-year Institutional Capacity Improvement Plan (ICIP) to embed project outcomes into long-term institutional strategies. With a strong commitment to gender equality, inclusion, digital transformation and international collaboration, EMPOWER EAST seeks to mitigate brain drain, promote knowledge circulation and strengthen the resilience of Ukraine's research ecosystem, contributing to the country's recovery and closer European integration.

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