



Free European Youth e.V

2023

ANNUAL REPORT

**A year of growth,
structure, and youth
empowerment.**



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INTRODUCTION

2023 marked a year of institutional strengthening and professionalisation for Free European Youth e.V. (FEY e.V.), representing a transition from an emerging youth association to a more structured and governance-oriented organisation.

While international Erasmus+ youth exchanges were planned for later years, 2023 focused on internal capacity-building, volunteer development, and local youth engagement, laying the foundation for larger projects and professional youth work in 2024–2025.



Key Highlights 2023

- 40–60 young people engaged
- Volunteer system established
- Local youth participation activities implemented
- Focus on inclusion, participation, and community engagement



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INSTITUTIONAL AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

What we did?

In 2023, FEY e.V. took significant steps towards professional youth work and sustainable organisational structures. The organisation reviewed its internal processes, clarified roles, and developed clearer project design templates, communication guidelines, and monitoring and evaluation approaches.

Key Developments

- Formalisation of internal working groups (project design, communication, volunteer coordination)
- Creation of basic quality assurance procedures for future Erasmus+ and local activities
- Increased focus on data protection, youth safety, and equal opportunity principles



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VOLUNTEER SYSTEM AND PROFESSIONALISATION

A key milestone in 2023 was the launch of a structured volunteer system, marking FEY e.V.'s transition towards more professional youth work practices.

Recruitment and Training

Open calls for volunteers were shared through social media and local networks

Selected volunteers participated in introductory sessions covering mission, values, and project basics

Training included project management, communication, and event support

Volunteer Roles

- Supporting local activities and events (logistics, documentation, social media)
- Assisting in project preparation and follow-up
- Acting as first contact points for young people interested in projects

Impact

- A core group of committed volunteers was established
- Young people gained practical experience, improving employability and leadership skills





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LOCAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Although no large-scale Erasmus+ exchange was implemented in 2023, FEY e.V. remained active locally, focusing on youth participation and testing new formats.

Youth Participation Cafés – “Our Voice, Our Future”

Monthly meetings brought together young people aged 16–26 to discuss participation, inclusion, and well-being.

Activities included:

- Open discussions and small group work
- Role-play exercises simulating decision-making processes
- Collection of youth ideas shared with local institutions

Impact

- Young people felt more visible and heard
- The cafés became a regular youth space for dialogue and engagement

Youth-Led Mini Exchange

A local exchange between youth groups from nearby communities.

Activities included:

- Intercultural evenings (food, music, storytelling)
- Workshops on media literacy, digital safety, and conflict resolution

Impact

- Improved understanding between different groups
- Creation of a local youth network supporting future activities



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CAPACITY BUILDING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

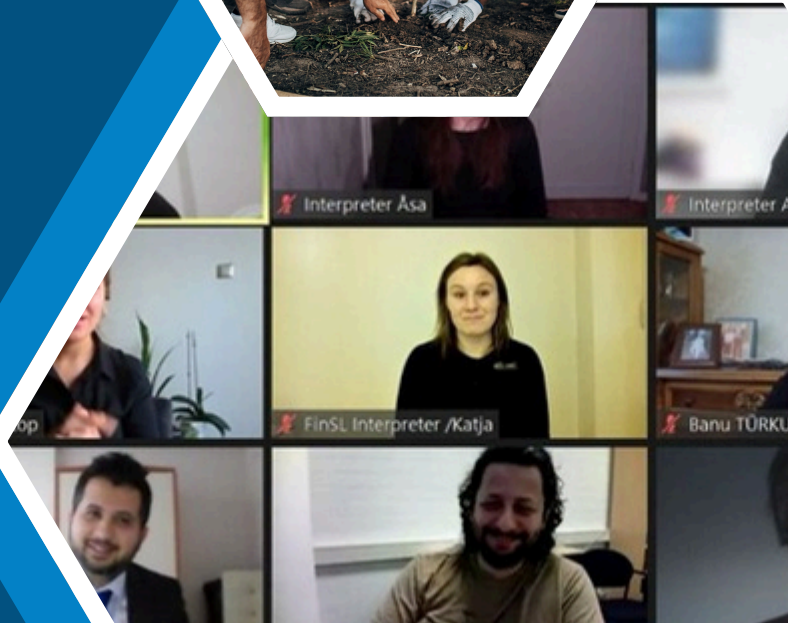
FEY e.V. used 2023 as a capacity-building year for youth workers and volunteers.

Internal Training Sessions

Introduction to non-formal education and youth work principles
Basic project design and planning methods
Communication and social media skills for youth organisations

These Sessions;

Prepared the team for more complex Erasmus+ projects
Supported volunteers in taking facilitation roles and responsibilities





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YOUTH OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

In 2023, Free European Youth e.V.:

- Strengthened its organisational structure and professional approach
- Established a sustainable volunteer system
- Maintained active youth participation through local initiatives

Participants reported:

- Increased confidence in expressing opinions
- Greater involvement in community discussions
- A stronger sense of belonging within a youth-led environment

OUTLOOK – 2024 AND BEYOND

Thanks to the groundwork of 2023, Free European Youth e.V. entered 2024 prepared to expand its activities and impact.

Future priorities include:

- Implementation of structured Erasmus+ projects
- Expansion of the volunteer network and defined youth roles
- Improved transparency and documentation aligned with European standards

Building on 2023, Free European Youth e.V. continues its transition into a professional and impactful youth organisation.



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