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The Hosts

MV International

MV International (MVI) is a non-profit "association of organizations" established in 2012 that functions as a global network for social innovation and project development. By bringing together a consortium of over 40 member organizations, including NGOs, public bodies, and private stakeholders, it acts as a collaborative hub for managing international initiatives and facilitating knowledge exchange among professionals working in the NGO sector.

The organization specializes in supporting project design and implementation within major funding frameworks such as Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, COSME, and JUSTICE. They provide structural support for participatory planning, thematic research, and proposal development, helping entities align their work with European Union priorities and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Their platform is designed to connect partners and streamline the complexities of international grant procurement.

MVI's core mission focuses on cultivating inclusive, sustainable, and reflective societies through non-formal education, social entrepreneurship, and education through sport. Their diverse activities include thematic studies, regional surveys, and networking events aimed at fostering youth mobility, social inclusion, and gender equality.



The Hosts

Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute

The Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute is working to bring about social change for the benefit of citizens in the context of development of local, regional and European society. It focuses on the promotion of equal learning opportunities, in promoting human rights, cultivating the spirit of entrepreneurship and the development of people's abilities, promotes intercultural dialogue, knowledge exchange and European awareness with the active participation of young people and adults in projects relating to mobility, entrepreneurship education, professional and personal development. It is linked closely with various public and private bodies in national and international level, including NGOs, schools, universities, VET providers, municipalities, etc.

The Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute (Fifty-Fifty) is an organization of civil society, established to help individuals, communities and institutions to develop their skills, improve their performance and share knowledge to be able to meet the challenges of society and thus contribute actively to the development of a European area of skills and qualifications.



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About the Project

The project is funded under the Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth. Its primary goal is to deepen structured youth participation in democratic life, raise awareness of the EU Youth Strategy and European Youth Goals, and strengthen the EU Youth Dialogue. The initiative directly embeds the European Commission's core priorities of inclusion and diversity, digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and participation in democratic life. By offering dedicated youth spaces and direct engagement mechanisms, the project aims to address the democratic deficit and build young people's confidence in the EU project.

The project focuses on designing and delivering youth-centered activities across Europe, executed collaboratively by more than 30 organizations within the MVI network. The project establishes a comprehensive, forward-looking framework that bridges local youth initiatives with overarching European policy objectives.

The initiative ensures both immediate community impact and long-term organizational sustainability. Ultimately, it empowers diverse young people across Europe to become active drivers of democratic life, sustainability, and digital transformation, while solidifying the role of civil society in shaping the future of European youth policy.



About the ECHO Dialogues Youth Assembly – Circle II

ECHO Dialogues Youth Assembly – Circle II will bring together young people, youth workers, civil society representatives, and policy stakeholders in Brussels to strengthen youth participation in European democratic life. Building on the outcomes of the first Assembly, the event will provide a dynamic space for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of innovative ideas on the future of youth engagement and active citizenship.

The Assembly will focus on key European priorities, including democratic participation, inclusion and diversity, digital citizenship, media literacy, and sustainability. Through interactive workshops, thematic discussions, and co-creation sessions, participants will explore practical solutions to common challenges while contributing youth perspectives to ongoing European policy debates.

A central objective of Circle II is to foster meaningful dialogue between young people and decision-makers. Participants will have the opportunity to formulate recommendations, share good practices from across Europe, and collaborate on youth-led initiatives that reinforce the goals of the EU Youth Strategy and the European Youth Dialogue process.

The event will also strengthen the MV International network by creating new partnerships, promoting peer learning, and encouraging long-term cooperation among member organisations. The knowledge, recommendations, and collaborative outputs developed during the Assembly will contribute to future youth actions, policy initiatives, and capacity-building activities across the network.



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TIME SLOT	SESSIONS DAY 1
10:00 - 10:30	Registrations
10:30 – 11:00	Opening Session & Icebreaking Activities
11:00 – 12:00	Thematic Session 1: The Future of Youth Participation in Europe – EU Youth Dialogue, European Youth Goals and Democratic Engagement • <i>Reflection on current challenges young people face</i> • <i>Discussion on opportunities to strengthen democratic participation at local, national, and European level</i>
12:00-12:30	Coffee Break
12:30 – 13:30	Thematic Session2: World Café Discussions: Voices from across Europe • <i>Addressing key issues such as inclusion, active citizenship, digital participation, sustainability, and youth empowerment</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Lunch Break
15:30 – 16:00	Thematic Working Groups <i>Participants work in smaller groups to analyze challenges, exchange good practices, and identify practical recommendations within four thematic areas: Democracy & Participation, Inclusion & Diversity, Digital Citizenship & Media Literacy, and Sustainability & Climate Action</i>
20:00	Dinner

