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THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP ON “EU POLICY”



During the last week of July, young participants had the opportunity to take part in a Workshop on EU Policies held in Târgu Jiu, Romania, and hosted by Scout Society, one of the project partners.

The four-day workshop brought together 30 young people from Italy, Romania, Denmark, Greece, Spain and Portugal, creating an international learning environment focused on European institutions, policymaking and opportunities for youth and civil society organisations.



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Throughout the four days, participants explored the institutional architecture of the European Union, gaining a clearer understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission. A practical simulation of the legislative process allowed them to follow a proposal from its initial conception through the decision-making process and eventual entry into force.



The workshop also focused on European funding opportunities, including Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, CERV, Creative Europe and structural funds.

Particular attention was given to helping small grassroots organisations understand calls for proposals, partnership requirements and eligibility criteria, transforming complex European funding mechanisms into practical tools for local development and future projects.

Beyond the technical knowledge acquired, the workshop also provided an important opportunity for intercultural exchange, inclusion and networking. Ice-breaking activities and team-building exercises helped participants from different countries build trust, strengthen communication and develop a strong sense of teamwork.

As participants highlighted, the experience provided not only new knowledge about the European Union but also new contacts, relationships and perspectives that can support future cooperation and joint initiatives.

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