

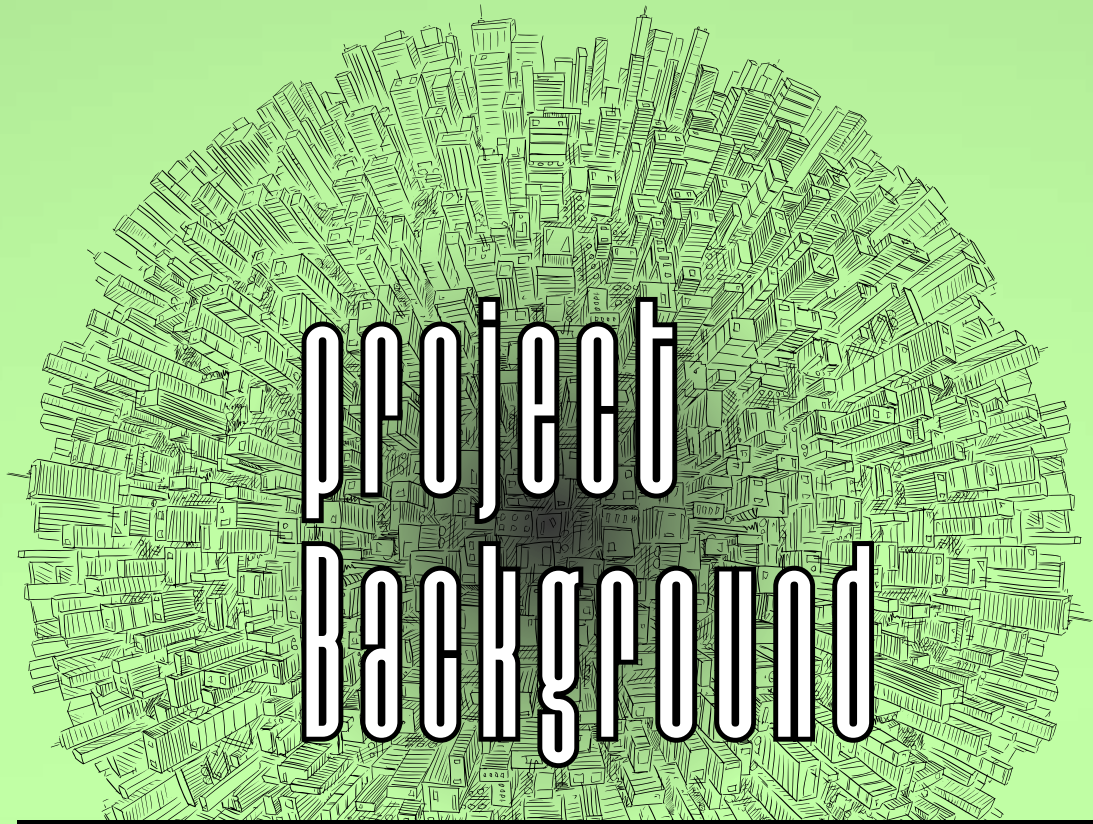
YOUTH EXCHANGE

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3 - 11 September 2026
Cassano delle Murge, Italy

Fashion



In an increasingly capitalistic world, mass consumption has turned the fashion industry into a low-quality, unsustainable system, generating serious issues such as labor exploitation in rural areas, the loss of customs and traditions, and the widespread use of poor-quality materials.

This is why we chose to develop a project where **fashion** and **sustainability** come together as core values. But how can we truly fight fast fashion? Through education, creativity, and sustainable design. These are the key tools to challenge a system that is harming not only the industry, but our beautiful world as a whole. And these will be the core values that will move us all through the project in Italy.



about LINK



Our organization, Link APS, is based in Altamura and was established in 2003, working to tackle cultural, educational, environmental and social issues in Puglia and Basilicata by promoting international volunteering programs. Link APS believes in the opportunity that Erasmus+ offers to young people to broaden their horizon, learn new competences and become citizens of Europe.

Link also believes in the possibility for the local communities to get acquainted with new cultures and become more open to diversity.

In 2022, LINK decided to open its doors to even more youth exchanges through the Erasmus+ accreditation for this very reason; to offer this opportunity to more young people than ever before.

Participants' profile

We are looking for a group composed by 5 young people (17-22 y.o.) + 1 leader (+23 y.o.). We ask for genuine interest and care for the subject. We are looking for people who are curious, open-minded, and willing to truly engage with the issues surrounding fast fashion and sustainability.

We are looking for participants who feel the desire to live in a more sustainable way, who are ready to question their habits and reflect on the impact of their choices. Creativity is essential, not only as an artistic skill, but as a mindset. Creativity as a tool to imagine new solutions, new identities, and new ways of approaching fashion with respect for both the environment and ourselves.

The project envisages the participation of young people who have an interest in developing activities in the information sector aimed at citizens in order to raise their level of knowledge and awareness.

