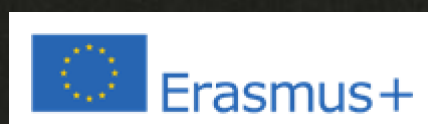


# Rural Youth Ambassadors

youth participation for vibrant rural communities  
and just environmental transition

Brajcino, Macedonia 19.8 - 28.8.2025 Youth Exchange



This infopack will guide you through the upcoming project you are going to take part on. Let's start by giving you an intro to the Erasmus+ world!

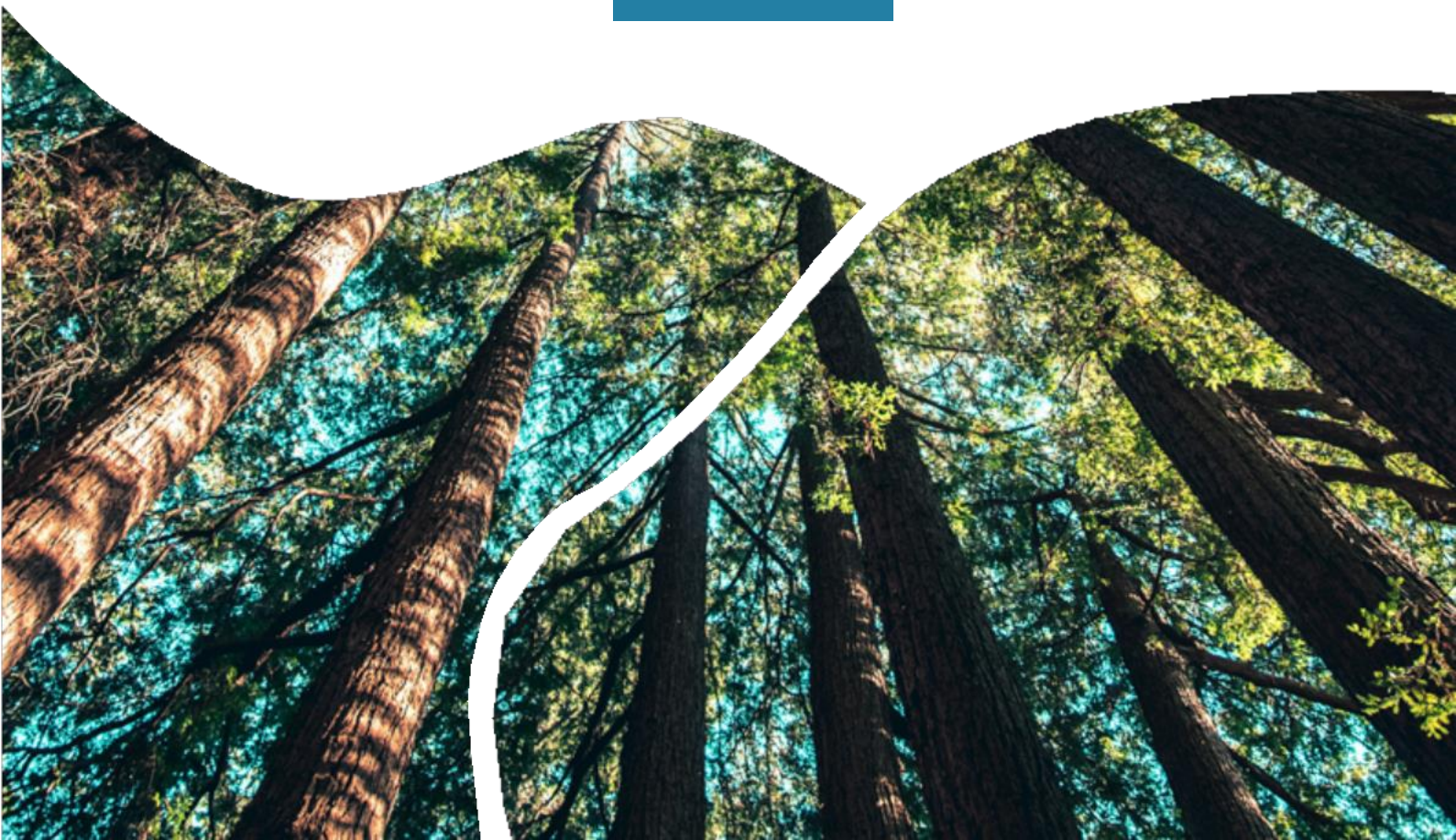


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## Topic

Rural Youth Ambassadors - youth participation for vibrant rural communities and just environmental transition.

## Aim

The Rural Youth Ambassadors (RYA) project seeks to empower young people from rural areas to actively participate in decision-making processes related to their communities and environmental transitions.

