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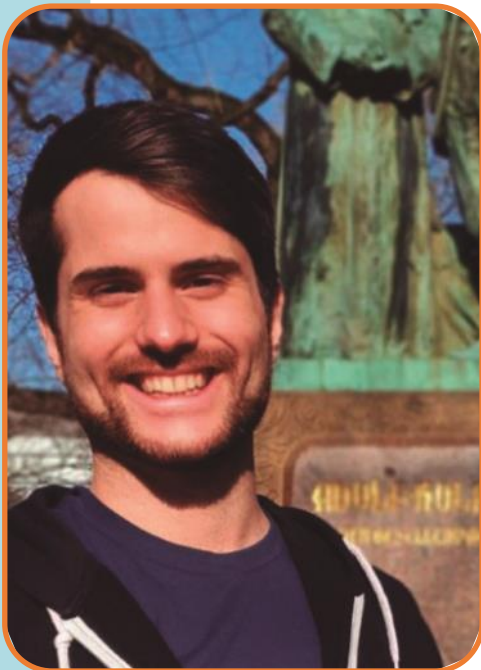
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*"Though the times may seem desperate,
I do not think they are as dark as they are painted."*

- Adolph Kolping



Dear readers

One topic that has completely changed our lives in recent weeks is the coronavirus. From a small problem in China, the virus has developed into a global disaster, schools have been closed, events have been cancelled and the population is in lockdown. Panic is spreading via social media; hospitals are overloaded, and supermarkets are empty. Stock market prices are

plummeting worldwide, and one might think that the end is near.

At this moment the words of Adolph Kolping can give us strength. Although the media present the situation as a disaster, there are still positive sides to be found. With self-isolation one spends more time at home and takes more time for the family and oneself. It becomes clear how important the community in the smallest unit is. More solidarity is needed, the neighbors need support. The situation shows how important each individual person is for the whole. Everyone can make his or her contribution.

For example, leaders of the Kolping Youth Austria support risk groups by running errands and going shopping. They take their time and phone elderly people living alone and encourage them.

We can learn from this example, transfer it into our lives and thus start a new movement. We can share time, be there for others, help others and pass on Kolping's ideas. I wish that we all use this time to be there for our neighbors.

Heinz Strässle


**STAY
HOME
SAVE
LIVES**

CORONAVIRUS - Impact on youth activities



Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, many events and activities planned for the spring 2020 need to be postponed or cancelled



Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, the Fair Trade Week in Krakow planned for 12-19 May 2020 cannot take place. The information about the new date will follow in due course.



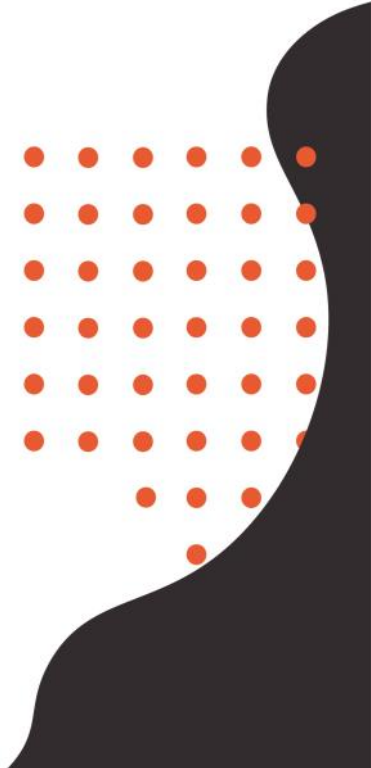
Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, the Continental Assembly of Kolping Europe planned from the 22nd to 24th of May 2020 in Esztergom / Hungary cannot take place. Further information on whether and when the Continental Assembly 2020 can be held, will follow in due course.



Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, Kolping Slovenia moved the date of the Peace Walk in Maribor from May to August.



- ! postponed
- ! new dates



Croatia will host the Membership Meeting 2020

The next Membership Meeting of Kolping Youth Europe will take place from 15.-18. October 2020. The meeting will be located in the Diocese of Varaždin in the North of Croatia, in the pastoral centre of Ludbreg. Kolping Youth Europe invites two delegates from each national Kolping Youth to take part and to decide about the future of our organization.

