

## KOLPING INSPIRES



**Read the relations from youth actions around the world  
and find inspiration for your own initiative**

**VOLUNTARY WORK**

**INTERCONTINENTAL  
COOPERATION**

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
EDUCATION**

**NEXT ERASMUS +  
OPPORTUNITIES**





## AFTER THE ELECTION TO THE EU PARLIAMENT



What is the new European Parliament like? Find out about the MEPs who will be working for you over the next five years.

After the highest turnout in 20 years at the European elections, the 9th European Parliament was officially constituted at the first plenary session in Strasbourg in July.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/eu-affairs>

### 9<sup>th</sup> legislature of the European Parliament

*\* as of constitutive session on 2 July 2019*



MEPs from  
**190**  
national political parties

**61%**  
are new to  
Parliament



**39%**  
have been  
MEPs before

**41%**



**59%**

**21**

youngest MEP

**49 ½**  
average age of  
the members

**82**

oldest MEP

## INVITATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

## DiscoverEU

### 18 years old and citizen of the European Union? Get ready to explore Europe!

DiscoverEU is an initiative of the European Union giving you the opportunity to travel around Europe. Young people can apply during the two application rounds taking place each year and the European Union awards the selected ones with a travel pass.

### When is the next round?

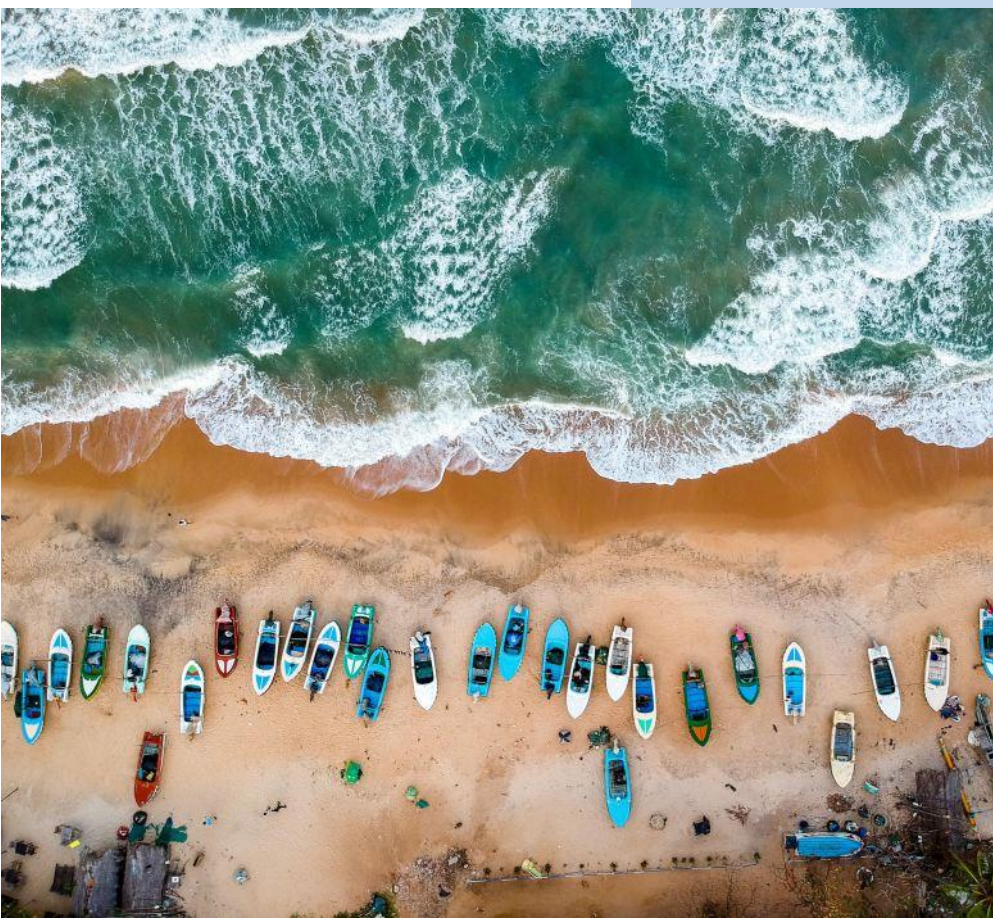
Almost 50 000 young people were awarded a travel pass since the start of DiscoverEU in June 2018. **Another round will take place around November 2019.** The dates will be shared after summer here:

[https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en)



## Save the date:

The next **MEMBERSHIP MEETING** of Kolping Youth Europe will take place in Poland from 21. to 24. November 2019. As every year, two delegates from each national organization can take part and decide about the future of Kolping Youth Europe. An invitation with detailed information will be sent in autumn to your national office.



