# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## **OPENEUROPE**



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# **ABOUT US**

The **Association of Educational Programmes 'OpenEurope'** is a non-profit organisation based in Reus (Catalonia, Spain) that aims to help young people and adults working in youth-related fields to participate in European educational programmes.

Our programmes are aimed at developing communication, leadership and employability skills. Our association's projects and initiatives are aimed at engaging educators, teachers, students and the wider community in projects that seek lifelong learning (LLL).

The organisation works at a local, national and international level organising many different activities for educators and learners, young people and youth workers, professionals in the fields of formal, non-formal and informal education and training. One of its main goals is to promote European mobility and life-long learning, targeting those who want to acquire knowledge about new ways of teaching and learning. It is achieved through the exchange of best educational practices with European organisations active in the field of nonformal, informal and formal education. They also believe that such a way of learning is an essential tool to open boundaries and achieve interculturality.

At this moment, the association has **2103 individual members**, a network of **30 primary and secondary schools**, a **network of 8 NGOs** and **a municipal group of 6 city councils**.





## **PERSONALISED TRAINING**

We facilitate opportunities for continuing education, employment and work for young people; enhancing their self-esteem and their capabilities in the European society.



## INTERCULTURALITY

We promote the exchange of experiences and knowledge among representatives of different cultures, fostering solidarity and respect; avoiding social isolation and marginalization of immigrants.



## HERITAGE

We organize meetings and lectures dedicated to historical events. Disseminate and promote the language and culture of the country, as well as establish bridges of communication and exchange between different cultures

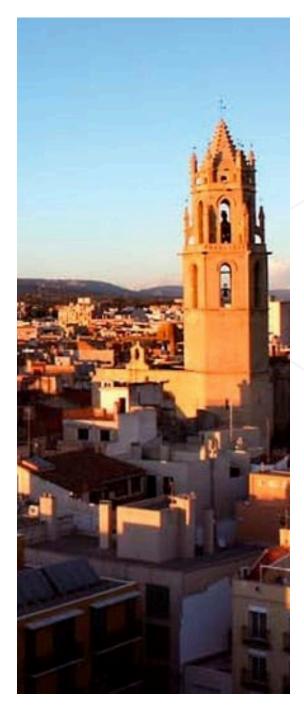


## **SPORTS**

We promote healthy lifestyle habits, the practice of sports among target groups and develop new methodologies and technification programs for continuous improvement.



# **SCOPE OF OUR ACTIONS**



OpenEurope is a non-profit organisation based in Reus, Catalonia, dedicated to empowering youth and adults through participation in European educational programmes. Our work spans a variety of initiatives aimed enhancing at leadership, communication. and employability skills. We focus on lifelong learning, promoting intercultural exchange, and fostering social responsibility. Our programmes include youth mobility, vocational training, and volunteer opportunities across Europe, designed to bridge cultural divides and support the professional development of young people and educators alike.

addition In to our core activities. OpenEurope actively collaborates with local, regional, and international partners to create innovative projects that respond to the evolving needs of our communities. We are committed to fostering a sense of European citizenship and encouraging active participation in democratic processes. By leveraging our extensive network and expertise, we aim to create meaningful opportunities for individuals to grow personally and professionally, contributing to the development of a more inclusive and skilled European society.

# **OBJECTIVES**

OpenEurope's objectives include promoting European values and integration through educational and cultural projects. The organisation focuses on empowering youth and adults by enhancing their skills, fostering intercultural dialogue, and encouraging active participation in society. It aims to create opportunities for personal and professional development, particularly through participation in European programmes such as Erasmus+. Additionally, OpenEurope seeks to strengthen collaboration with local and international partners to address community needs and support lifelong learning initiatives.

## PROMOTE EUROPEAN VALUES AND INTEGRATION

OpenEurope aims to foster a strong sense of European identity and unity by engaging individuals in educational and cultural projects that highlight European values.