Save the Date:



On Friday, the Kolping Youth of Croatia invites all delegates to take part in an interactive programme. Besides getting to know each other, we will also discover some interesting places in Ludbreg or Varaždin and find out more about Croatia. Parallely, Kolping Youth Europe will offer a workshop for the hosts of the Youth Week 2021. In the evening, the Membership Meeting will start officially and everyone who arrives on Friday will be welcomed.

Additionally, we will discuss current activities of Kolping Youth Europe during this weekend and develop new ideas for the future. As in the previous years, there will also be time to exchange experience about youth work in all our countries.

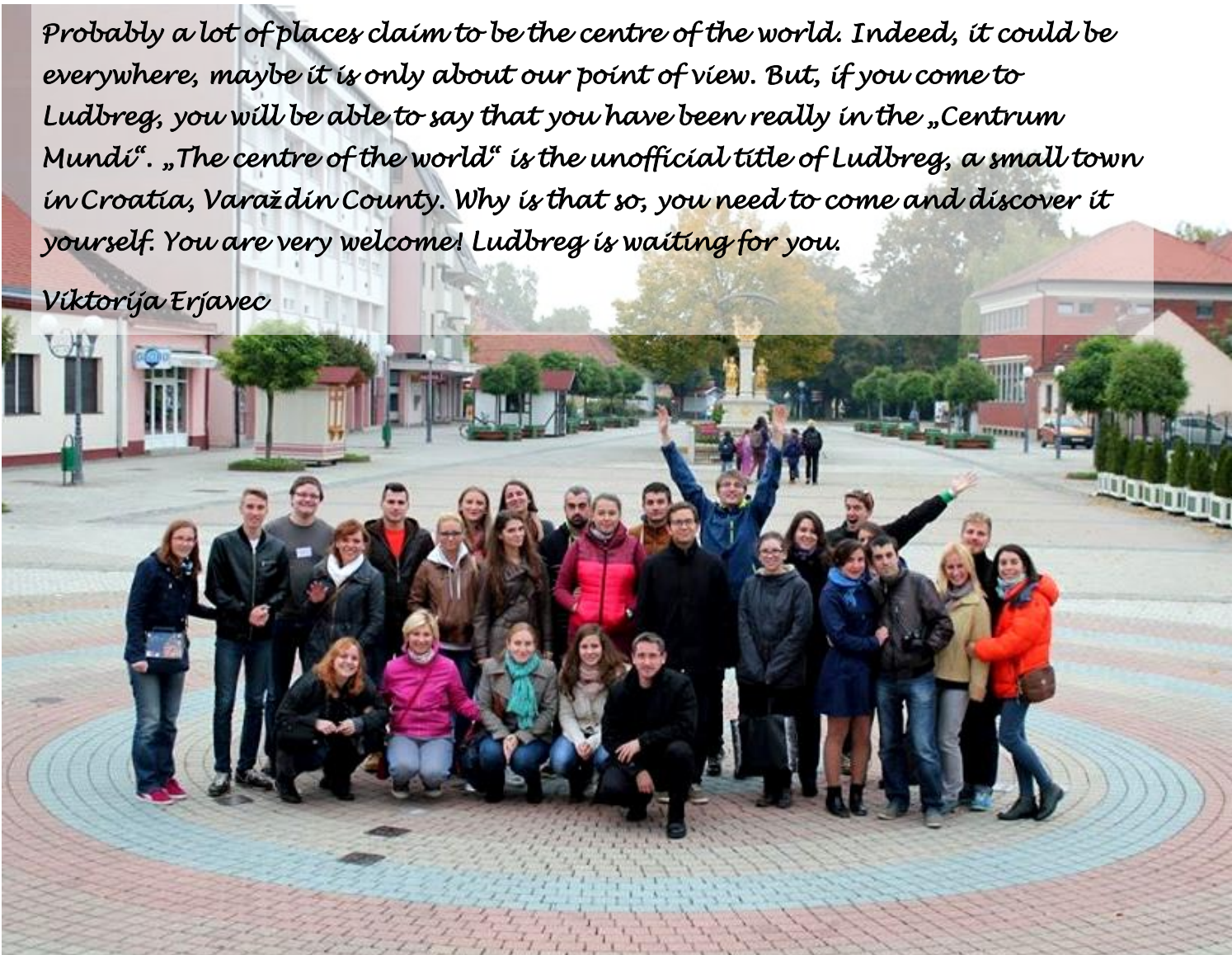
We are looking forward to meeting old friends and getting to know new people at the Membership Meeting 2020! An invitation with a detailed program will be published in summer and sent to all national offices.