## Main objectives:

- 1** To equip the participants with the necessary tools, knowledge, and skills to engage in meaningful dialogue with policymakers and advocate for their community and environmental needs
  - 2** To help participants develop key competencies related to environmental stewardship, leadership, and cross-cultural cooperation.
  - 3** To give space to the participants to exchange ideas, share experiences, and collaborate with peers from different cultural and geographical backgrounds.
  - 4** To facilitate the development of sustainable solutions that meet the needs of both current and future generations.
  - 5** To strengthen participants knowledge of Erasmus+ Programme and to provide participants with an opportunity to work on development of new project ideas.
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## Participants & Partners

Each country should be represented by 6 young people (18-30) and 1 group leader (18+). The desired profile of the participant is passionate about environmental issues and sustainability, aligning with the project's objectives.

Partners of the project are:

Association for sustainable development of the village Brajcino 2011 BRAJCINO - [Macedonia](#)

Inženjeri zaštite životne sredine - [Serbia](#)

Institute for Strategic Development Centre - [Albania](#)

Asociatia Educreate - [Romania](#)



# Who are we?

**Brajcino 2011** is an association, located in a small village in N. Macedonia called Brajcino. It aims towards a sustainable way of living by promoting activities in nature such as mountain hiking and tourism, eating local, organic food as well as encouraging self-grown food through gardens and plantations. We are keeping the village clean and tidy and encouraging the locals to do so as well, by showing them examples and organizing actions together with the local community and building the infrastructure of the village as well as keeping freshwater sources clean. We support the local youth and small entrepreneurs by providing guidance and help and aiming to strengthen the status of the rural youth to feel more connected with the village and its surroundings.

Here in Brajcino 2011 we promote the values of small villages, as more and more people, especially youth is moving to bigger cities, we want to strengthen the image of living in a small village and the benefits of being closer to nature and the community, also promoting tourism in the smaller villages and mountain areas to connect locals from all over the country as well as foreigners closer to the culture of Macedonia.

Our team:

**Kostovski Saso:** As the President of the 2011 Brajcino organization, Saso brings a wealth of experience as a producer of organic food. He spearheads activities related to tourism, culture, and ecology in the village. Additionally, Saso focuses on enhancing the visitor experience in Brajcino by promoting and introducing new content.

**Nivicki Darko:** Darko serves as the owner of a local store in the village and doubles as a knowledgeable mountain guide. With a deep understanding of the village's nature and its surrounding areas, Darko is adept at showcasing the best natural attractions to visitors.





## Travel investment

Travel costs of all participants will be covered by the budget of the project in accordance with the Distance Calculator of the European Commission.

Accommodation, food, training materials are provided.


We ask you to NOT book your tickets until you get the confirmation on your application. Travel from Novi Sad to Brajčino and back will be organized by Inženjeri zaštite životne sredine. All participants are obliged fill in the Participant Mobility Report.

## Insurance

Participants are responsible for getting their own travel insurance and any medicaments and treatment that they use. The project does NOT cover for the insurance and medications.

# Accommodation

Youth exchange will be held in Brajcino, village located in the region of Prespa in Macedonia. Participants will be staying in several guest houses located in the village through the whole duration of the project. Shared rooms will be provided for participants: double, triple rooms. Wi-Fi works in all the facilities of the guest house.

 Accommodation and food will be covered by the project for the days of the youth exchange. There will be three meals per day + coffee breaks.



[More about Brajcino](#)



Brajcino is located around 3,5 hours drive from Skopje and about 5 km north of the Greek border.

Macedonia uses Macedonian Denars. 1 euro is 61.5 MKD. Most of the places in Skopje accept card and you can take money from ATM (check fees with your bank). However, the location of the project itself is in the village, there you will need to have a cash beforehand if you would like to pay for additional things.



# Important

- 1** Make sure to check that your **passport** is valid at least **3 months** after the project ends, or you will not be allowed to enter the country.
- 2** **Keep every ticket**, boarding pass and document from your travels, or we can not **reimburse** you later.
- 3** Take your personal **medicines** with you. Pack **personal cosmetics** and swimming suit. **Towels** and **flip-flops** are a must too. Take your **swimsuit** :)
- 4** The program of the project will include a lot of **outdoor activities** so be sure that the project is meant for you and that you are truly passionate about the nature and the rural environment.
- 5** Feel free to bring **information about your organization** and activities that your organizations are doing.
- 6** The program of the project will include **intercultural night**, so you are welcome to bring with you something to taste or drink.
- 7** The house will provide pillows, light blankets, and sheets. Take your personal **towel**.

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