## **EMPOWER YOUTH AND ADULTS**

The organisation focuses on enhancing the skills of both youth and adults, providing them with tools to succeed in their personal and professional lives through various programmes.

## FOSTER INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

OpenEurope encourages understanding and communication between different cultures, helping to bridge cultural divides and promote social cohesion.

## **ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY**

By engaging participants in democratic processes and community activities, OpenEurope aims to develop responsible and active citizens.

## SUPPORT LIFELONG LEARNING

The organisation is committed to creating opportunities for continuous personal and professional development, ensuring that learning is accessible throughout life.

## **STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION**

OpenEurope seeks to build strong partnerships with local and international organisations to address community needs effectively and to expand the impact of its initiatives.

# **VISION, MISSION & VALUES**

## **OUR VISION**

Our vision is to be a benchmark in the European field of training, mobility and internships for young people and adults, as well as in the promotion of interculturality and solidarity.

## **OUR MISSION**

The mission of our association is to promote lifelong learning (LLL) and to enable the participation of young people and adults in European programmes. We focus our efforts on developing skills such as communication, leadership and employability, as well as supporting non-governmental organisations and volunteering focused in solving social problems.

## **OUR VALUES**

Our values are inclusion, interculturality, solidarity, innovation and sustainability. Through these values, we work to foster the self-esteem and capabilities of young people, promote coexistence between different cultures, disseminate the country's culture and build bridges of communication between them.

# 10 YEARS OF OpenEurope

In 2024, the company celebrated its 10th anniversary of activity in Reus.

Initially, the company focused on managing and coordinating youth mobility projects between European Union countries. However, its services quickly expanded to include international volunteer programs and internship management, with an approach that also embraced adult students, educators, and youth workers.

Since 2016, the company has been part of EuroDesk and represents the only information point for this sector in the Tarragona province.

Over the past decade, we have achieved many milestones and expanded our range of services, including training activities for unemployed individuals, local internship opportunities, and professional certification programs.



## 10 years of OpenEurope

180	INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS
760	Young people from the region have participated in European exchanges and mobilities.
+100	Lectures and workshops organized in schools and institutes.
+1000	Young people helped through EuroDesk and the services of the youth department.

# ACTINITIES AT ATIONAL EVEL NATIONAL

# TRAINING

OpenEurope offers training in different fields:

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

- Language courses, including conversational classes for adults and educators, and preparation for Cambridge exams
- Cooking and dancing classes for learners of various ages

## **SCHOOL EDUCTION**

- Pedagogical assistance, extracuriculum activities of foreign languages, creativity for schoolchildren
- Psychological support for teachers and school staff
- Classes of Catalan/Spanish for parents with immigrant background; mediation

## **VET / YOUNG PEOPLE**

- ICT, foreign languages, employability, work-based learning, vocational quidance, career counselling
- Preparatory training, consultancy and advisory services to the participants of international mobilities: VET learners, sending centers and hosting enterprises.

## **COMMUNITY NETWORKING**

- Project development and management for public bodies: youth departments/centres of City Council of Reus, Tarragona and Cambrils
- Trainings for volunteers and community workers

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# **COURSES & ACTIVITIES**

In terms of courses, Open Europe offers language and personal growth courses in the different Civic Centres of Reus and at its headquarters. It also organizes occasional workshops on different themes at the youth centre La Palma of Reus.



## **Courses at the Civic Centres of Reus**

During this year, our company has carried different courses aimed at adults of any age, with the objective of providing knowledge in the most enjoyable way possible. The courses centered in guided meditations, mindfulness, and memory and mental gymnastics workshops.

There have also been various language courses, primarily in English and French, covering different topics such as English and French for conversation and English for travel. Additionally, several introductory courses on informatics have been offered.

