



Youth4Green: Digital Leaders for a Sustainable Europe

A transformative Erasmus+ KA153-YOU training course bringing together youth from across Europe to tackle urban sustainability challenges through innovative digital leadership and collaborative action.





Project Overview

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Project Acronym

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Partner Organizations

- USKUDAR BELEDİYESİ (Türkiye)
- TUDO Oktatási-, Ifjúsági-, Kulturális és Sport Egyesület (Hungary)
- TTB (Norway)
- Sustainability in Innovation and Entrepreneurship Youth Group (Azerbaijan)
- BOSNIAN REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION FOR VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- ASOCIATIA TINERII 3 D (Romania)



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Our Mission



Digital Leadership

Empowering young Europeans with digital tools and skills to drive sustainable urban transformation across partner countries.



Green Solutions

Developing practical approaches to environmental challenges facing European cities through youth-led initiatives and collaboration.



Cross-Border Cooperation

Building lasting partnerships between youth organizations across Europe to create shared solutions for sustainable development.



Model United Nations Simulation

Summit for a Just and Green Urban Future

This joint output represents a key activity within the Youth4Green project, designed to engage participants in active diplomacy and consensus-building around urban sustainability. Through this simulation, youth from partner countries will experience firsthand the complexities of international cooperation on environmental issues.



Why Model United Nations?

The **Model United Nations** format provides an ideal framework for Youth4Green participants to understand how different national priorities intersect with environmental goals. By adopting the perspectives of their own or partner countries, young people develop critical skills in negotiation, diplomacy, and collaborative problem-solving.

This simulation directly addresses the project's core objective of creating digital leaders who can navigate complex sustainability challenges while respecting diverse economic, social, and environmental contexts across Europe.



The Challenge We Face

Climate Crisis

Extreme weather events are intensifying across Europe, demanding urgent action to make our cities more resilient and sustainable.

Energy Transition

The energy crisis has exposed vulnerabilities in urban systems, requiring rapid transformation toward renewable sources and efficiency.

Just Transition

Solutions must balance environmental urgency with economic growth and social equity, ensuring no community is left behind.

Diverse Priorities

Each country brings different resources, economic realities, and social needs to the table, making consensus challenging but essential.



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Simulation Scenario

"Extreme weather events and the energy crisis across Europe are creating urgent pressure to make our cities more sustainable. However, each country has different resources and priorities. Today, we have gathered to ensure the fair distribution of a 'Green Urban Transformation Fund' aimed at reducing urban carbon emissions by 20% while safeguarding economic growth."

Participants will negotiate the allocation of this transformative fund, balancing environmental ambitions with economic realities and social justice. The goal is to achieve a 20% reduction in urban carbon emissions while ensuring that all partner countries benefit equitably from the transition.





Facilitator's Guide

90-Minute Active Session Structure



Session Phase 1: Summit Opening

Duration

15 minutes

Facilitator Role

Set the stage and create urgency around the sustainability challenge facing European cities.

Key Activities

- Formally open the "Summit for a Just and Green Urban Future"
- Present the crisis scenario with compelling context about extreme weather and energy challenges
- Introduce the Green Urban Transformation Fund and its objectives
- Organize participants into country delegations representing Youth4Green partner nations
- Distribute role cards with specific national priorities and bargaining positions
- Clarify the ultimate goal: achieving consensus on fund allocation that reduces emissions by 20% while supporting economic growth



Session Phase 2: Strategy Development



Identify Priorities

Each delegation reviews their role card to understand national goals and constraints.



Select Projects

Determine which initiatives should receive funding from the Green Urban Transformation Fund.



Plan Negotiations

Decide what to demand from other countries and what to offer in exchange for support.

During this 15-minute phase, country delegations convene internally to develop their negotiation strategy. Teams should consider their unique bargaining chips, such as Norway's technology expertise, Türkiye's large market potential, or Bosnia and Herzegovina's urgent air quality needs. The facilitator should circulate to ensure all groups understand their roles and objectives.



Session Phase 3: Active Negotiation

The Heart of the Simulation

This 30-minute phase brings the simulation to life as delegates move freely around the room, engaging in dynamic bilateral and multilateral meetings. Participants must balance their national interests with the need to build coalitions strong enough to secure funding.

Facilitator Tips

- Encourage movement and interaction between all delegations
- Introduce "Breaking News" crises to increase urgency and dynamism
- Monitor for countries being excluded and facilitate connections
- Remind participants to document agreements and commitments



Sample Breaking News

"News just in: A portion of the fund will be allocated exclusively to renewable energy projects!"

"Emergency update: Air quality has reached critical levels in three European cities. Immediate action required!"

"Technology breakthrough: New smart grid systems can reduce costs by 30%, but require international cooperation!"



Session Phase 4: Resolution Drafting

After 30 minutes of intense negotiation, alliances formed during discussions come together to formalize their agreements into resolution drafts. This 20-minute phase transforms verbal commitments into concrete action plans.

