



Acronym	Y-FOREST
Full Title	Youth-Driven Forestry for Resilience, Education, Sustainability, and Transformation
Partner(s)	Centar za mlade VG, Croatia
Grant Theme	Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement in CSF and forest restoration
Start Date	November 2024
Duration	14 months
Description	Y-FOREST addresses the urgent need for climate-smart forestry (CSF) practices in Velika Gorica, Croatia, where local forests face threats from climate change and unsustainable management. This project aims to empower youth and local communities by providing education, raising awareness, and fostering active participation in sustainable forest management. The project objectives are to: • Educate and Raise Awareness: Enhance knowledge among youth workers, volunteers, and the community on CSF and its role in combating climate change, • Engage and Empower: Involve local communities, especially youth, in CSF activities and decision-making processes related to forest management, • Develop Collaborative Networks: Build partnerships with local stakeholders, including the Public Institution for Nature Protection, to ensure the sustainability of CSF initiatives. The project targets youth workers, volunteers, local educators, and the broader community, with a particular focus on young people. Project activities include: • Educational workshops and training (months 1-6): Interactive sessions led by experts on CSF and sustainable forestry practices, training participants to become CSF ambassadors, • Youth-led CSF campaign and art exhibition (months 7-10): A campaign involving the creation of educational content and an art exhibition to raise public awareness of the importance of forests in climate change mitigation, • Guided forest excursions and volunteer activities (months 11-13): Hands-on excursions and volunteer work in local forests, focusing on restoration and sustainable management practices, • Final reporting and knowledge sharing (month 14): A comprehensive report and knowledge-sharing event to disseminate the project's outcomes. Y-FOREST aims to foster a community deeply engaged in and knowledgeable about sustainable forestry practices, ensuring long-term environmental resilience.



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