# Courses and activities in the headquarters of Open Europe

Throughout 2024, we offered a variety of language courses at our offices, designed for children, teenagers, and adults. Our *Juguem en anglès* program focused on making English learning a creative and engaging experience for children. For teenagers, we created an *English Corner Teens* course, which provided a learning environment tailored to their specific needs and realities. Lastly, our *Teatime English* course for adults allowed them to practice and improve their English speaking skills in a supportive setting.





## Number of participants: 250

The Public Employment Service of Catalonia (SOC) is an autonomous public body linked to the Generalitat's department responsible for employment. Its primary focus is on creating and improving employment quality in alignment with European objectives. Established under Law 13/2015, the SOC manages and integrates employment programs and services, ensuring quality employment support for individuals and businesses across Catalonia. The law also organises the employment system of Catalonia, comprising various entities and services aimed at enhancing public employment policy.

Here is a list of the courses currently offered:

- Response to cybersecurity incidents
- Implementation and management of cybersecurity
- Image processing for web and mobile
- Communication in foreign languages (English) A2
- Applied psychology to sales
- Strategic and digital marketing
- Occupational risk prevention
- Employment insertion and environmental and gender equality awareness





In collaboration with the SOC, we participated in the ADA program, which is dedicated to unemployed women, to provide vocational training aimed at enhancing employment opportunities. The program focuses on acquiring digital skills, promoting entrepreneurship, supporting rural development, and reducing the gender gap.

This initiative is aligned with the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism (MRR Funds) and specifically contributes to the National Digital Skills Plan, as part of the SEPE's efforts to improve digital skills for employment.

Here is a list of the courses currently offered:

- Application of the Excel spreadsheet. Advanced level
- Application of the Excel spreadsheet. Beginner level
- The computer and online transactions
- Initiation to the creation and editing of texts
- Computer literacy and Basic Digital Skills for Employment
- Introduction to computers and basic digital skills



## **Culinary Training Center**

Espai Boule – Culinary Training Center is a dynamic training hub in Reus, dedicated to shaping the next generation of professionals in gastronomy and hospitality. With a focus on hands-on learning, our programs offer an immersive experience for aspiring chefs, waiters, and anyone passionate about the culinary arts.

We blend tradition with innovation to equip students with the skills they need to succeed in today's competitive food and hospitality industry. Our courses are designed in collaboration with industry experts and provide real-world experience in professional kitchens, ensuring a well-rounded and up-to-date education.

Here is a list of the certifications currently offered:

- Certificate of Professionalism Basic Kitchen Operations
- Certificate of Professionalism Basic Pastry Operations
- Certificate of professionalism Bar and cafeteria services





## **ALMA program**

ALMA is an EU initiative designed to support young people aged 18-29 who are not engaged in employment, education, or training (NEETs). The goal is to provide the most disadvantaged youth with opportunities to integrate into society through access to work or training.

The program aims to promote inclusion and employment for participants in their home country by improving their skills, knowledge and experience and giving them an opportunity to create new connections across Europe.

In December we did an informational meeting on the program at "La Palma".

Program Phases

- Preparatory Phase (Home Country) Participants undergo intensive, tailored training to prepare for their next steps.
- Mobility Phase (EU Mobility) Participants gain supervised work-related experience and mentorship in another EU country for 2 to 6 months.
- Follow-up Phase (Home Country) On returning home, continued support helps participants apply their new skills to secure employment or further education.

# eurodesk España

EURODESK is an information service focused on European programmes and initiatives, targeting both young people and youth workers. It provides easy and quick access to information on education, training, and youth-related opportunities within Europe. OpenEurope serves as the only qualified EURODESK multiplier in Tarragona province, offering direct access to European information and opportunities.

The European Youth Portal, developed by the European Commission and EURODESK, is a key resource for information on volunteering, learning, cultural participation, and other youth-related topics.

Throughout the year, with the aim of promoting the international mobility activities offered bv OpenEurope, its employees have visited various educational institutions in the and delivered province presentations on organizations such as the European Solidarity Corps, the Erasmus+ program, and opportunities for other studying and working abroad.