### [Abroadship.org](https://abroadship.org)

is a centre of **learning through mobility**. Abroadship focuses on global youth to enhance their opportunities abroad and travel lean. It's a non-profit initiative from London, United Kingdom.

Visit the internet site [Abroadship.org](https://abroadship.org) to find a workshop, conference or voluntary project for you!



# CAMEROON - YOUTH WORK IN PHOTOGRAPHY



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## CROATIA - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN



Years 2018/2019 in one Croatian village and parish called Kneginec (near Varaždin, northern part of Croatia) was a bit inovative in Kolping Youth activities. Few volunteers, with different vocations and talents, gathered in order to offer free educational support for elementary school children from the parish area.

Although the idea of free educational helping is not new and it is fortunately present all over the Croatia and world also, it was something new for this parish. Trying to see the needs in their surroundings, five volunteers (three Kolping members and two symphatizers) thought that offering the free educational support could be good option for all parents and children who are paying during the school year for additional educational support. So, those five volunteers offered their free time and knowledge in different materia in order to share it with other children. Few parents recognized this opportunity and they have included their children into this activity. Volunteers spread their free time and they were exchanging themsleves in materia and also in weeks so that children were covered with help every week during the school year (except during the school vacation time). Parson of the parish Kneginec offered the parish places for conductioning of this activity and it was great cooperation that will continue.



## INTERCONTINENTAL COOPERATION



Since 1 November 2018 the Kolping Foundation in Poland is coordinating an intercontinental youth capacity building project. This is the first time, as we get the support from the European Commission for the activities with non-european countries as Honduras and Mexico!

Few of the high-lights of the project are the international youth exchange in Mexico in August 2019 for 20 active youth from Romania, Poland, Honduras and Germany (diocese Paderborn), mobilities for youth workers in all partner countries and the final event in Poland – Fair Trade Week in Mai 2020.

The main assumptions of the project are to **educate youth workers** from involved partner organizations about different ways of rising youth employment using different available resources, tools and mechanisms and to equip youth with key competences needed for labour market by increasing European and Partners country cooperation.



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## Project "COFFEE - cooperation for fair economy and education" aims to:

- **foster cooperation and exchanges in the field of youth work** with emphasis on increasing youth employment between Programme Countries (Poland, Germany, Romania) and Partner Countries (Honduras, Mexico) thanks to creation and improvement partnership among organizations active in youth work to empower young people on labour market, especially to assist youth in an integrated way
- **improve the quality of youth work and non-formal learning** in all countries taking part in the project, especially due to education of youth workers
- **promote transnational non-formal learning mobility** between Programme and Partner Countries, especially targeting young people with fewer opportunities, with a view to improving participants' level of key competences and fostering their active participation in society due to creation of cooperation between youth organizations based on mobility activities
- **empower youth organisations** to rise youth employment thanks to realization of capacity building project and to cooperation, networking and peer-learning activities fostering efficient management and gaining new ideas, methods and tools

One of the aims of the project is to create, on the basis of national experience, the best practice toolkit **"Model of youth leaders development for fair economy and education"**.

These materials will represent a synthesis of various national experiences and a tool for reflection on methods which youth organizations will be able to use throughout Europe and Partner countries.

### Project connect the following partner organisations:

- Fundacja Dzieła Kolpinga w Polsce
- Fundación Padre Adolfo Kolping A.C. Mexico
- Obra Kolping en Honduras
- Organizatia Centrala a Familiilor Kolping din Romania
- Langen Kaffee GmbH
- Malopolska Institute of Local Government and Administration



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION



*Project “Model of youth development for employment” is successfully finished!*

Foster cooperation and exchanges in the field of youth work with an emphasis on increasing the youth employment between Poland, Romania and Serbia – these were the main goals of the successfully finished international youth project.