Sven Messing

Come to the centre of the world!

Probably a lot of places claim to be the centre of the world. Indeed, it could be everywhere, maybe it is only about our point of view. But, if you come to Ludbreg, you will be able to say that you have been really in the „Centrum Mundi“. „The centre of the world“ is the unofficial title of Ludbreg, a small town in Croatia, Varaždin County. Why is that so, you need to come and discover it yourself. You are very welcome! Ludbreg is waiting for you.

Viktorija Erjavec



Celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kolping Youth Europe with us!

**Come
celebrate
with**

We are looking for photos from international youth events that are related to Kolping Youth Europe and took place between 1995 and 2020. If you have such photos, please send them to us via social media or mail (kolpingeuyouth@gmail.com) until end of May. It would be great if you could include a short description (which year, which event, what happened there, why was this event special for you?). We might publish your photo later this year. Thank you very much for your support.

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Kolping Youth Europe on Instagram!



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Our board member Luis Saavedra from Portugal is responsible for the outstanding graphic design. We are very grateful for his initiative to create a new and modern look for our social media activities. But a page can just be as good as its content. That's why we would like to encourage you to send us information about interesting Kolping activities: Would you like to invite international participants to one of your youth events? Or is there an outstanding project in your country that might inspire Kolping Youth groups in other countries?

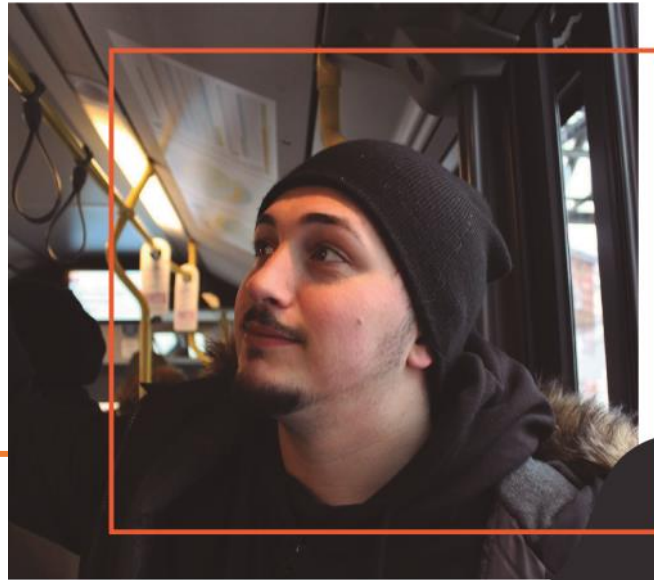
We hope that our new Instagram account is interesting for you. If yes, please recommend it to your friends

Sven Messing



The new board of Kolping Youth Europe

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YOUTH "Luis"



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"Grlica"



My name is Grlica Golusin and I come from Serbia. I study law at University of Novi Sad. In addition to being a KYE member, I sing in the Kolping women choir Lauda Sion. Although I am the youngest member of the board, I spent my highschool days volunteering and participating in many different youth related projects and I believe that as a „fresh blood“ I will make a contribution to our team. Thing that inspires me the most about this organisation is the work ethic that we in Kolping cherish by always setting new goals on all levels - from Kolping families on local level to the boards in Europe and further across the world. Together with my six amazing fellows I will give my best to create a great future for the Kolping Youth across Europe.

My name is Luís, I'm from Portugal, more precisely from a beautiful city called Lamego!

Currently I'm finishing my master's degree in Multimedia Design, this being the activity that most occupies my time and sometimes gives me some headaches! In parallel I participate in several projects. I was always connected with Kolping, my mother always took me with her to the events, but, more recently, my connection and desire to meet and be part of this big family has become more intense. Then I quickly approached and was welcomed with open arms by the Kolping Portugal Family.

