



## CALL FOR PARTNERS

# RISE AND THRIVE: YOUNG ACTIVISTS FOR A GREENER TOMORROW

Erasmus+ Youth Exchange

**Dates :** 29 July - 9 August 2024

**Location:** Echologia, Louverné, France (countryside, with a train station)

**Duration:** 10 days

**Language:** English

### Partners and Participants

We are looking for 4 partners from the Erasmus+ Program and Partners' Countries

**Participants:** 25 pax, including 5-7 pax from France

4 groups of 5 participants (1 Youth Leader + 4 participants)



## About Concordia

Concordia is a non-profit and non-governmental French organization created in 1950. Our aim is to encourage active citizenship through various volunteering and education projects: workcamps, youth exchanges, medium and long term volunteering, etc.

Implemented with local and international partners, those activities involve a large number of participants with different backgrounds, coming from all around the world and acting together for the common interest of communities, in France or abroad, on a wide panel of topics..

Concordia Normandie-Maine is based in Le Mans and works throughout the region to promote international mobility. Many of Concordia Normandie-Maine's actions are designed for local young people with fewer opportunities in order to facilitate their participation in citizen projects.

For more information please visit our website : [www.concordia.fr](http://www.concordia.fr)

## Summary

Gather young people, potentially already involved in **climate activism** in their countries/communities, to share practices, dreams, experiences.... by trying not to focus necessarily on individual responsibility, but on **systemic change, advocacy, activism, while being in a wonderful natural environment.**

After learning about the different SDGs, about everyone's diverse perspectives, pax will have the opportunity to develop their own concrete awareness-raising tools that they can reuse to disseminate these ideas to their surroundings, communities, encouraging people to contribute to the campaigns, to join the fight and hopefully have a **great social impact.**

## Objectives

To create space for a fruitful exchange between young people from different countries

To create a sense of community between the participants

To promote the values of equality, diversity, respect, towards both humans and nature

To enable participants to experience non-formal education and to have an understanding of some of its tools.

To encourage participants to organize climate activist actions afterwards!

## Profile of participants

Participants can be between 18 and 30 years of age.

The exchange is aimed at youth people and youth leaders, already active in climate activism or wanting to be, and interested in climate topics, in advocacy, in social change, in sharing ideas and experiences... The most important thing is motivation and energy!!

Participants need to have a good conversational level of English, as it will be the spoken language for the duration of the exchange. Speaking French is not necessary.

## Methodology

The program of the Youth Exchange will be based on non-formal learning, which aims to focus on the participants' needs, to create horizontal relationships in a group and to learn by doing.

We believe that non-formal education is the best way to enable active involvement of each participant and to provide space for self-expression. Therefore, this method will help participants to be able to develop new skills and new tools.

## Organisation & Financial Conditions

The exchange is coordinated by Concordia Normandie Maine.

Accommodation, food, local transportation and activity costs are covered by Concordia Normandie-Maine through the Erasmus+ programme.

Travel costs are reimbursed up to a certain amount, depending on the country the participant and/or group leader is traveling from. The reimbursable amount is decided with the [Erasmus+ Distance Calculator](#).

We will encourage participants to purchase green ways of transportation as much as possible.

TRAVEL		
Distance	Max	Green Travel
10 - 99 km	23 €	
100 - 499 km	180 €	210 €
500 - 1999 km	275 €	320 €
2000 - 2999 km	360 €	410 €
3000 - 3999 km	530 €	610 €
4000 - 7999 km	820 €	

## Partnerships

Partners commit to choose and send a team of 5 people (1 group leader + 4 young people). Sending organizations will select people interested in climate topics, climate justice, and nature. The participants will meet within their country teams before the exchange and ideally, all participants will meet online before coming to the Youth Exchange.

Sending organizations will support the participants in booking their travel arrangements if necessary (and with support from Concordia).



## Location

 [Echologia](#), Louverné, France

Echologia is a true natural oasis, with strong ecological values and a 70-hectares eco-touristic place in the department of Mayenne. It is located on top of former lime quarries that were closed in 1963. The site being abandoned for 50 years, nature has since reclaimed its rights, transforming the site into an exceptional place brimming with unexpected treasures.

Today, the site has been completely rehabilitated by a team of enthusiasts. For many years, Echologia has organized workshops and mini-construction sites with various schools and social structures.

It is also the first aquaponics training center in France.

Accommodation will be provided there (in a brick and mortar building, hostel type)

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**Expression of Interest ASAP, before April 28!**