1

Alliance Name

Create a compelling name that reflects shared values (e.g., "Clean Air Coalition," "Green Tech Alliance," "Just Transition Partnership")

2

Member Countries

List all participating nations in the alliance and their specific roles

3

Priority Areas

Specify how fund allocation should be distributed (e.g., electrification of public transport, energy efficiency in buildings, renewable energy infrastructure)

4

Cooperation Model

Detail the inter-country collaboration framework (e.g., Norway provides technology, Türkiye and Romania conduct pilot implementations, Bosnia and Herzegovina receives priority support)

Session Phase 5: Summit Closing

The final 10 minutes bring all participants back together for resolution presentations and reflection. Each alliance presents its draft to the full Summit, explaining their priorities, cooperation model, and how their plan achieves the 20% emissions reduction target while supporting economic growth.

Debrief Questions

- What surprised you most during the negotiations?
- How did your country's priorities align or conflict with others?
- What compromises did you have to make?
- How does this simulation reflect real-world climate negotiations?
- What skills did you develop through this experience?
- How can youth leadership drive sustainable urban transformation in your community?



Country Profiles

Understanding Our Partner Nations

Each Youth4Green partner country brings unique strengths, challenges, and perspectives to the sustainability dialogue. The following role cards reflect real economic, environmental, and social contexts, enabling participants to engage authentically with the complexities of international cooperation.

These profiles are designed to spark genuine debate about technology transfer, economic justice, energy independence, and the meaning of a truly "just transition" that leaves no country behind.





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Türkiye: Host and Emerging Economy

Priority Challenge

Making cities green without slowing down economic growth. Seeking funds for electric public transport projects to solve traffic problems in megacities like Istanbul.

Bargaining Chip

Large market and pilot area for advanced technologies. Can offer to act as an energy and technology bridge between East and West.

Strategic Position

As project coordinator and host nation, Türkiye plays a central role in facilitating dialogue and demonstrating how emerging economies can lead green transformation.





Partner Country Profiles

Norway: Technology Leader

Priority: Gain economic benefits by selling indigenously developed green technologies (EV charging stations, smart grids) to other countries.

Bargaining Chip: Technical expertise and high-quality technology. Can stipulate that the fund must be used for technology transfer, offering training and consultancy.

Hungary: Central EU Member

Priority: Increase energy independence and ensure energy efficiency in old residential buildings. Balancing nuclear and solar energy sources.

Bargaining Chip: Strategic location in Central Europe. Can propose establishing a regional energy efficiency hub and serving as a model for other countries.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Country in Transition

Priority: Urgently need funds to solve severe air pollution problem, especially in winter. Transform coal-based industry and modernize heating systems.

Bargaining Chip: Urgency of the problem. Can demand moral support by arguing that for a just transition, the fund should primarily be directed to cities with worst air quality.

Partner Country Profiles

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Azerbaijan: Fossil Fuel-Rich Country

Priority: Use oil and gas revenues to diversify the economy and develop modern, green projects (green buildings, smart city technologies) in cities like Baku.

Bargaining Chip: Potential to finance projects. Can offer to make energy deals in exchange for technology and expertise or to be an investor in joint projects with other countries.

2



Romania: EU Member with Renewable Potential

Priority: Fully utilize renewable energy potential, such as hydropower and wind, and rehabilitate old industrial areas.

Bargaining Chip: Potential to be a significant source of clean energy for Europe. Can advocate for the fund to be invested in projects that will connect international energy grids.



Expected Learning Outcomes

1

Diplomatic Skills

Participants develop negotiation, persuasion, and consensus-building abilities essential for international cooperation on complex issues.

2

Systems Thinking

Understanding how economic, environmental, and social factors interconnect in sustainability challenges across different national contexts.

3

Cultural Competence

Appreciating diverse perspectives and priorities while finding common ground for collaborative action on shared challenges.

4

Leadership Capacity

Building confidence to advocate for sustainable solutions and lead green transformation initiatives in their own communities.

5

Digital Citizenship

Connecting sustainability goals with digital tools and innovation, preparing youth to be leaders in the green digital transition.



Connection to Youth4Green Objectives

This Model United Nations simulation represents a cornerstone activity of the Youth4Green project, directly advancing our mission to create digital leaders for a sustainable Europe. By engaging in this diplomatic exercise, participants experience firsthand the challenges and opportunities of international cooperation on environmental issues.

The simulation embodies the project's core values of youth empowerment, cross-border collaboration, and practical skill development. Participants don't just learn about sustainability in theory; they actively practice the negotiation, compromise, and coalition-building skills needed to drive real change in their communities.

Through this joint output, Youth4Green demonstrates how Erasmus+ training courses can create transformative learning experiences that prepare young Europeans to tackle the defining challenge of our generation: building a sustainable future that is both environmentally sound and socially just.

The insights and relationships formed during this simulation will continue to bear fruit long after the training course concludes, as participants return to their home countries equipped with new skills, perspectives, and a network of like-minded changemakers across Europe.



Join the Movement

Youth4Green

Together, we are building a generation of digital leaders who will transform Europe's cities into models of sustainability, equity, and innovation. This Model United Nations simulation is just one step in our journey toward a greener, more just future.



Think Globally

Understanding interconnected challenges across borders



Act Locally

Implementing solutions in our own communities



- Lead Digitally

Leveraging technology for sustainable transformation

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