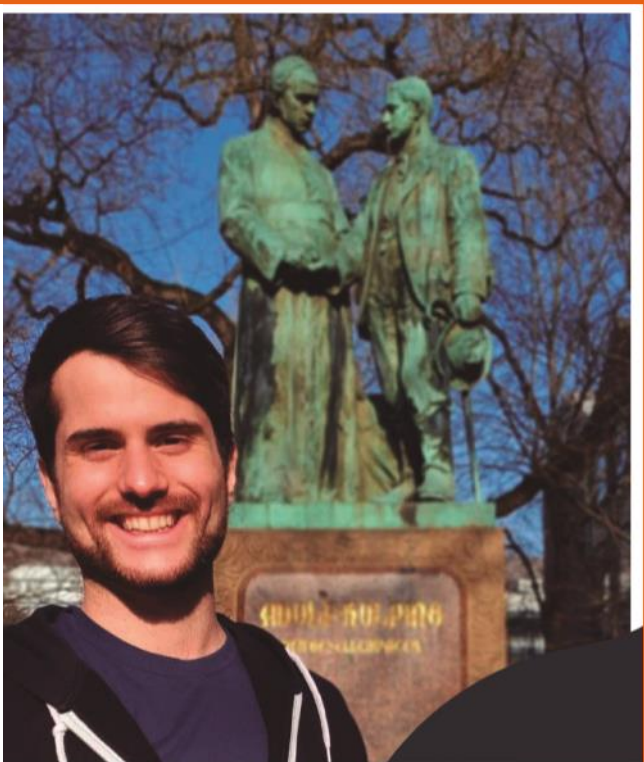
Everything escalated very quickly after this approach, I participated in Erasmus+ projects, volunteering and other activities carried out in the Kolping Family in my city. I am currently part of the Kolping Portugal Family Board, as a Youth Representative, and who would say that a few weeks later I would also become a member of the KYE Board!

I hope that my participation in this new project will be as intense as the last few months have been, and that I will be able with the same intensity, inspire other young people to take steps similar to mine!



Heinz

My name is Heinz, I am from Switzerland and I work as a Consultant on Market Access of Pharmaceuticals. It was 8 years ago, when I participated in a Kolping Youth Week for the first time and since then, I have made many Kolping friends across the world. One of the best experiences with Kolping was during a study-related internship in Cameroun. The local Kolping members were helping us getting around the country and we were invited to meet their families. During a birthday party, we were also shown a project, where women make soap out of natural ingredients and sell them in order to have an income and be independent. That showed me the transformative power of the Kolping societies. My aim in the KYE board is to connect the national Kolping Youth societies and facilitate the communication and exchange across Europe.



The new board of Kolping Youth Europe

I'm Jerzy Wolf, I have graduated AGH University of Sc. & Tech. in Kraków, Poland. I work as an Audio Engineer, a DevOps Engineer, and an E-commerce entrepreneur. In my free time I practice Japanese archery and singing, I also enjoy weightlifting, video games, and board games. I've been part of the Kolping Family for nearly ten years, my

work was related mostly to preparation of audio-visual editing and translation of workshop materials. During my membership in the Kolping Youth Board I plan to create a system and database that I believe will help Kolping Youth Groups of various nations learn more about one another and help coordinate their actions.





I am Edona Staka from the country of eagles, Albania.

Well, everybody makes mistakes and mine: studying law! I have a master's degree on Administrative and Constitutional Right and I work in the city hall, running the sector of economic aid and work disability. I am also engaged in politics, giving my heart, time and energy to improve my country, instead of being in Miami, living the life at fullest, eating red lobster and drinking Pina Colada. Never mind! I actually don't drink.

I am new at Kolping Family in my city, trying to renew the youth forum and to give to it another pulse. So, I think next year I'll have something interesting to tell you guys about how amazing it is being part of this journey with this family. Till now, it is all safe and sane...

