

A FOUNDATIONAL YEAR FOR YOUTH MOBILITY, PARTICIPATION, AND CLIMATE ACTION.

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INTRODUCTION

2021 was a foundational year for Free European Youth e.V. (FEY e.V.) as the association strengthened its role in promoting youth mobility, non-formal learning, and active participation across Europe.

Building on the opportunities of the European Year of Youth 2022, the organisation expanded international cooperation, strengthened local engagement, and empowered young people from diverse backgrounds.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2022

- 40+ young people reached
- 1 Erasmus+ Youth Exchange (KA152)
- Multiple local activities implemented
- Focus on climate and sustainability

INSTITUTIONAL AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2022, Free European Youth continued to professionalise its internal structures, communication, and project management processes to support larger-scale youth initiatives.

The organisation expanded partnerships with local municipalities, youth centres, and European networks, creating a stronger foundation for future Erasmus+ and international youth projects.

Key Achievements

Strengthened internal governance and volunteer coordination
Improved online visibility and outreach through social media



PROJECTS AND MOBILITY ACTIVITIES

The main project in 2022 was Climate Crisis, Youth Mobility (KA152 – Youth Exchanges), implemented in Rödental, Germany. This short-term international youth exchange brought together young people from different countries to discuss climate change, sustainability, and everyday environmental responsibility.



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CLIMATE CRISIS

The main project of 2022 was the international youth exchange “Climate Crisis – Youth Mobility”, implemented in Rödental, Germany.

The project brought together young people from different countries to explore climate change, sustainability, and the impact of everyday behaviour on the environment.

Objective;

To raise awareness about climate change, global warming, water scarcity, and environmental responsibility.

ACTIVITIES

Non-formal learning workshops, group discussions, and outdoor activities

Practical exercises on the 3R principles (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

Introduction to renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power



YOUTHPASS

Participants were introduced to Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges and the Youthpass system, supporting recognition of non-formal learning outcomes.

IMPACT

Participants developed stronger environmental awareness and commitment to sustainable lifestyles. Improved intercultural communication, teamwork, and critical thinking

LOCAL ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Alongside the international project, FEY e.V. organised several local activities in 2022 to engage young people who were not travelling abroad, in line with the European Year of Youth.

Climate Awareness Workshops

A series of workshops for young people and youth workers focused on climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable lifestyles.

Participants developed local action ideas such as recycling campaigns, water-saving initiatives, and social media awareness challenges.

Youth Participation Café – “Shaping Our Future”

A monthly youth meeting space where participants discussed topics such as youth participation, social inclusion, and mental well-being.

Key outcomes included proposals shared with local authorities and the creation of a regular platform for civic engagement.

Local Mini Exchange

A local exchange between youth groups from nearby communities, including intercultural evenings and workshops on media literacy and digital citizenship.

These activities strengthened social cohesion and built connections between different communities.

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IN 2022, FEY E.V.:

- Empowered 40+ young people through international and local activities
- Strengthened youth participation in local and European discussions
- Promoted green and sustainable practices within and beyond Erasmus+ projects

Participants reported improvements in:

- Environmental awareness and sustainable habits
 - Intercultural communication and teamwork
 - Leadership and personal development
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PLANS AND OUTLOOK

Building on the experience of 2022, FEY e.V. aims to:

- Develop more youth-led projects in climate, inclusion, and digital participation
- Expand local participation structures such as youth councils and mentoring programmes
- Strengthen cooperation with European partners to increase mobility opportunities
- Building on 2022, FEY e.V. continues to grow its impact across Europe.

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Thank you for being part of our journey.