



# Youth & Commute

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## Project's background

Youth & Commute is a structured approach for increasing the mobility of marginalized youth by encouraging the use of bicycles.

With this project we are addressing green transport, mobility, road safety literacy and the inclusion of young refugees, migrants and other vulnerable groups living at the margins of the society. Lack of accessibility to transportation services and systems leads to social exclusion and the bicycle provides target groups with low-cost mobility, which is a prerequisite for social inclusion.

With the proper knowledge and practical skills, cycling becomes very affordable way of moving around in the cities, sometimes faster than the local transportation. In some cases, it is even a source of additional income. The current number of jobs directly related to cycling in the EU is estimated at 650 000, with the potential for one million more. This opens a lot of possibilities to many young people to find a dynamic and active job, or even the option to open their own enterprise.

Therefore, the project consortium of the YOUTH & COMMUTE project is also bringing to light the entrepreneurial aspects of this sector. There is also the added health benefits that cycling which will in turn help persons to be more fit, and decrease the number of obesity in Europe.

## Objectives

Our main aim is to increase accessibility to bicycles by creating a structured approach for working with marginalized youth on acquiring skills, knowledge, and motivation for becoming daily bike commuters. Through research on national basis, we have defined the reasons and obstacles why our target groups, but also local youth that are not using bikes and created a program with project outcomes that is covering cover the gaps.

## Results

This project are expected to produce: (1) Innovative user-friendly Fix & Ride Toolkit of Resources to increase the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of marginalized youth; (2) Front-line Equip & empower In-Service Training Programme that targets youth workers and non-formal educators; (3) User-friendly Online Portal that provides an interactive platform for educational resources, and; (4) Youth & Commute as an organisation that is available to replicate across Europe.

## Kick-off

On the 24th of May 2022, the partner consortium of the project Youth & Commute went to the kick-off meeting in Sofia, Bulgaria. In this transnational meeting, the partners from Bulgaria, Sweden, Turkey, Macedonia and Austria discussed the first steps and overall project results of the project. The partner consortium all discussed the responsibility of each partner and the overall project management. We have also discussed aspects such as dissemination, evaluation and the deadlines of the project.



## Partner organisations



*Inter  
Aktion*

### InterAktion - Verein für ein interkulturelles Zusammenleben

InterAktion is an Austrian organisation that focuses on human rights, sustainability, the integration of refugees and young people from migrant families, and encourages intercultural dialogues between people from different backgrounds and cultures through non-formal educational methods. This organisation aims to advocate for the development and inclusion of marginalised groups and youth at risk within society. InterAktion helps to promote and create integrated communities that instill individuals with confidence to be more aware of their competencies and potential.



Website:  
<https://en.verein-interaktion.org/>



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### Antalya Value Creators Organization

We are a local youth organization established to carry out activities in the fields of education, training, youth and sport to support citizens especially young people in their personal and professional development. Our mission is to enable young people to be better equipped with the knowledge, skills and competences needed in a dynamically changing society that is increasingly mobile, multicultural and digital. Furthermore, we aim to develop digital skills and competences and skills in forward-looking fields, such as combating climate change, clean energy, artificial intelligence, robotics, big data analysis, etc. which is essential for Europe's future sustainable growth and cohesion.



Website:  
<https://www.antalyadegeryaratanlar.org/>





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**ECO-LOGIC** is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to protection and conservation of the environment, promotion of modern ecological practices, as well as monitoring and promoting the principle of sustainable development, emphasizing primary education settings (formal and non-formal), kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, as well as universities. ECO-LOGIC has a strong background and experience in child, youth and adult related work, emphasizing non formal education activities on various topics.

Website:  
<https://ecologic.mk>



**Re-Act Association** was founded to help (using enthusiasm, proficiency and lots of goodness) the socially disadvantaged children receive better living conditions, professional realization and social integration. The main goal is to qualitatively change the living conditions and the opportunities for professional realization and personal development of the socially disadvantaged children placed under institutional or foster care. Re-Act projects are based on analyses of the existing cares for socially disadvantaged children as well as of their own intellectual and social needs and interests, their psychological problems and their capabilities of personal and professional development in the future.

Website:  
[www.re-act.bg](http://www.re-act.bg)



MOBILIZING EXPERTISE



**Mobilizing Expertise**; an efficient Swedish SME for Nordic, European and International Projects which was founded in 2015. Our main 5 working areas are: Providing training, creating educational tools, mobilizing volunteers to professionalism, project management, promoting entrepreneurship among youth and adults. Throughout all of them we focus on the sustainable dimension, with a special accent on the environment and health of all generation. We are creating non-formal, alternative and easy to use educational tools for youth workers, educators, volunteers and staff as well as training packages which have been created through our international projects.

Website: <http://www.mexpert.se>

