


### ENGAGE Project Database of Best practices collected at EU level

**Purpose:** To offer a gallery of best practices examples to be used as examples and motivations for the youth leaders in their activities when raising young people’s awareness of UE values and motivating them to get engaged in democratic life.

Title of the initiative	RYCA – Responsive Youth for Climate Action
Representative image of the initiative	
Website/Social Media account of the initiative	<p>Official Website: <a href="http://rycaproject.eu">rycaproject.eu</a></p> <p>Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/ryca_project">@ryca_project</a></p>
Country of implementation	The initiative is implemented across five European countries: Italy, Germany, Spain, Bulgaria, and Lithuania.
Representative organisation/ individuals	<p>Coordinating Organisation: Eurobox ETS (Italy)</p> <p>Partner Organisations:</p> <p>Tavo Europa (Lithuania)</p> <p>Ayuntamiento de Maracena – Espacio Joven (Spain)</p>

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Type of action	Local community engagement activities Development of digital educational tools Transnational cooperation among youth workers																								
Target group	Young people (ages 18–30) Youth workers																								
Main partners or stakeholders	Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union																								
Short description of the initiatives	RYCA is a European project that aims to empower young people and youth workers to respond to the climate crisis through education, digital innovation, and community engagement. It promotes the development of skills and knowledge necessary to take climate-conscious actions in their communities and encourages active participation in shaping a sustainable future.																								
Activities and methods implemented	The RYCA project integrates a range of dynamic activities to engage youth in meaningful climate action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Action Activities: Youth-led events that promote sustainability</li> </ul>																								

	<p>within local communities, encouraging hands-on engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Creation of Local Eco-Guides:</b> Young people research and publish digital guides that provide environmentally responsible practices specific to their area.</li> <li>● <b>RYCA Digital Booklet:</b> A comprehensive and interactive online resource designed for youth and youth workers to explore environmental topics.</li> <li>● <b>Virtual Capacity Building:</b> Online training sessions aimed at increasing the competencies of youth workers in the field of climate education.</li> <li>● <b>Gamified Learning Tools:</b> Development of engaging, interactive tools to educate youth about sustainability in accessible and entertaining formats.</li> <li>● <b>Transnational Collaboration:</b> Exchanges and partnerships that foster cross-border learning and the exchange of best practices.</li> </ul>
<p>Key Success Factors</p>	<p>The success of RYCA lies in its ability to translate local environmental action into a broader European youth-led movement. The initiative’s structure facilitates scalable, replicable models for climate education and advocacy across diverse regions. Key contributing elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Digital Engagement:</b> Use of digital tools and gamification to capture and sustain youth interest in environmental issues.</li> <li>● <b>Localised Resources:</b> Creation of region-specific eco-guides ensures that sustainability efforts are contextually relevant and actionable.</li> <li>● <b>Youth Empowerment:</b> Youth are not just participants but leaders of the project’s main outputs, fostering ownership and accountability.</li> <li>● <b>Capacity Building:</b> Targeted training of youth workers improves the effectiveness and reach of sustainability education.</li> <li>● <b>Collaborative Network:</b> A strong, multi-country partnership model enables sharing of diverse perspectives and strengthens collective impact.</li> </ul>