All together 21 youth workers met 3 times during the project implementation and developed the following topics:

- *Entrepreneurial thinking* – in Serbia, Novi Sad: 26-30. June 2017 (21 participants, 7 per country)
- *Social Entrepreneurship* – in Romania, Timisoara: 25-29 October 2017 (21 participants, 7 per country)
- *Managerial and Leadership skills* – in Poland, Krakow: 16-20 May 2018 (21 participants, 7 per country)
- As a final part of the project the coordinator - Kolping Society in Serbia - organized the *youth exchange* for 27 youngsters from Poland, Romania and Serbia.



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION

The Serbian youth workers, trained during the previous project activities, were leading one week workshops for young people, who wanted to foster their situation on the labour market. (Youth exchange action **"Me on the labour market"** – in Serbia, Sremski Karlovci: 13-18 August 2018).

Would you like to know more about this project and use the project results in your work with youth?



Visit the **Facebook profile** dedicated to the project in English language with the current information about the youth work and entrepreneurship activities for young people across the Europe;

Link to the profile:

<https://www.facebook.com/Model-of-youth-development-for-employment-261153307684371/>



Read the manual **"Model of Youth Development for Employment - practical guide for entrepreneurship education"** published online on the creative common license CC BY NC ND 4,0 Link to online ISSU publication in English language:

[https://issuu.com/kolping8/docs/kolping\\_entrepreneurship\\_education](https://issuu.com/kolping8/docs/kolping_entrepreneurship_education)



Watch the movie promoting entrepreneurship among youth in English with the subtitles in Polish, Romanian and Serbian, published on internet sites and on the YouTube service;

English version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFmexCWdzck>



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## EDUCATION THROUGH ART AND CULTURE

„Art & Heart – Tools to connect people and change the world“ – was the topic of the international youth project coordinated by Obra Kolping Portugal in cooperation with Kolping societies from Poland, Lithuania, Slovenia and Germany (Kolpingakademie Ingolstadt).

The goal of the project was to bring together young people between ages of 18 to 25 through various activities related to culture and art. The youngsters participated in 3 international exchanges, prepared by Portugal, German and Polish partners.

**28.08-03.09.2018, LAMEGO, PORTUGAL**

First exchange took place in beautiful city Lamego - headquarter of Portugal Kolping Society in the northern part of the country. On the arrival day the music band "897 Songs do Douro" welcomed the participants. Next day was dedicated to dance – with the trainer Roberto Sabenci from the ArtDance School young people tried the modern dance. In the afternoon group had a meeting with João Pedro Fonseci – photographer and artist.

During the meeting was also an opportunity to enjoy the traditional dance and music with the group "Rancho regional de Fafel". Participants visited several museums and everyone could prepare their own traditional facial mask. On the farewell day group participated in the ship cruise on the Douro river.

**15-21.12.2018, INGOLSTADT, GERMANY**

The next youth exchange in the framework of this project was held in Ingolstadt in Germany few days before Christmas time. All together 19 youngsters with 5 leaders discussed about stereotypes and prepared the



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE FUTURE ERASMUS + PROJECTS?

Your organisation can be a partner or coordinate the own Erasmus + Project. The detailed information you will find on the website of your National Agency:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact>

You can ask the KYE for consultation: [pkwapik@kolping.pl](mailto:pkwapik@kolping.pl)

The upcoming applications deadline is on 1.10.2019!





## EDUCATION THROUGH ART AND CULTURE

collage with the results of their work. This time participants could try to dance break dance and meditate, and one day of the meeting was dedicated to the painting.

Into the programme was included also a visit to the Audi museum – one of the most famous places in the city and the visit to the Christmas market with the traditional Bavarian food.

**11-17.04.2019, KRAKÓW, POLAND**

Third meeting with 26 people was held in Luborzyca near Krakow, where is situated the Meeting Centre of Polish Kolping Society.

During a one week participants visited several Polish museums with works of the most famous Polish artists from XIX and XX century and orthodox paints (Museum of Erazm Ciołek). Time of the meeting fell to the Palm Sunday period and the group used the opportunity to prepare the traditional Polish Sunday palms and present them on the Holy Mass in Wawel Castle.

One day was dedicated to wooden art – everyone could prepare their own sculpture and try to work as an real sculptor. The additional attraction was the pizza workshop in scouts house, where everyone could prepare his/her favorite Pizza.



The young people established new contacts and international partnerships, improved their English knowledge and communication skills. Many of them are planning next international trips and projects with their new friends.

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