Participants should be:

- open to cooperate in an international environment, respecting diversity of opinions;
- able to work in English and other European languages.



About the project

Eco-fashion is the core focus of this project. Together, we will explore it through different tools and perspectives, addressing key themes such as fast fashion, sustainability, nature, identity, and appearance. Nature will play a fundamental role in our work, as we believe that everything starts from it and from the environment that surrounds us. Our goal is to understand how we can respect both the planet and ourselves within the world of fashion, creating a more conscious and responsible approach to clothing. Through this project, it is also important for us to engage and influence the local community, raising awareness about how fast fashion-related behaviors can be harmful, and encouraging more mindful and sustainable choices.

The first phase of the project will focus on awareness and education, introducing participants to the themes. This will be followed by a moment of self-reflection, where participants will be invited to question their own daily choices and habits, analyzing how sustainable (or unsustainable) they are and how they can be improved. The main objective of this project is to actively engage participants with the topic of eco-fashion, encouraging dialogue, exchange, and collaboration among them. We aim to create a shared space where participants can connect, reflect, and grow together, building a collective awareness around sustainability in fashion. Another key goal which is also the final phase of the project is the realization of an eco-sustainable event or party that represents the concrete outcome of the project and has the potential to influence and inspire the local community, spreading more conscious attitudes toward fashion and consumption.



the temple



the rooms



SPACES

dining area



the garden



Participants will sleep and follow activities at [Casa Nazareth](#), a facility surrounded by nature in the Apulian countryside near the town of Cassano delle Murge.

There is an indoor activity space, large outdoor spaces, a small forest, and a large kitchen with space for meals. Meals will be cooked by Link Association staff.

Participants will sleep in rooms for **6 people**. There is a bathroom in each room. Be careful, though, this is not a hotel: the spaces are very simple and somewhat old-fashioned. Also, there is **no wi-fi**. Therefore, we ask you for some flexibility, adaptability and willingness to step out of your comfort zone.



Financial rules

Travel, board and lodging expenses are covered by the European fund. Regarding the travel, the expenses will be reimbursed within the limits of the ceilings as foreseen by the User's Guide of the program Erasmus+ ([distance calculator](#)) and according to the rules of the Partnership Agreement that will be signed.

In the case you want to use GREEN TRAVEL option please contact us.

The project dates are **3rd - 11th September 2026**. If you want, you can arrive one day before the beginning of the project and leave one day after the end. In this case, the accommodation expenses for the extra-days will be NOT covered by the budget, so they will be NOT reimbursed.

To get reimbursed, you need to send us, at the end of the project, all the documents related to the travel (tickets, invoices, receipts etc.).

You can find all the detailed rules in the [travel rules](#) document. Please, read it carefully before searching for your travel itinerary.

Travel Budget

Namely: if the main part of the travel, in terms of kilometers traveled, is done by bus, train or car-pooling

Travel distance	Normal travel	Green travel
10 – 99 km	28 euro	56 euro
100 – 499 km	211 euro	285 euro
500 – 1 999 km	309 euro	417 euro
2 000 – 2 999 km	395 euro	535 euro
3 000 – 3 999 km	580 euro	785 euro
4 000 – 7 999 km	1188 euro	1188 euro
8000 km or more	1735 euro	1735 euro

IMPORTANT

- Participants can arrive 1 day before and leaving 1 day after the project dates (3rd September - 11th September 2026). **The accommodation for the extra-days is not covered** by the project budget;
- In case of **green travel**, participants have 2 travel days for the arrivals and other 2 travel days for the departure. We ask you to inform us in advance in case you want to use green travel.



How to reach us



From
Bari
Airport

Take a train from Bari
Airport to Bari
Centrale (information
on this [website](#));



From
Another
Airport

Take a train or bus to
Bari (Stazione
Centrale or Via
Capruzzi).



Green
Travel

Take a train or bus to
Bari (Stazione
Centrale or Via
Capruzzi).

THEN

- Take a bus from Bari (Via Capruzzi) to Cassano delle Murge (information on this [website](#));
- Finally, we will come to pick you up by van from Cassano delle Murge to Casa Nazareth.

IMPORTANT:

You **must** arrive in Cassano delle Murge by 8 p.m. on September 3rd and leave by 11am on September 11th.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring a your own
bedsheets and towels



Earplugs and sleeping masks
for a comfortable sleep



Comfortable clothes and shoes



Sun cream, hat and
mosquito spray

Shampoo, shower gel and your
personal care products



Refillable **bottle**



Transportable tools and
games for your **free time**
and personal comfort



WHAT TO KNOW

The accommodation will be a residence **in the countryside** and there will be **no visits elsewhere** except on the day off and on the day of the final performance, where we will move to the city. Therefore, it is essential to know that there will be **no way to reach the city during the project**. For any needs, there will always be someone from the staff available.

Some of the activities might involve **physical contact** with the consent of your fellow participants.

Opt-out of work. Focus on the process. Enjoy the moment.

