

# YOUTHPASS IN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



»I have been part of many projects within Erasmus+ so far and we made evaluation in all of them. In most of them we also made reflection of our personal learning, but in some we were also encouraged to write Youthpass. It was only in the last project that I truly understood that learning can be fun and it is fun to learn.«\*

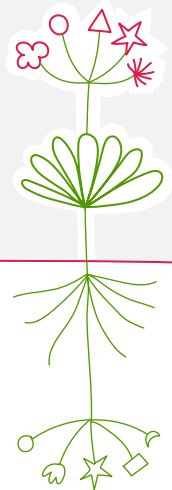
»I believe that Youthpass and reflection on learning should develop organically in the youth initiatives or projects. The learning aspect of youth work should be the fundament of youth work.«\*



## WHAT IS YOUTHPASS?

Youthpass is a dynamic process that helps you increase the learning value of your project. It is a tool to document and recognise learning outcomes from youth work. It is an empowering certificate that includes participants' own words on their learning outcomes.

More info at <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/about-youthpass/about/>



## WHY USE YOUTHPASS?

By using Youthpass, you do not only provide a certificate of participation; you also enable participants to explain their learning outcomes and improve the quality and the visibility of your work. This way, you contribute to Europe-wide efforts in recognition of youth work and non-formal learning.

The Youthpass process increases participants' awareness of developed competences; they can use them more easily in their future personal and professional life and communicate them better to others.

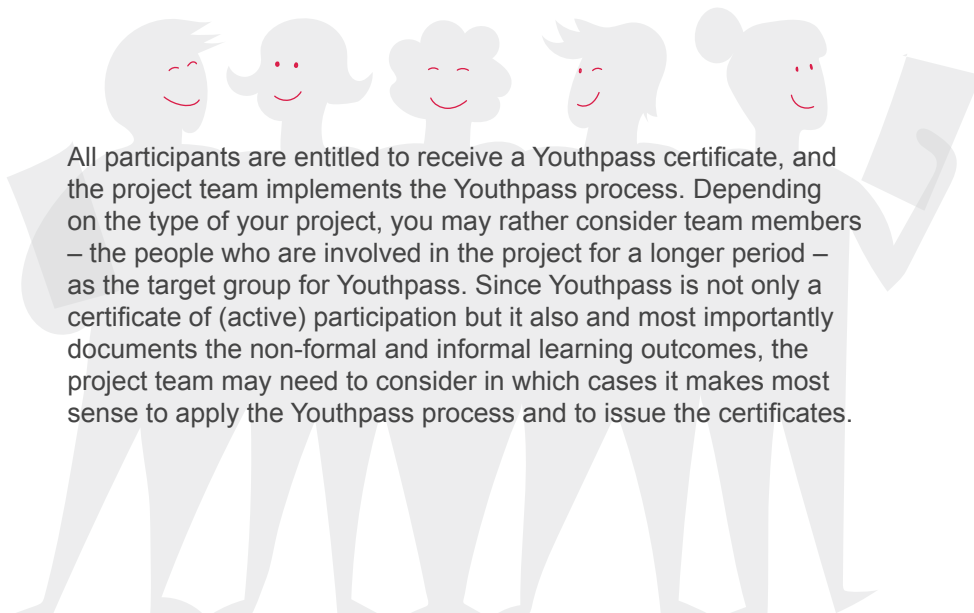
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## WHO CAN RECEIVE A YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATE, AND WHO IMPLEMENTS THE YOUTHPASS PROCESS IN A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT?

All participants are entitled to receive a Youthpass certificate, and the project team implements the Youthpass process. Depending on the type of your project, you may rather consider team members – the people who are involved in the project for a longer period – as the target group for Youthpass. Since Youthpass is not only a certificate of (active) participation but it also and most importantly documents the non-formal and informal learning outcomes, the project team may need to consider in which cases it makes most sense to apply the Youthpass process and to issue the certificates.

A guiding question in the decision-making may be: „Does this activity or process provide a learning experience for those involved?“.

You may consider the context of the whole project as a learning experience, or also only certain activities within.



# WHEN AND HOW TO WORK ON YOUTHPASS?

The Youthpass process is followed throughout the project lifecycle. When considering how to implement it, it is important to take into account the characteristics and the target group of your project.

**IN THE PLANNING** and preparation phases, we invite you to consider how Youthpass process makes sense in your project or activity, and to inform the participants about the possibility to receive a Youthpass. It may be a good idea to invite the participants to think of their learning goals and perhaps even make a learning plan.

**WHILE IMPLEMENTING** the project or the activity it is important to plan some methods and space for reflection, and to invite the participants to regularly reflect on their learning experience. The learners can be encouraged to record their learning - by keeping a diary, video recordings, drawings or other methods that they prefer - throughout the project to help create the basis of their Youthpass. Planning a diverse range of reflection activities including individual, peer and group reflection moments help to have a richer evaluation.

**TOWARDS THE END** of the implementation and **DURING THE FOLLOW-UP** phase, the participants may need support in writing their learning outcomes for the certificate, following the Key Competences for Lifelong Learning framework. Where possible, some additional guidance on how to make use of Youthpass for their future personal and professional pathways can also be beneficial for the participants.

## HOW TO WORK ON YOUTHPASS?

The Youthpass process is mainly based on dialogue and reflection. This requires leaving time for reflecting on the experience and supporting the participants in formulating their conclusions on their learning.

You will often need to use the Youthpass website, as this is the place to create the certificates and document the developed competences. You can also find many materials and ideas on the Youthpass website that can guide you through this whole process. To see some of our favourite resources, please have a look at <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/publications/handbooks/>.

You will find **Youthpass Unfolded** for practical tips and hands-on methods on Youthpass process; and **One 2 One** on individual learning support and on the one-to-one relationship between a participant and a youth worker.

If you need more information about the structure of the certificate and about the Key Competences, please go to <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/about-youthpass/certificates-and-languages/>.

For step-by-step instructions on creating certificates you may visit <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/help/step-by-step/> and check certificate examples at <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/help/demo-certificates/>.

FAQs on Youthpass will give you answers to some common questions at <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/help/faqs/>.

We wish you a wonderful project full of learning!



Your Youthpass Team

Youthpass is the recognition instrument for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action and European Solidarity Corps programmes. Through the Youthpass certificate, participation in the projects can be recognised as an educational experience and a period of non-formal learning.

SALTO Training and Co-operation Resource Centre is responsible for the implementation of the Youthpass strategy across Europe. You can contact the Youthpass Team at [youthpass@salto-youth.net](mailto:youthpass@salto-youth.net).

Further support on Youthpass is available through Youthpass Contact Persons in each National Agency.

\*Quotes from participants of projects organised by Jugend Kultur Arbeit e.V.

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