## Talks about international youth mobility in educational centres

Talks about international youth mobility in educational centres During the year, and in order to disseminate the international mobility activities offered by Open Europe, its employees have visited different educational centres in the province and have given talks about organisations such as the European Solidarity Corps, the Erasmus+ programme or different study and work opportunities abroad.

The centres where the visits have been made during all the year are: Institut Lluís Domènech i Montaner and in youth centres in small villages such as Riudoms.







## oficina OVE del Baix Camp

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Seminar in Lublin on youth participation under a KA1 project Youth mobility with Spanish participants sent by OpenEurope







## Talks about the Mobilicat and CityBound programmes in La Palma

During the month of April of the year various talks were given at the youth centre La Palma about the different programmes that were being run that year for young people.

The talk about the Mobilicat programme brought together young people who after their studies were in limbo with their employment situation. While the talk on the CityBound programme, aimed at children, was full of families interested in finding out more about this opportunity.



# ACTIVITES AT

## **CITY BOUND EUROPE**

Citybound Europe Youth Exchange is a network of eight NGOs from different European countries united by a common goal: to bring Europe closer to young people.

To achieve this, the network organises 7day exchanges for youth aged 13 to 17. During these exchanges, participants work together to:

- Raise awareness of European citizenship.
- Promote a common European culture, breaking down national divisions and seeking universal values.
- Encourage active citizenship, volunteering, and youth involvement.
- Strengthen solidarity, understanding, tolerance, and cohesion within European society.



Europa es importante porque juntos podemos resolver nuestros problemas compartidos.



C ity Bound Europe





## Informative talk about the stays in Casal de Joves La Palma

In April an informative session was held for young people interested in participating in the City Bound programme, which is organised every summer. A large number of young people, some of them together with their families, came to find out about the places available, the type of activities that would take place, the places where they could go and the other participating countries.

## Mobilities of City Bound Europe (Summer 2024)

During the summer of 2024, the City Bound Europe Network stays took place in the European cities of Athens, Prague and Berlin. Young people between 14 and 17 years old spent one week in an intercultural context, where people from different parts of Europe lived together and carried out different activities in a non-formal educational context.





## Training course for Youth Leaders in the framework of the project

In October, a training course was held in Germany for young people under 30 years of age and it lasted a week. The main purpose was to train them to be able to be youth leaders of the summer stays in the framework of the project. During the stay they learned the techniques of non-formal education on which the programme is based.



## **MOBILITIES**



Mobilities are international exchanges lasting 7 to 15 days, where adolescents, young people, and youth workers gather in another country to discuss topics related to the identity and values of the European Union. This programme, funded by the European Union, aims to promote mobility and intercultural learning, as well as improve participants' language skills.

Participants must be youth workers, open-minded, and motivated to meet people from across Europe. English proficiency is recommended, though no official certification is required.

There are two types of mobilities:

- For young people aged 13 to 17, exchanges are led by an experienced youth leader, and participants need a basic level of English to communicate with others and youth workers.
- For those over 18, a higher level of English is required to effectively communicate, debate, and understand the programme's rules.



## **TLN Mobilicat**

The TLN Mobilicat programme is an initiative that facilitates the labour insertion of unemployed people registered in the Youth Guarantee program of the government of Catalonia. Open Europe is the organization representing the program in the province of Tarragona.

The TLN Mobilicat, aimed at people from 18 to 30 years old, facilitates work placements in Germany, Ireland and Italy in the fields of business administration, video games design, nutrition and design.

It is an initiative that includes free language training, plus work experience abroad. On the one hand, it provides basic language training (German, Italian or English) with a 120-hour course, plus additional hours of English to ensure communication in the workplace. In addition to intercultural training to become familiar with the culture of the country where the internship will take place.

Once the language training has been completed, the program provides 90 hours of unpaid internships in the above-mentioned areas, followed by a personalized follow-up. Accommodation, transportation and living expenses are included, as well as cultural and pedagogical activities.

