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# Welcome to the Youth Ambassadors of Non-Formal Learning 2 Ist Newsletter!

**Youth Ambassadors of Non-Formal Learning 2 (YAMNFL2)**, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, supports youth in Europe and the Western Balkans through non-formal learning (NFL).

Launched in January 2024, the project emphasizes the importance of non-formal education by focusing on recognizing and validating skills acquired beyond traditional classroom settings. It aims to expand a network of Youth Ambassadors to boost employability and promote alternative career pathways in line with EU policies.

This two-year project, led by <u>LDA Mosta</u>r (Bosnia and Herzegovina), involves six partners: <u>TDM 2000</u> (Italy), <u>ADP-ZID</u> (Montenegro), <u>Youth4Society</u> (Albania), <u>USB</u> (Greece), and <u>NGO Iuventa</u> (Serbia).













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#### **KICK OFF OF THE PROJECT, TIRANA**

The project officially started in Tirana, Albania, where partners planned the twoyear roadmap to promote NFL in Europe and the Western Balkans.

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#### PANEL DISCUSSIONS

In 2024, panel discussions explored how NFL can address youth unemployment. Stakeholders discussed the benefits of NFL, the need for standardized assessments, and increased employer awareness.

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#### INTERNATIONAL 4 **SEMINAR, PODGORICA**

Held in Montenegro, this seminar trained participants to apply design thinking to community needs. Youth workers from partner countries gained skills to replicate these methods locally.

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#### **TRAINING COURSE,** CAGLIARI

In Cagliari, Italy, participants learned entrepreneurial skills through workshops and a hackathon. They developed practical solutions to social challenges, emphasizing teamwork and innovation.



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# YAMNFL2 Youth Ambassadors of Non Formal Learning

#### $\mathbf{Z}$ WEBINAR1&2 This webinars tackled youth creative unemployment through approaches. The first introduced design thinking. The second focused on Non-Formal Learning (NFL).

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#### STUDY VISIT, **NOVI SAD**

This study visit highlighted best practices in youth policies, non-formal education, and employability. Participants explored innovative programs, social entrepreneurship, and partnerships through workshops, presentations, and on-site visits.

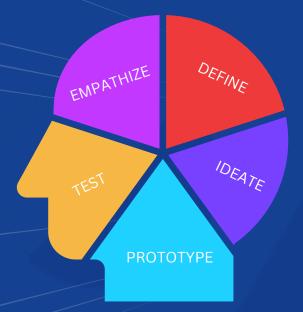
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### **CHECK OUT USEFUL TOOLS!**

#### **DESIGN THINKING LAB METHODOLOGY**



The YAMNFL2 Design Thinking Lab Methodology is a practical framework designed to support Youth Workers and young people approach challenges creatively and develop innovative solutions.

This methodology encourages collaboration, hands-on learning, and out-of-the-box thinking, making it a valuable tool for youth workers to equip participants with essential problem-solving skills for their personal and professional growth.



#### **YAMNFL2 TRAINING PACKAGE**





The YAMNFL2 Training Package is a comprehensive toolkit designed to empower youth workers and educators, in supporting youth (self-)employment. The training focuses on four key pillars mentioned in the graphic above.

The structure is flexible, allowing facilitators to adapt workshops to the needs of their participants or use them independently.











WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED DURING THE FIRST YEAR...

- Shared the project activities and results with a wider audience to spread the word and spark interest!
- Kickstarted exciting discussions on how to bring the project's potential to life.
- Collected valuable recommendations of non-formal learning in 6 countries to create modules for the local trainings.



### WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED DURING THE FIRST YEAR...

- Introduced the project's cool Design Thinking Methodology to the youth!
- Empowered consortium Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) with new skills and tools.
- Brainstormed creative ideas for impactful local activities.

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Problem Tree

- Introduced the topic to our amazing youth ambassadors (YA)!
- Trained 18 YAs to become skilled non-formal learning (NFL) ambassadors.
- Equipped YAs to lead inspiring peer-to-peer activities in their communities.

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- Gathered inspiring success stories to share with stakeholders.
- Explored how non-formal learning (NFL) can boost community development and empower youth.

WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED DURING THE FIRST YEAR...



18 Youth Ambassadors (YA) Trained

100+ Stakeholders Involved



# OUR IMPACT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROJECT...

## 22 Youth Workers Involved





### **GET THE INSIDE SCOOP!**

Don't miss out on the behind-the-scenes details of our project! Explore the booklets to see how it all came together and what's next.













**Peer-to-Peer** Local Trainings

**TED X Shorts** 



Youth Employment Fairs

National Conferences

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