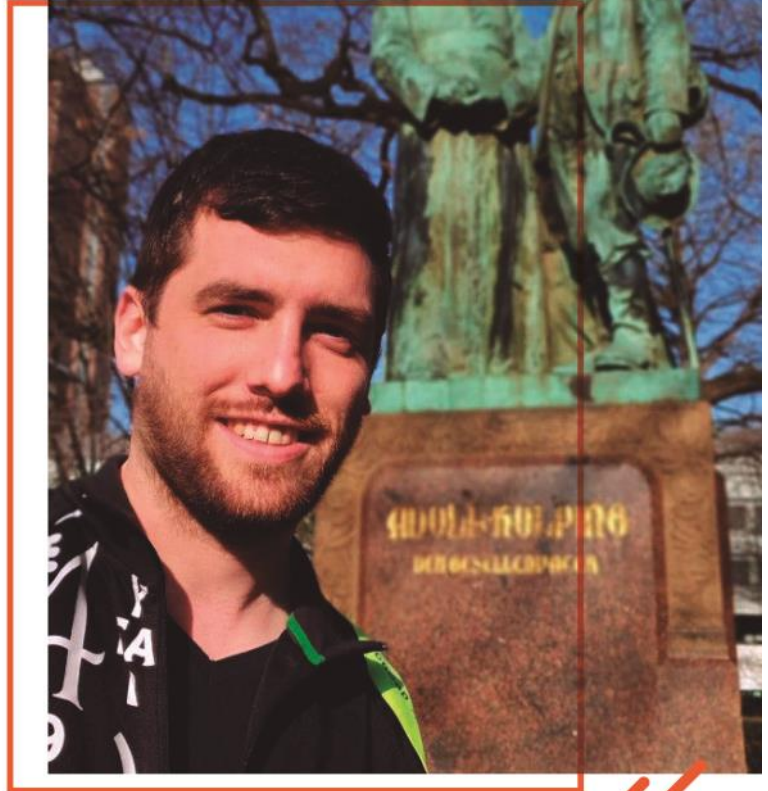
As a board member of KYE I would like to give a good example and a role model: us, as a group of youngsters. Because the power belongs to youth!

Hi guys, my name's Dominik Presul and I am happy to be a part of Kolping's huge world family since my childhood.

I come from Slovakia from the nice city of Kosice, where you are always welcome. Kolping Youth Europe is a part of my life, because friends, education and everlasting memories which I gain through it are forming myself from then till now and after. I really encourage you to experience one of our events and then let me know if you'll have the same feelings.



KOLPING
YOUTH
"Dominik"



My name is Sven, I am from Bavaria and work as a research assistant at the university.

From 2013 to 2019 I was a member of the leading team of the Kolping Youth in the diocese of Bamberg. In that time, I was involved in organising different events from the local to the international level. One of these events was the Youth Week 2017 of Kolping Youth Europe that took place in Nuremberg. Together with a motivated group of volunteers, we prepared a varied program for 40 young Kolping members from 15 different countries: Workshops about human rights and European values, interactive city tours, meetings with our bishop and local mayors, a hiking tour in the nature and legendary evenings. It was amazing to see how such an international group can grow together during one week and I still enjoy to remember these days. As a board member of KYE, I would like to connect young Kolping members across Europe and make our organization strong for the future.

"Smart development" – An Erasmus+ project



Several board members of KYE participated in a new international project: "Smart development" which is about ecology, sustainable development and climate justice. The project happens as a cooperation between Kolping International and the Kolping National Kolping Societies from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia. The project is funded by the Erasmus+ Program of the European Union.

A total of six international workshops will take place within the framework of this project, one in each of the participating countries. The first workshop took place from 23-26 January 2020 in Cologne. Gregor Federhen of Kolping International introduced the workshop with a lecture on deep ecology, before Sigrud Stapel presented the central contents of the encyclical "Laudato Si" by Pope Francis. In the encyclical the Pope advocates an ambitious climate policy; an important topic which was taken up in a humorous video clip (<https://youtu.be/76BtP1GInlc>).

The question of what can be done to combat climate change was the topic of the other sessions of the workshop. The film "Tomorrow.

The world is full of solutions" showed the workshop participants how an ecological and sustainable lifestyle can be achieved using various examples from all over the world. The film consists of five chapters on agriculture, energy, economy, democracy and education and can also be an interesting input for your local youth work. Besides the film there was a lecture by Sven Messing on the topic "Renewable Energy Policy in Europe: (What) Can we learn from Germany?" as well as a group work on ecological activities of Kolping families in the six participating countries. As an example of good practice, at the beginning of the group work the project of the Kolping Youth Lauf and the Kolping Youth Serbia in the context of the 72-hours -action was presented.

