



TASTE, CREATE, TRANSFORM

Youth for a Rural and European Future

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Le Faiï, Le Saix, France

**European Youth Exchange
CALL FOR PARTNERS**





CONTEXT

In the heart of the **South French Alps**, this youth exchange offers the chance to live, learn, and create together in the extraordinary setting of **Le Faï**.

More than just a place, Le Faï is a multicultural hub—alive with ideas, traditions, and creativity—that plays an active role in the local economy.

Here, surrounded by mountains, orchards, and open skies, participants will **explore how natural resources can be used in sustainable and innovative ways**. Through encounters with local residents, **hands-on workshops**, and shared moments around food, they will discover the richness of rural life while experimenting with new skills.

From harvesting fruit to **transforming it into delicious creations**, from **exchanging recipes** to **exchanging ideas**, this is an invitation to “**think by doing**” and to connect with Europe through taste, creativity, and transformation.



VENUE

The association "**Les Villages des Jeunes**" has been managing, livening up and renovating the reception centre of Le Faï since 1989. The property is situated in the **Hautes-Alpes**, 3 km from the village of **Le Saix**.

The site was previously a farm. It is now a place for **young people** and **adults** experiencing **family, health or professional difficulties**, who need to take some time to recharge, acquire new skills and reflect on their plans.

Le Faï is a destination where families, tourists and people with disabilities come to enjoy the tranquility of the mountains and the vitality of the area.

The workcamps, cultural events and seminars that we organise at le Faï with participants from all over the world allow us to strengthen the cultural diversity of our activities and to make this place open to the world. It is a place where people of all ages and all social and cultural backgrounds agree to meet by working together and sharing collective life.

We hope that all participants, from France and abroad, will embrace this spirit of collaboration, which is integral to the success of our project.



OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The main idea of this youth exchange is **transformation—of products, ideas, and society**. The project links food processing with rural life and civic engagement, while encouraging participants to reflect on entrepreneurship, sustainability, and European values.

The programme combines **participation in ongoing renovation work and daily life at Le Fai**—to meet and collaborate with the people living there—together with **hands-on workshops and local encounters**. Participants will **harvest and transform local products** (jams, compotes, herbal teas, artisan pasta, etc.) and explore creative methods such as **Fantasia workshops** that foster critical thinking. **Visits** to mills, syrup makers, and farmers will highlight both the challenges and opportunities of rural entrepreneurship, and open dialogue on community life and Europe's role in rural development.

Educational sessions will address nutrition, sustainability, and citizenship, while workshops on Europe will include **EU programmes** and the **YouthPASS** process to help participants value their learning.

Finally, participants will use digital tools to share their experience (social media, webpage) and **prepare a public event with local residents**.

The project shows that transformation can happen both individually and collectively, rooted in rural realities yet connected to the wider European community



PARTICIPANTS

This project is open to **young people aged 18 to 30**, without any specific prerequisites in terms of skills or experience. What we are looking for above all is motivation: the **willingness to live in a multicultural collective**, to adapt to a very **rural environment** far from the usual city attractions, and to **engage actively in daily community life**.

Participants should be ready to contribute to both the practical tasks (manual work, cooking, cleaning, collective organization) and the creative activities of the exchange.

Those with the capacity or motivation to **propose workshops** related to their own interests and skills—such as **cooking, debates on Europe or rural life**, or **digital/communication** projects (video, radio, social media)—will be particularly welcome.

The main **working language of the exchange will be English**. However, a spirit of patience, openness, and mutual support is more important than fluency, as we encourage participants to help one another in learning and communicating.

We warmly welcome participants not only from **EU member states** but also **from third countries not associated to the programme (Regions 1 and 2)**. Their perspectives will enrich the dialogue on rural development, entrepreneurship, and Europe's role in supporting youth.



DAILY LIFE AND TEAM

ACCOMMODATION

The old farm buildings have been transformed into group accommodation. Participants will sleep in shared bedrooms of 3 to 8 people and will have access to all facilities of the centre (dining room, kitchen, showers and toilets).

DAILY LIFE

Participants will share meals and evenings with facilitators, employees, and residents of Le Fai. Everyone will take part in daily tasks such as cooking, washing up, or small renovation work. This shared life is a way to meet people on site, discover new skills, and build a community.

THE TEAM

The project will be guided by an international team of youth workers, facilitators, and volunteers. During the visits, local farmers, artisans, and cultural actors will share their experiences and talk about rural life and entrepreneurship.

METHODS

We will use non-formal education methods: learning by doing, group discussions, creative workshops, and digital tools.

Participants are also invited to propose and lead their own workshops—for example, animating a debate, preparing a special recipe, or running a digital or artistic activity.



TRAVEL AND CONTACTS

TRAVEL

Participants will arrive on **Tuesday 7 October 2025** at **Veynes-Dévoluy train station** (the nearest station to Le Faï). Departure will be on **Tuesday 21 October 2025**, from Veynes-Dévoluy station starting at 08:00. Le Faï is located in the Hautes-Alpes, 13 km from Veynes. The hosting team will organise the last part of the journey (pick-up from Veynes station).

The nearest major transport hubs are: **Grenoble** (train/bus, approx. 2h by regional train to Veynes) ; **Marseille** (international airport + train/bus to Veynes, approx. 4h) **Lyon** (international airport + train via Grenoble, approx. 5h);

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to Erasmus+ **2024** rules for youth exchanges, based on distance bands.

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