



Spaces of Resilience – Youth Exchange Montpellier & Heidelberg

Why This Exchange Is Unique

This program connects two very special places: Montpellier, with its strong culture of civic engagement and many exciting place-based projects, and the Collegium Academicum in Heidelberg, a pioneering self-organized student and youth housing project. Both places stand for openness, experimentation, and new sustainable ways of shaping community life.

By joining the exchange, young people will not only travel but step into living laboratories of resilience - exploring how cities can become more sustainable, more democratic, and more inclusive.

What to expect

- **Youth Exchange 1 – Montpellier (03–10 June 2026)**
30 participants, 5 facilitators, 6 program days + 2 travel days.
Theme: Youth for Urban Resilience - focus on sustainable urban living, climate adaptation, democratic participation.
- **Youth Exchange 2 – Heidelberg (04–09 August 2026)**
21 participants, 4 facilitators, 5 program days + 1 travel day.
Theme: Designing Future Cities – focus on hands-on workcamp experiences, project design, storytelling for sustainability.

Each organization (from E+ partner countries) sends *at least 4 participants plus one group leader*. Groups can be larger, allowing for a real team experience. Also, it is possible to only attend one of the exchanges.

What's Covered

Thanks to Erasmus+ funding, participation is fully financed (to ensure participation a small fee might be asked from participants):

- Travel allowance (depending on distance)
- Accommodation and most meals
- Program costs and materials
- Small allowance for group leaders



Why Join Us?

- Be part of a diverse international group of young people (18–27) from across Europe.
- Experience the unique learning environment of Montpellier and Collegium Academicum Heidelberg.
- Work together on real urban challenges
- Gain new skills and ideas for your own youth work and projects.
- Receive a Youthpass certificate recognizing your learning.

Your Role as a partner or collaborator

We are looking for partner organizations that are:

- Active in youth work, education for sustainable development, sustainability, urban design or community development.
- Willing to support participant recruitment, exchange coordination, and local program implementation.
- Interested in creating lasting partnerships for youth empowerment.

Beyond the Youth Exchange

The Montpellier–Heidelberg exchanges are part of the broader Spaces of Resilience project by proBiene. Alongside the youth activities, the program offers Professional Development Activities (PDAs) for educators, youth workers, and urban practitioners in Stuttgart and Cairo. Together, these activities build a strong network of young people and professionals committed to sustainable transformation. You are very welcome to send professionals to these activities too!

About proBiene

proBiene – Freies Institut für ökologische Bienenhaltung is a Stuttgart-based non-profit organization dedicated to ecological beekeeping, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable education. Over the past decade, ProBiene has become an important actor in connecting ecological sustainability with transformative education, engaging young people, educators, and local communities in meaningful environmental initiatives.

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DE Spaces of Resilience – Jugendbegegnung Montpellier & Heidelberg

Im Jahr 2026 lädt proBiene junge Menschen aus ganz Europa zu zwei einzigartigen Jugendbegegnungen ein. Gemeinsam mit Partnerorganisationen aus Frankreich und Deutschland schaffen wir Lernräume, in denen Nachhaltigkeit, Demokratie und Gemeinschaft praktisch erfahrbar werden.

- Montpellier, 03.–10. Juni 2026: ca. 30 Teilnehmende, Fokus auf nachhaltiges Stadtleben, Klimaanpassung und demokratische Teilhabe.
- Heidelberg (Collegium Academicum), 04.–09. August 2026: ca. 21 Teilnehmende, Fokus auf praktische Workcamp-Erfahrungen, Projektarbeit und Storytelling.

Dank Erasmus+ sind Reise, Unterkunft, Programm und Verpflegung weitgehend finanziert (kleiner Teilnahmebeitrag möglich). Jede Gruppe stellt mindestens 4 Teilnehmende und eine Gruppenleitung.

Die Jugendbegegnungen sind Teil des Projekts *Spaces of Resilience*, das auch Fortbildungen (PDAs) für Fachkräfte in Stuttgart und Kairo anbietet. So entsteht ein internationales Netzwerk für jugendgerechte, nachhaltige Stadtentwicklung.

FR Spaces of Resilience – Échanges de jeunes à Montpellier & Heidelberg

En 2026, proBiene invite des jeunes de toute l'Europe à participer à deux échanges uniques. Avec nos partenaires en France et en Allemagne, nous créons des espaces d'apprentissage où la durabilité, la démocratie et la vie collective deviennent des expériences concrètes.

- Montpellier, 3–10 juin 2026 : environ 30 participant·e·s, avec un accent sur la vie urbaine durable, l'adaptation climatique et la participation démocratique.
- Heidelberg (Collegium Academicum), 4–9 août 2026 : environ 21 participant·e·s, avec un accent sur les expériences pratiques de chantier, le travail de projet et le storytelling.

Grâce au programme Erasmus+, les voyages, l'hébergement, la restauration et les frais de programme sont largement couverts (une petite participation financière peut être demandée). Chaque pays envoie au moins 4 jeunes et un·e responsable de groupe.

Ces échanges font partie du projet *Spaces of Resilience*, qui propose également des activités de formation (PDAs) pour les professionnel·le·s à Stuttgart et au Caire. Ensemble, nous construisons un réseau international pour une jeunesse engagée et des villes durables.