TIME SLOT	SESSIONS DAY 2
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:00	Team Building Activities & Energizers
15:00 – 16:00	Co-Creation Labs: Developing Youth Recommendations Transforming ideas generated on Day 1 into concrete recommendations and proposals addressed to policymakers, youth organizations, and other relevant stakeholders
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	The Brussels Youth Assembly Declaration <i>Reviewing, refining, and endorsing the final set of recommendations developed throughout the Assembly</i>
17:30 – 18:30	Closing Ceremony <i>Final remarks, reflections, and group photo</i>
20:00	Dinner

VENUE

Auberge des 3 Fontaines

Chaussée de Wavre 2057, 1160, Brussels, Belgium

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Venue

The event will take place in Brussels, the vibrant capital of Belgium and the heart of the European Union. The ECHO Dialogues Youth Assembly – Circle II will be hosted in a fully equipped conference venue, providing modern meeting facilities, comfortable working spaces, and all the necessary equipment to ensure a productive and engaging learning experience.



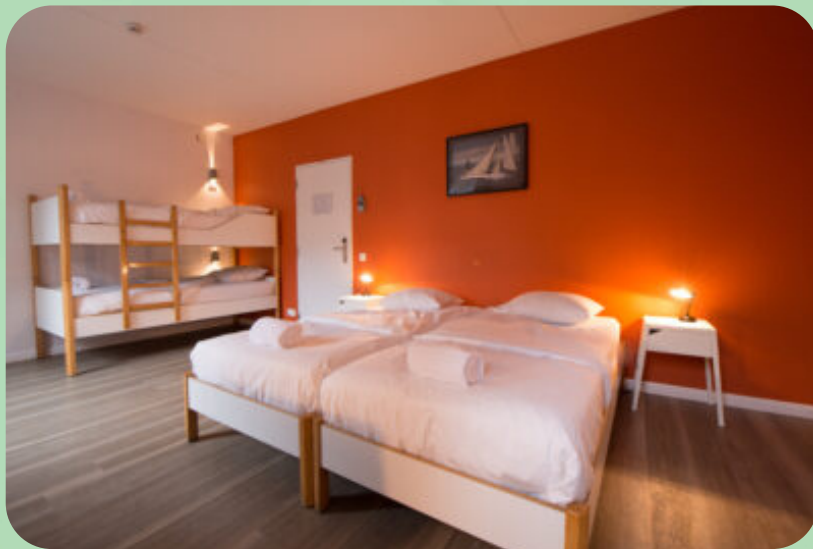
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Accommodation & Meals

Participants will be accommodated at the **Auberge des 3 Fontaines**, a modern hostel and conference centre located in a peaceful green area on the outskirts of Brussels, with easy access to the city centre by public transport. The venue offers comfortable, fully equipped accommodation, free Wi-Fi, on-site dining facilities, and modern meeting spaces, providing an ideal setting for learning, networking, and intercultural exchange. Participants will be accommodated in **quadruple** rooms, respecting gender balance. *(Depending on room availability, participants from different countries may be required to share a room.)*

For participants of our mobility, we will provide all main meals, breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the stay (on project days).



Chaussée de Wavre 2057, 1160 Bruxelles

Explore Brussels

Brussels, the vibrant capital of Belgium and the de facto capital of the European Union, is a city where history, culture, and international cooperation come together. Famous for its stunning Grand Place, charming medieval streets, and impressive architecture, Brussels offers visitors a unique blend of historic landmarks and modern European institutions. As a multicultural city, it is home to people from all over the world, creating a lively atmosphere filled with diverse traditions, languages, and cuisines.

During your stay, take the opportunity to discover some of Brussels' most iconic attractions, including the Atomium, the Manneken Pis, the Royal Palace, and the beautiful Parc du Cinquantaenaire. The city is also renowned for its world-famous Belgian chocolates, waffles, fries, and over 1,500 varieties of beer. Whether exploring its museums, relaxing in one of its many parks, or strolling through its picturesque neighbourhoods, Brussels offers an unforgettable experience that perfectly complements the intercultural spirit of the ECHO Dialogues Youth Assembly – Circle II.