Mobility



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Eurodyssey is an international youth mobility programme organized by the Assembly of European Regions (AER), providing young people with high-quality traineeship opportunities in both EU and non-EU member regions.

Eurodyssey aims to foster social inclusion and help young people integrate into the job market. It also promotes language learning and intercultural exchange, offering participants valuable skills for their future careers.

The programme is open to young Europeans aged 18 to 30 who are either unemployed or recently qualified, and living in one of the participating regions. What sets Eurodyssey apart is that the traineeship placements are organised and financed by the host regions, allowing them to select both the companies and the young participants who will benefit from the programme. This regional-level management ensures that the programme is tailored to local needs and opportunities.

In Catalonia, Eurodyssey is managed by the SOC (Servei d'Ocupació de Catalunya) and our company is proud to host three participants as part of this initiative:

- One from Adjara, Georgia;
- One from Azores, Portugal;
- One from Sardinia, Italy.

The trainees will begin with a one-month language course in Barcelona, learning both Spanish and Catalan. Following this, they will undertake a 5-month traineeship with our company, gaining experience in Social Media Management, Project Management, and Marketing.

## **Singulars Programme**

This programme is aimed at young people between 16 and 29 years old, registered in the Youth Guarantee and DONO, which offers job orientation and/or reorientation for returning to the education system. Being the main objective to inform young people about vocational training, accompanying and guiding them in the decision-making process in order to achieve their goals.

The methodology of this programme is basically a training range in different trades, and key competences together with accompaniment (during the whole programme and during return to the national educational system). This 10 young people that participated in this programme also had the opportunity of an internship when they finished the training, focused on becoming administrative assistants. The training started in February until June, in July they did the internships, and after that, the last months of the programme were focused on encouraging and guiding them through employment or returning to the education system.

Also, during the training the had individual sessions with a mentor and they participated in different activities and workshops, always considering social cohesion, social integration or learning new skills.

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## **INTERNSHIPS**

OpenEurope is accredited by the Employability Service of Catalonia as a guidance, placement and training centre to coordinate mobilities and work placements for vocational training students at local, national and international level.

The association coordinates internships, training and mobilities for both staff and VET students in the fields of: tourism, catering, biology, audiovisual, mechanics, accessibility, marketing, administration and finance, non-formal and informal education, among others.

OpenEurope also provides preparatory training, guidance and counselling to VET students, sending centres and host companies.

OpenEurope organise transnational mobilities both

- for students/young people of the province and
- for students and teachers from abroad who would like to take internships or trainings in Spain.



Volunteering through the European Voluntary Service (EVS) is an opportunity for young people aged 17 to 30 to work with organisations abroad. The programme does not require specific technical or professional skills; instead, it focuses on cultural exchange and community impact. Volunteers engage in various projects, including human rights, environmental sustainability, and social programmes. While the role is unpaid, it provides personal and cultural benefits. The EVS offers support throughout the process, and volunteers must coordinate with accredited organisations to participate.



VOLUNTEER

## INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

This year, beyond our borders, we participated in around 20 Erasmus+ KA2 projects together with other European partners. We show them below, grouped in the following themes.

- 1. Accessibility and inclusion
- 2. European values
- 3. Training of trainers
- 4. Digital world
- 5. Gender and diversity
- 6.Environment

2024 IN FIGURES	
COMPLETED INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	26
ONGOING INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	19
COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS	4
INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PARTICIPANTS	+200

## **PROJECTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION**





#### MoMs PROJECT

The MoMs Project aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by women with disabilities who are often discouraged from motherhood and judged for their desire for autonomy. The project seeks to create a society that understands and supports their rights and aspirations. Additionally, the project strives to educate people with disabilities, as well as health and education professionals, about the rights of individuals with disabilities through accessible and informative materials.

