

INFOPACK: GREEN MENTORS

Environmental Education & Mentorship Training Course for Youth Workers

Project Acronym: GM

Programme: Erasmus+ (Key Action 1 – Mobility of Youth Workers)

Hosting Organisation (Applicant): OZ SaUvedom (Baterkäreň), Trnava, Slovakia

1. About the Project & Objectives

GREEN MENTORS is a collaborative international response to the critical lack of practical competencies among youth workers dealing with environmental mentorship, climate anxiety, and sustainable community engagement. The project is strictly validated by the Partner Needs Assessment conducted across all consortium members.

Main Objectives:

- **Professional Development:** Enhance practical skills in environmental education, mentoring, and facilitating sensitive/climate-related topics.
- **Emotional Wellbeing:** Strengthen the emotional resilience of youth workers and build safe spaces to support youth experiencing climate distress and apathy.
- **Innovation & Digital Tools:** Integrate innovative methods (AI tools, gamification, art-based techniques) to bridge the generational gap (Gen Z and Alpha) and combat greenwashing and misinformation.
- **Tangible Outputs:** Create a joint methodological *Toolkit for Environmental Mentorship* and implement pilot mentoring projects in participants' local communities back home.

2. Partnership Consortium

The project brings together 6 experienced organisations committed to environmental sustainability and non-formal education:

1. **OZ SaUvedom (Baterkäreň)** – Slovakia (*Applicant & Host*)
2. **Indonéziai Sportcsoport** – Hungary (*ISC*)
3. **MTÜ Rabarada** – Estonia
4. **Asociatia "Tomorrow Hub"** – Romania
5. **E4U Youth Association** – Turkey
6. **United in diversity UA** – Ukraine

3. Preparatory Visit (APV) – Details & Programme

To ensure top-level quality, transparent management, and smooth logistics, representatives of the partner organisations will meet in Trnava prior to the main training course.

- **Dates:** November 16 – November 18, 2026
- **Venue:** Baterkäreň, Starohájska 1, 917 01 Trnava, Slovakia

- **Participants:** 1 designated representative per partner organisation.

APV Programme Schedule:

Day 1 (Nov 16, 2026): Arrival of partners in Slovakia

Day 2 (Nov 17, 2026) – Working Day:

- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome & Objectives of the Preparatory Visit
- 09:30 – 10:15 Presentation of the Hosting Organisation and Educational Context
- 10:15 – 10:45 Study Visit of the Educational Space (Baterkárez)
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Presentation of the Training Mobility Programme & Partner Feedback
- 12:00 – 13:00 Participant Profile & Selection Criteria
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break
- 14:00 – 14:45 Task Division, Project Management & Communication Setup
- 14:45 – 15:30 Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Outcomes
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45 – 16:15 Project Visibility & Dissemination
- 16:15 – 16:45 Mobility Logistics & Safety
- 16:45 – 17:00 Summary and Next Steps

Day 3 (Nov 18, 2026): Departure of partners from Slovakia

4. Main Training Course (Professional Development Activity)

- **Dates:** March 8, 2027 – March 12, 2027
- **Venue:** To be confirmed
- **Target Group:** 4 youth workers per partner country, 5 from Slovakia (total 25 participants).

Daily Training Programme Structure

DAY 1: Safe Space & Environmental Mentorship

- Opening, icebreaking, and setting expectations.
- Environmental mentorship in youth work and sharing best practices from partner organizations (peer learning, storytelling).
- *Study Visit:* Experiential learning tour of the local reuse centre.

DAY 2: Generation Z & Alpha, Participation & Communication

- Understanding Gen Z and Alpha, barriers to youth participation.
- Tools for youth activation, creative workshops, storytelling, and design thinking.
- *Project Laboratory:* Focus on participation in mentoring projects.

DAY 3: Critical Thinking, Greenwashing & Sustainable Consumption

- Unpacking greenwashing, media manipulation, and fast fashion consumer behavior among youth.
- *Digital Tools & AI:* Practical workshop on integrating AI and digital tools into environmental education.
- *Project Laboratory:* Gamification and creation of interactive activities.

DAY 4: Climate Emotions & Wellbeing in Youth Work

- Check-in, emotional mapping, and addressing climate anxiety in the reality of young people.
- Facilitating a safe space: Role-playing, model situations, and supervision practice.
- Wellbeing support tools: Art-based methods, creative expression, and guided journaling.
- *Project Laboratory*: Integrating wellbeing and climate emotions into local projects.

DAY 5: Implementation, Presentation & Conclusion

- Finalization of mentoring projects and peer review sessions.
- Final project presentations, storytelling, and collective reflection.
- Youthpass validation process, competence mapping, and official closing evaluation.

5. Practical & Financial Guidelines (Erasmus+ Rules)

Accommodation & Food (Individual Support): Fully covered by the Erasmus+ grant for all official participants and APV delegates.

Travel Costs (Green Travel): Travel expenses are **reimbursed** via Erasmus+ lump-sum distance bands. Participants are strongly encouraged to choose sustainable, eco-friendly travel options (train, bus, carpooling).

Visas & Insurance: Sending organisations are responsible for ensuring that their participants hold valid travel/health insurance and any necessary travel documents/visas.

FAQ

Can the APV person be a "normal" participant? It is up to you to choose, but it should be someone with decision-making power for the project.

Must the APV person join the main training? It is *strongly recommended*, but if really needed, a different person can attend the training (just make sure a thorough internal handover is done).

Age limit: Participants must be **18+** (no upper limit; our target is active youth workers/mentors roughly 20–50).

Can participants stay 2 extra days (travel/tourism)? Yes, Erasmus+ allows +/- 2 days, but please note that accommodation and food for extra personal tourist days are **not** covered by the grant.