Participants' Profile

Participants for the activity must have the following:

- Participants from 13 different countries
- Age range: 18 - 30 (or 30+ for youth leaders)
- Youth interested in civic engagement and policymaking, young leaders and activists, youth workers and professionals in the field, public officials and policymakers for multi-level dialogue
- Equal gender representation for balanced perspectives, inclusive of all races, ethnicities, religions, and political affiliations fostering cross-cultural communication and collaboration
- Willing to share their knowledge, skills and experience with the other participants and act as multipliers in their communities.

The selection criteria of the participants will be:

- Participants from different cultural and social backgrounds, individuals with fewer opportunities (economic, social, or geographical challenges) and commitment to inclusivity and respect for diverse perspectives.
- In equally good evaluated applications, then the previous experience in such kind of projects will be considered – the participants who have never participated to an Erasmus project will have priority to the ones that have already been to be introduced to the European values and develop a sense of European citizenship and identity and also have the opportunity to raise their awareness of other countries and cultures.

Preparation of Participants

- The activity will be in **English**. Therefore, participants should be able to communicate in English.
- All participants are expected to participate **fully throughout the activity**, except in the case of illness. Unauthorised absence from activities is not permitted. The activities will be designed and conducted in such a way that all participants have the opportunity to contribute their points of view. We expect you to participate and contribute.
- Before your travel, participants should check the documents they need to cross the border into Belgium and whether they have them. **Pay attention to the expiry date!**
- Participants are encouraged to **promote the project**, share the results achieved and carry out **dissemination activities**.

THE EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD The European Health Insurance Card is a free card that gives you access to state- provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 27 EU countries, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country.

The European Health Insurance Card is issued by your national health insurance provider. You can find more information here: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563&langId=en#nationalinfo>

Travel & Reimbursement

Participants are responsible for booking and purchasing their own round-trip travel tickets to Brussels. Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum budget of **309 EUR** per participant upon successful completion of the activity and submission of all original travel documents.

Travel tickets should be economy class and before buying tickets inform the organisation of your travel itinerary, when you will arrive and when you will departure from the event. **1st class or other upper class flight tickets, taxi costs and travel agencies fees are not eligible and will not be refunded.**

*Participants can arrive 1 day earlier and/or depart 1 day later than the designated dates, but cover their own accommodation expenses for the extra days

Reimbursement Guidelines:

- **Keep All Documents:** You must keep all original receipts, invoices, e-tickets, and boarding passes (both physical and digital). Reimbursements cannot be processed without valid proof of travel and payment.
- **Eligible Dates:** Please do not purchase any tickets until your travel plan has been confirmed by the organizing team.
- **Process:** The reimbursement will be conducted after the event, once all travel documents are received and checked.

Travel

Airport: BRUSSELS AIRPORT (BRU)

To reach the accommodation from Brussels Airport, take the train from the airport station to the Central Station (approximately 15–20 minutes). From there, take Metro Line 5 towards Herrmann-Debroux and get off at Herrmann-Debroux station. Then, you can take Bus 72 to Auberge des 3 Fontaines at ADEPS station.

AIRPORT: BRUSSELS SOUTH CHARLEROI AIRPORT (CRL)

To reach the accommodation from Brussels South Charleroi Airport, take the shuttle bus to Gare du Midi.(approximately 45 minutes). From there, take metro line 2 or 6 , direction Simonis-Elizabeth, and get off at Arts/Loi station. Take Metro Line 5 towards Herrmann-Debroux and get off at Herrmann-Debroux station. Then, you can take Bus 72 to Auberge des 3 Fontaines at ADEPS station.

TRAIN STATION: CENTRAL STATION

To reach the accommodation from the Central Train Station, take Metro Line 5 towards Herrmann-Debroux and get off at Herrmann-Debroux station. Then, you can take Bus 72 to Auberge des 3 Fontaines at ADEPS station.



Buses: Brussels public transport is operated by STIB-MIVB. The network includes buses, trams, and metro lines connecting all major areas of the city. Journey planning is available through the STIB-MIVB app or Google Maps.



METRO: Brussels has 4 metro lines operating daily, generally from around 5:30 AM until midnight, with extended services on Fridays and Saturdays. Metro stations provide easy connections to the European Quarter, the city centre, and other key locations.

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