https://www.momsproject.eu/en/hom e

### **PARENTS UNITED**

#### PARENTS UNITED

Our project aims to facilitate the collaboration of parents of people with disabilities in promoting best practices in sexual education and the social inclusion of their children. We seek to provide parents and caregivers with the information and tools necessary to understand their children's sexuality. We aim to provide people with disabilities with what they need to recognize their inherent needs and desires, explore their intimacy and sexuality, and live fulfilling lives.

https://www.parentsunited.eu/index.p hp/it/



#### **EU SPORT INCLUDES**

The project aims to enable transformative change (at an individual, organizational, or sectoral level) in the mental and physical wellbeing of children and adolescents suffering from autism, ADHD, and OCD. through the catalyzation of sports.

https://eusportincludes.eu/es



#### FOCUS

The FOCUS project aims to provide foreign language teachers in primary schools with soft and transversal skills and the necessary tools, such as digital educational games, to apply the ABJ (Game-Based Learning) method in teaching foreign languages to children with learning difficulties.

#### https://ecosme.eu/



#### UPCYCLING

The project's main objective is to combat climate change by applying waste reduction initiatives that can lead to a greener and more circular economy at educational institutions where children can be taught to reuse waste material to produce new things in an attractive and creative way.

https://www.upcyclingeducation.eu/en



#### **AUTHERAPIES**

The Autherapies project aims to conduct a review of evidence-based therapies for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This campaign seeks to generate constructive criticism in the European media and promote both the use and choice of evidence-based therapies for the treatment of ASD.

https://autherapies.eu/en





#### **EXCELLENCE IN MATH**

The E=MD^2 project aims to improve the mathematical skills of young students while creating an inclusive classroom, specifically for those with mental disabilities like dyscalculia. Through different ways of teaching mathematics, the project aims to increase the motivation of students who often find this subject difficult and isolated from everyday life,

#### https://excellenceinmath.eu/



#### Safe Spaces

SafeSpaces is a project focused on creating a digital Methodology to support the integration of unaccompanied migrant minors. It outlines key strategies in youth work, social work, prevention, and intervention, while providing training for youth social workers to ensure successful outcomes in migrant centres.

https://safespacesproject.eu/abo ut-the-project



#### **Think Twice!**

The Think Twice! project encourages project managers to consider the environmental impact of their activities. It aims to promote sustainability in managing Europeanfunded projects by sharing knowledge, best practices, and solutions for integrating social, economic, and environmental perspectives. The project supports organizations in adopting greener practices, from training sessions to marketing materials and travel, through small, impactful steps.

<u>https://thinktwice.management/a</u> <u>bout/</u>



#### MOVE AND ACT

The Move and Act project aims to engage young people, especially those from marginalized backgrounds, and help them develop their artistic and digital skills. The target groups of this project include young people with disabilities who are neither studying nor working, immigrants and young people involved in the arts, whether professional or amateur. These groups are considered more vulnerable, and have been affected by the recent pandemic and the economic crisis of the last decade, which affected most European countries.

http://moveandact-project.com/



#### **READY TEDDY, GO!**

The Ready Teddy Go! project focuses on students with special educational needs, often excluded from traditional classes and assigned to special classes within the same school or to a specific school. Upon reaching adulthood, these students face discrimination in various aspects of life, experiencing difficulties in establishing social relationships and accessing professional opportunities. In order to counteract the risks associated with this discrimination, the project aims to develop key skills and expand knowledge through an innovative approach.

