

REDEFINING YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY - NAVIGATING FUTURES

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Rising Together Across Europe

From Italy to Latvia, Greece to Bulgaria, the RiseUp project came alive through a series of inspiring local events that gave young people across Europe the opportunity to voice their ideas, share their visions, and co-create policies for a fairer and more inclusive world of work.

Between early 2024 and mid-2025, major activities unfolded under the Erasmus+ framework, each one representing a different aspect of youth participation, policy dialogue, and employability.





Open Dialogue-Latvia: Building a Culture of Entrepreneurship

The first stop for RiseUp was Latvia, where the Open Dialogue took place in the city of Dagda. This event focused on youth entrepreneurship as a driver of inclusion and innovation.

Participants from diverse backgrounds, including young entrepreneurs, local officials, and educators, gathered to discuss how creativity and innovation can help combat unemployment and social exclusion. The Dialogue featured workshops on sustainable business models, digital entrepreneurship, and cooperation between youth organizations and local authorities.

Through interactive sessions, participants designed concrete proposals to promote entrepreneurship education and support systems for young innovators.

Youth Festival-Bulgaria: Celebrating Creativity and Inclusion

In Sofia, Bulgaria, the Youth Festival transformed the energy of the project into a public celebration of youth participation and entrepreneurship. Organized by Sdrushenie Evropeyski Proekti v Bulgaria, the festival welcomed hundreds of visitors, including young innovators, artists, and local community members.

The event featured exhibitions of youth-led initiatives, interactive workshops, and cultural performances that showcased the creativity and resilience of Europe's young people. Participants also presented the outcomes of previous RiseUp activities and shared stories of how the project had inspired them to pursue their goals.



Youth Symposium in Greece

The final stage of RiseUp unfolded once again in Greece, where young participants from Greece came together for the Youth Symposium.

The contest challenged participants to develop innovative ideas and projects that address real-world employment challenges faced by European youth. Working in multicultural teams, participants proposed creative solutions such as digital tools for inclusive job matching, social enterprises for rural employment, and campaigns promoting equal opportunities in the workplace.

After days of brainstorming, teamwork, and mentorship, the best projects were presented before a jury composed of youth leaders, educators, and policymakers.



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As the RiseUp local events came to a close, the sense of achievement and unity among the partners and participants was undeniable. Across four countries, young people had engaged in meaningful dialogue, gained new skills, and built long-lasting networks that will continue to thrive beyond the project's lifespan.

The experiences, discussions, and outcomes from each event will be compiled into the RiseUp Youth Employability Toolkit, a digital resource designed to share the project's methods, insights, and best practices across Europe.

More than a series of activities, RiseUp became a community - a network of young changemakers determined to redefine employability through participation, fairness, and innovation.

Together, we didn't just rise up - we built the foundations for a more inclusive and empowering future of work in Europe.

