

INFOSHEET

CONCORDIA

S.P.R.I.N.G

FROM MAY 7TH TO 15TH 2026



Concordia is a nationwide French organization that was founded after the Second World War to promote **mobility** and **understanding**. Nowadays we still follow this goal, by spreading the positive values of the EU with our various initiatives. Our project is organized through ERASMUS+.



This project is carried out in collaboration with the Service Jeunesse of Amiens, the city's Youth Department, and the NGO La lune des pirates, which are strongly committed to encouraging international exchanges

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

Study of metropolitan Park Ressources, Innovation for Nature and Green spaces.

How can we encourage young people to value biodiversity and understand the importance of access to water while feeling connected to their local environment and cultural life?

SPRING brings together youth workers, environmental practitioners and cultural actors to explore how nature, water and festivals can become powerful spaces for learning and engagement. Through the creation of a biodiversity inventory and the experimentation with accessible water fountains, participants will discover how practical environmental actions can be transformed into meaningful activities for young people.

Taking place around the Parc Saint-Pierre and in connection with the festival Minuit avant la Nuit, the project combines field observation, ecological experimentation and collaborative design. Participants will explore urban biodiversity, understand local water ecosystems and contribute to developing practical solutions for sustainable water access during cultural events.

By linking environmental knowledge with artistic and social dynamics, SPRING aims to show that caring for nature also means strengthening communities, fostering participation and creating new ways for young people to engage with their environment. 💧🌱🎵

🎯 Objectives

The SPRING project aims to:

- Develop knowledge of urban biodiversity and water ecosystems, through the creation of a biodiversity inventory and field observations.
- Explore sustainable and accessible water solutions, by understanding, designing and experimenting with temporary water fountains adapted to festival contexts.
- Encourage youth participation by demonstrating how concrete ecological actions can inspire involvement in volunteering and community initiatives.
- Reflect on the relationship between environment, citizenship and public spaces, including how ecological awareness can be connected to European environmental values and policies.



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LOCATION

Amiens is located between Lille and Paris in the north of France. They are easily reached by bus or train if you want to visit them in your free time. Amiens is a student city, so there are many young people to meet. Amiens also has an interesting history, it was founded by the Romans, and has one of the biggest cathedrals in Europe.



ACTIVITIES & METHODOLOGY

The SPRING project will be based on non-formal education (NFE) methods, with a strong emphasis on sharing experiences, collective creativity and group dynamics. The programme is designed to create a safe and inclusive environment where participants actively exchange ideas, practices and perspectives, learning from one another while building common tools and inspiration. Activities will encourage active participation, self-expression and intercultural learning, allowing participants to learn by doing, experimenting and reflecting together.

More specifically, the participants will be given the opportunity to:

- Take part in field workshops focused on biodiversity observation, water ecosystems and the protection of wetland areas.
- Learn and create water access, including fountain workshop for festivals.
- Develop practical ecological skills, discovering tools, techniques and environmental reasoning linked to urban biodiversity and water resources.
- Exchange good practices and methodologies among youth workers from different organisations and countries.
- Engage in collective reflection on how environmental action can inspire youth engagement, volunteering and community initiatives.



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Why this Training?

In today's world, access to water and healthy ecosystems is more important than ever. Learning to observe, monitor, and protect urban biodiversity, from trees and ponds to wetlands, equips young people with the knowledge and skills to address ecological challenges.

At the same time, giving young people the chance to participate in practical, hands-on projects, including festival preparation, temporary water fountain creation, and backstage experience, fosters volunteerism, civic engagement, and community building.

By combining field ecology, non-formal education methods, and European perspectives, this training enables youth workers to guide young people in becoming active, informed, and environmentally aware citizens, capable of connecting nature, culture, and social participation.

PREPARATORY WORK

A key focus of SPRING is on sharing experiences, ideas, and expectations. To ensure our Training Course is as constructive and inspiring as possible, we invite you to reflect on the following questions before the sessions:

 Environmental engagement: How does your organization currently involve young people in biodiversity, water access, or other ecological activities?