The workshop was rounded off by an excursion to the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum in Cologne and a good exchange in the evenings. The next workshops will take place in Serbia and Lithuania in 2020 and in Slovenia, Romania and Poland in 2021.

During the time in Cologne, we also had the chance to officially register the new board members and to

"Smart development" – An Erasmus+ project



meet with Msgr Ottmar Dillenburg, the General Praeses of Kolping International. We had an interesting discussion with him and were supported in our ideas of a sustainable planning for Kolping Youth Europe.

We all came back with a lot of motivation and we are looking forward to the next meetings.

Sven Messing,
translated by Heinz Strässle

"COFFEE" – An Erasmus+ project



The coordination team of the project participated in the workshop about the role of Stakeholders in the project activities on local and regional level including especially local authorities and public institutions. Participants developed the ideas for intercontinental project for youth workers and youngsters about fair trade, social economy and empowerment of young people.

Programme included additionally the visit in Social Incubator for youth with fewer opportunities in Bucharest nad the Veritas Found in Shigishoara, where the practices and job possibilities in international cafeteria are offered for young people.

Project partners are working on the common manual where the best practices nad experiences of all partners will be included. Publicity in english language version will be avilable online until end of June 2020.

Patrycja Kwapik

The 4th Transnational Partners Meeting of the *Project COFFEE - cooperation for fair economy and education* dedicated to the youth workers from Poland, Germany, Hoduras, Romania and Mexico was held in February 2020 in Brasov, Romania.

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Erasmums + funding possibilities for youth

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. Each year, youth organisations and young people can access Erasmus+ funding to support life-changing international opportunities.

For organisations, it helps to develop capacity, initiate international partnerships, and offer new opportunities to young people. As an individual, you can add to your understanding of other cultures, while gaining knowledge, skills and experience of value to your career. Erasmus+ is especially beneficial for disadvantaged and vulnerable young people, who might otherwise miss out on opportunities for international experience.

How to take part?

Would you like to participate in Erasmus + project? Or maybe your Kolping Family or National Society would like to write a proposal or to be a partner in international youth project?

Contact your National Agency or National Erasmus + Office to check the eligibility of your country: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact_en

Do you have any questions or ideas? Contact us directly: kolpingeuyouth@gmail.com



Through Erasmus+:

- **Youth organisations can collaborate with international partners:** to develop their capacity and offer new opportunities to young people
- **Young people can experience life in another European country:** to share interests and concerns with their counterparts through a youth exchange
- **Youth workers and staff can job shadow or train abroad:** to develop their professional practice, build relationships with international peers and gain new ideas
- **Young people can interact and debate with decision-makers:** in order to make a difference on issues that affect them

Upcoming deadlines:

As a result of difficulties experienced by applicants due to the coronavirus outbreak, the deadlines for submission of applications have been extended. Please find below to the new deadlines for the project dedicated to youth:

- 21 April 2020 (17h00 Brussels time) for all **Erasmus+ Sport Actions** (Collaborative partnerships, Small collaborative partnerships, Not-for-profit European sport events). Applications to be sent to the Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency.
- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels time) for **Key Action 1** Mobility of individuals in the field of youth – Round 2
- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels time) for **Key Action 2** Strategic partnerships in the field of youth
- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels time) for **Key Action 3** Youth Dialogue Projects – Round 2

In addition, the deadlines for submission of applications to the **European Solidarity Corps** actions below have been also extended to the following dates for the same reason:

- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels time) for Volunteering projects
- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels time) for Traineeships and jobs
- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels Time) for Volunteering Partnerships (specific agreements for 2020 under the FPA 2018-2020)
- 7 May 2020 (12h00 Brussels time) for Solidarity Projects