#### https://www.readyteddygo.eu/en

#### We are Colourful

#### WE ARE COLOURFUL

The WE ARE COLORFUL project focuses on the prevention, identification and mitigation of problems that arise in classrooms due to differences between students. The projects ultimate goal is to help schools in the cognitive, social and emotional development of their students

## **PROJECTES WITHIN THE FIELD OF EUROPEAN VALUES**





#### JUST HER

The Just Her project aims to provide tools and training for educators in order to support migrant and refugee women facing discrimination and marginalization.

https://justherproject.eu/



#### SIEMDIG

SIEMDIG aims to support teachers and promote inclusive education by providing digital resources and instructions to enhance their confidence in using technology in the classroom and creating digital materials. It also emphasizes fostering understanding, acceptance, and empathy among young pupils to combat social exclusion. WE EUROPEANS

The We Europeans project aims to encourage social actors to develop a joint strategy to counter populism, hate speech and disinformation with the values of european citizenship.

https://we-europeans.eu/

https://siemdig.uken.krakow.pl

## **PROJECTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF TRAINING TRAINERS**





This project aims to reach out to people with disabilities (PWDs) to improve their access to culture, as well as to current and future staff of museums, galleries, etc. Because currently professionals working in museums and galleries are not equipped with the knowledge and experience to make their environments more engaging and accessible.

https://www.curability.eu/

## **PROJECTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF THE DIGITAL WORLD**





#### DigiPro

Digital Tools for Digital Challenges (DIGIPRO) revolutionises the way we tackle cyberbullying and online hate speech – two prominent challenges of the digital world.

It also promotes co-education and creates an alliance between schools, families and other institutions.

https://projectdigipro.eu/

## **PROJECTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF GENDER DIVERSITY**





GIAff4ID project aims to promote the participation of Young People With Intellectual Disabilities (YPWID) in their communities by developing materials that enhance the skills of youth workers in the area of sex education and relationship-building. These will in turn help promoting values and rights that are fundamental to the Union, such as the freedom to build relationships and families, access to quality sex education, and dismantling discrimination and ableism with regard to YPWID's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.



ARTEMIS

The ARTEMIS project aims to make primary schools safer and more supportive places for students by addressing the issue of peer-to-peer sexual harassment, which involves inappropriate behaviors between students. This problem, which is worsening in primary schools across Europe, affects learning and the school environment. ARTEMIS seeks to help teachers understand the causes of this phenomenon, teach them how to intervene appropriately, and create safe and inclusive learning environments.

https://projectartemis.eu/es

https://giaff4id-project.eu/

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**





### **EU GREEN GARDENS**

OpenEurope is the coordinator of a Key Action 2 project in the field of youth where 6 EU organisations work together to create urban gardens by intergenerational teams in each partner community.

The EU GREEN project aims to enhance youth participation through the creation of urban community gardens with an intergenerational approach. In this way, we seek to strengthen community commitment and involvement, as well as promote youth work in general.

In February 2024, the project brought together in Reus, Spain, all partners from Italy, Ireland, North Macedonia, Poland, and Lithuania for the first meeting of the EU Green project.

The project's goal is to create accessible green spaces for everyone, where the community can learn to cultivate food sustainably. We discussed how to implement our idea and use urban gardens as an educational platform for the new generations.



# N E T W O R K S



# **NETWORKS**

# EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS

OpenEurope is also a member of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA), a European network whose purpose is to link and represent European organisations directly involved in adult learning. Their primary focus is to promote adult learning and access to and participation in nonformal adult education for all, particularly for groups currently underrepresented.

In 2024, OpenEurope has participated in more than 10 online meetings of the network, in 3 online seminars on education for young adults and in one physical networkin event.





OpenEurope is a member of "Plataforma per a l'Educació Mediàtica" an organism which aims at responding to the growing demand for training and education in the fast-changing field of communication, media literacy and online and audiovisual content. This network aims to improve the communicative skills of children, parents and teachers, and citizens in general, to develop a critical approach to their digital and audiovisual consumption.



# THE 17 OBJECTIVES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015, provides a shared sustainable plan for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future. At its core are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which contribute to an urgent call to action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global alliance.