 Eco-activities experience: What kinds of practical environmental actions have you tried with young people ?

 Festival and water access challenges: Have you experimented with temporary infrastructures like water points or participatory festival installations? What obstacles have you encountered?

 Raising awareness: How do you engage young people in observing nature, recording data, and understanding their role in protecting biodiversity?

 Volunteer motivation: What strategies do you use to sustain young people's interest and participation in long-term ecological or festival-related projects?

Bring your ideas, examples, successes, and difficulties – they will serve as the seeds for our collective learning during the training. Together, we will exchange techniques, create tools, and prepare practical solutions for both ecological fieldwork and festival experiences.

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES, AND WILL IMPLEMENT A FREE DAY

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Thu 07	/	ARRIVAL
Fri 08	ICE BREAKER PROJECT INTRODUCTION	Climate Fresk
Sat 09	Observation tools	PARK OBSERVATION
Sun 10	COMPILING DATA	Designing poster
Mon 11	Festival Backstage	Funtain discovery
Tue 12	Creation drinking Funtain	Creation drinking Funtain
Wed 13	Creation Funtain	Creation Funtain
Thu 14	Closure and evaluation	MEAL with partners
Fri 15	DEPARTURE	/



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ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in the **Camping des cygnes** 30 min bus to Amiens city center. Each of you will have a individual tent. There is a shared kitchen where we will prepare our meals all together, and a big marabout tent to spend time getting to know each other. A big room will also be available in the concordia Office for the training moments

REIMBURSEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

This project is supported by ERASMUS + program: accommodation, food and transportation are covered. Travel costs will be covered based on unit costs of the program. Please note that participants will be reimbursed the real costs of their transport fees up to a certain limit (see table on the right). Once you confirm your participation with us, we will calculate your allowance according to the travel distance in kilometres between your place and Amiens. However, keep in mind that if you choose a more eco-friendly means of transportation (train, bus) these limits will be slightly higher to accommodate the higher costs.

Distance de voyage	Moyen de transport écoresponsable	Moyen de transport non écoresponsable
10 – 99 km	56 €	28 €
100 – 499 km	285 €	211 €
500 – 1999 km	417 €	309 €
2000 – 2999 km	535 €	395 €
3000 – 3999 km	785 €	580 €
4000 – 7999 km	1 188 €	1188 €

Make sure **to keep all records** (invoices, train tickets, boarding passes...) of your travel in order to get a refund. Once the original documents have been received, the reimbursement process will start and take **up to 2 months after the project**.

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

We will kindly ask you to arrive around **4:00 pm** at Amiens train station or bus station on the 07th May. Our team will pick you up there to bring you to the accommodation place. Once you confirm your participation, we will send you practical information to reach Amiens from different airports in France (Beauvais, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly).

For the departure on the 15th May, we kindly ask you to leave the accommodation before **10:00 am**. Before departure, please make sure to leave the area clean.

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

- 🧑 Excited to work outdoors
 - 🌱 Youth workers, educators, or active volunteers, eager to involve young people in nature-based and environmental projects.
 - 🌍 Interest in environment and biodiversity, exploring urban ecosystems,
 - 🤝 Open to teamwork and non-formal learning
 - ✨ Motivated to bring new ideas back to their organizations
 - 🏠 18+ years old
- 💬 Able to communicate in English – basic level is enough

HOW TO APPLY

If you want to join this Youth Exchange, please fill in the following form :



[Pre-Registration Form - SPRING - Training courses](#)



IF SELECTED, DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- Your passport or ID card
- A VISA : for those in need of a VISA, please contact us for an invitation letter
- Traditional food, snacks, drinks from your country for the international dinner
- Appropriate clothing for the weather and for our outside activities

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues occur during the project, participants will have to pay for it, and then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

SEE YOU SOON !



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