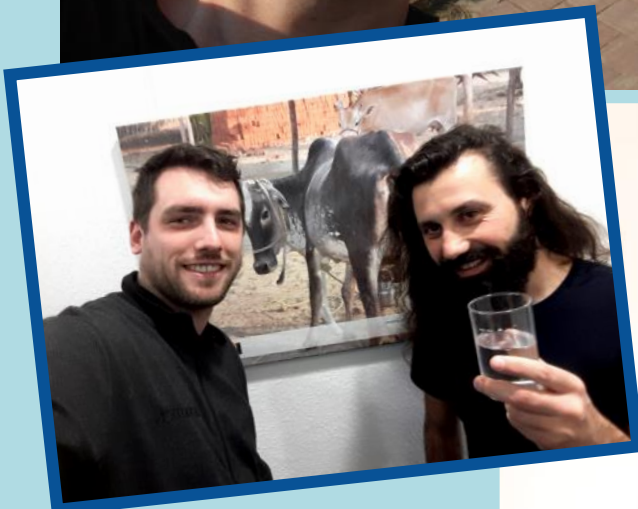
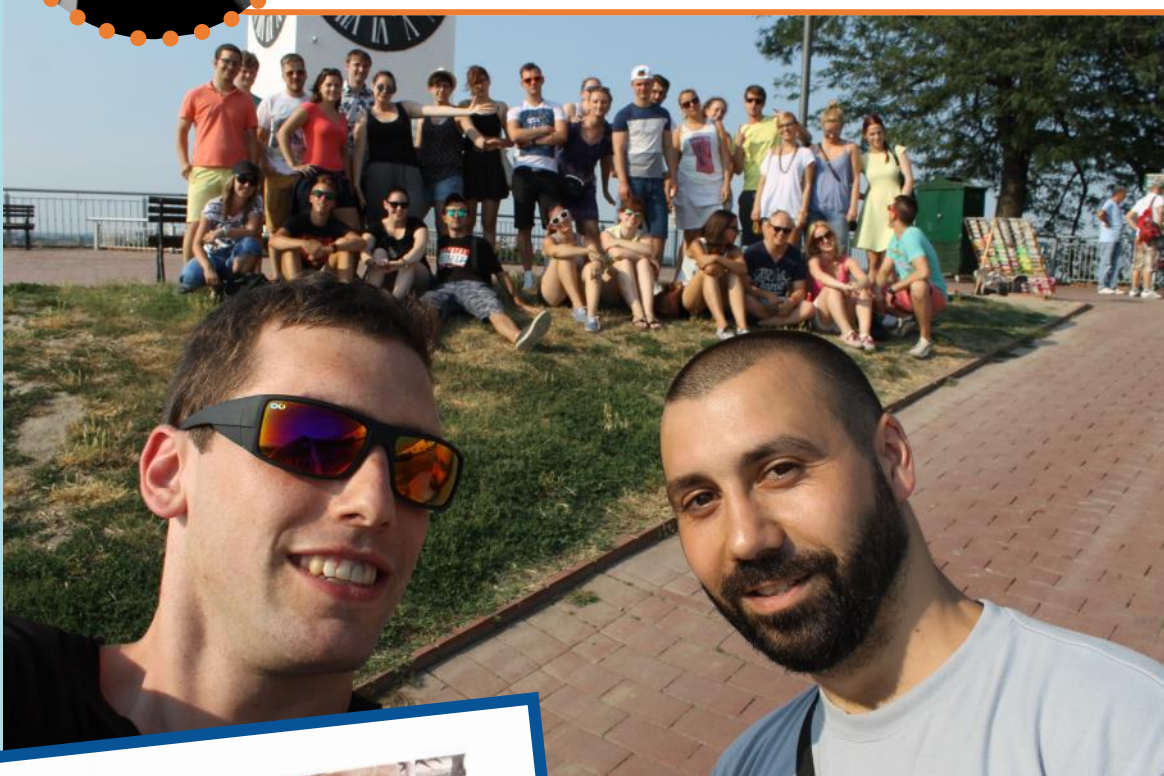
You can also consult the latest updates on the European Solidarity Corps on the **European Youth Portal**.

Thank you, Zdravko!



Members of Kolping society are not temporary. Among all great work that we do, we also build strong connections among each other and more or less leave marks in each other's lives. Zdravko Isakov, a project manager and leader of the Kolping Youth in Serbia, has a special place in hearts of many people in Kolping society, in Serbia especially, but nothing less in Europe. He most definitely contributed in writing many pages in the history of Kolping Youth Europe, especially with his long-lasting project Service Learning. Zdravko, unfortunately for us, decided to change a workplace. We want to thank him for all the great work, positive energy, laugh and time he gave to the community and wish him all the best in his future career and life.

Grlica Golušin





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