## 1. ERADICATE POVERTY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN ALL ITS FORMS



Development project in Tanzania



In 2023, Representatives of OpenEurope, together with other partners from Italy, the Netherlands and other European CEFEC member countries, participated in a cooperation project in Tanzania. The project consisted of a prior preparation of business and entrepreneurship materials and methodologies. So, once there, they developed and implemented courses and training sessions with Masaai widows. These trainings helped these women have the knowledge and tools needed to create local associations to support other women's business initiatives.



### 1. ERADICATE POVERTY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND IN ALL ITS FORMS



Let her In International Network

OpenEurope is a founding member and currently chairs the board of directors of this international network made up of more than 40 partner organizations. The network includes universities, companies, educational centers, associations and a great variety of other organizations that work for the defense of human rights and for the equality of all people.

So, in this area, OpenEurope has participated in several initiatives that work to defend and protect the value and dignity of each person; dissemination of human rights; inclusion in society; awareness of what freedom, equality and humanity mean...

For example, OpenEurope participated in a campaign in Greece where a basic "dignity kit" was distributed to homeless people, where they were not only given basic hygiene items but also vouchers to buy the products they themselves need in supermarkets. This initiative also received a financial donation from all members of the Let Her In Association.





https://letherin.org



# 5. ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERING ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS.

OpenEurope takes part in projects that deal with this topic and we are partners of the European network Let Her In.



The O'Bias project aims to contribute to the reduction of sexist prejudices in the communication processes in labor recruitment.



https://obiasproject.eu/

The Guide project aims to help career counselors move away from gender biases based on traditional roles that can limit options to ensure equal opportunities for all genders without exploiting talent and human resources.

https://guideproject.eu/



### Let her In International Network

OpenEurope is part of the Gender Working Group of the network. This works to eliminate the obstacles that women find in their equality in the educational, labor, political and social spheres. In this area, OpenEurope has organized online sessions at an international level to promote diversity and gender inclusion in the workplace where European experts have participated.





### 16. PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE, AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS.

### Humanitarian assistance and cooperation with Ukraine



With the continuation of the war in Ukraine, OpenEurope quickly activated its network of local volunteers, joined not only by individual participants from Reus but also by other organizations and associations throughout the province to collect, pack and send essential products to Ukraine.



Thanks to OpenEurope's contacts with hospitals and orphanages in Ukraine, we were able to ensure that the materials being sent were truly essential, and this collection of products was updated and varied according to needs.



# 3. ENSURE A HEALTHY LIFE AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.



# Memory classes/workshops Elderly homes

For many years we have been holding memory workshops at different Civic Centers in the city of Reus. These sessions, aimed at older people, aim to work on their cognitive functions, while increasing their well-being and having a good time. In 2022, courses have been held for the elderly at the civic centers of Ponent, Mitjorn and Carme.



4. ENSURE INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.

# Memory classes and workshops in Old People's Homes

OpenEurope provides language classes and reviews in its office, in this case the courses are at different levels of English, French, Russian, Italian and German.

### **REUS CIVIC CENTERS: LANGUAGES AND MEMORY WORKSHOPS**

With regard to language courses, during 2022, introductory courses in English, Japanese, German and Italian have been taught at the Cívics de Reus. Basic English courses, English conversation at different levels, English for traveling and walks in English and intermediate level courses in German and English. In the case of memory workshops, courses have been held for the elderly at the civic centers of Ponent, Mitjorn and Carme.

### **CIVIC CENTERS OF TARRAGONA: LANGUAGES**

During 2023, introductory courses in English, French and German have been taught in the civic centers of Tarragona, English conversation classes at different levels, serieforums, French courses through gastronomy, and intermediate and children's English.



17. STRENGTHEN THE MEANS TO IMPLEMENT AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. OPENS IN A NEW WINDOW.



Social Firm Europe, CEFEC - network of social cooperatives

Cooperation project in Tanzania: water wells



Within the framework of the CEFEC network, OpenEurope has also participated in the planning of a prototype project where it is intended not only to finance, but also to provide the necessary knowledge to several communities in Tanzania to build their own wells for water supply

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