

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
Summer Camp “Moving Mountains Together”
Erasmus + Key action 1 : Youth Exchange

DURATION : 6 days (travel days included).

From the 15th to the 20th of July 2024

PLACE : Chalet de la Haute-Joux, Cerniebaud, France (Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region) : <https://www.chaletdelahautejoux.com/presentation-du-chalet.htm?saison=ete>

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES : We are cooperating for this Exchange with **7 partner organisations** based in the countries concerned by the EUSALP (European Union Strategy for the Alpine region) initiative, which are the following : **France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.**

PARTICIPANTS : We're looking for **5 participants, including 1 group leader** per country. The group will therefore comprise a total of **35 participants + 2 facilitators** from France.



TARGET GROUP : **Young people from 18 to 30 years old**, from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Group leaders can be older than 30.

Participants need to be motivated and interested in the topics tackled by the Youth exchange program. Good knowledge of English language would be useful to be able to participate actively in the exchange.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT:

Concordia is an organisation of non-formal education which promotes intercultural exchanges. Our traditional activity is the international work camps, and one of its main goals is to allow participants to get open-minded and develop non-formal skills as autonomy and self-confidence, by meeting and living for a few weeks with people from all over the world with different cultural and social background. The Rhône-Alpes delegation of Concordia, based in Lyon, is coordinating the organisation of this Youth Exchange project, in partnership with Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region, and in the framework of the EUSALP initiative.

EUSALP is the European Union Strategy for the Alpine region. A 'Macroregional strategy' is an integrated framework endorsed by the European Council, which may be supported by the European Structural and Investment Funds among others, to address common challenges faced by a defined geographical area relating to Member States and third countries located in the same geographical area. This strengthened cooperation shall contribute to the achievement of economic, social and territorial cohesion.

The journey of youth participation in the EUSALP (European Strategy for the Alpine Region) has been a dynamic and evolving process, driven by the recognition of the importance of engaging young people in shaping the future of the Alpine region. To shape the future of the Alpine Region, the **ideas of young people are needed**. The EUSALP Youth Council provides a platform for institutional involvement of young people in all EUSALP bodies to make sure that their ideas and viewpoints are heard and considered. It allows young participants, thanks to a legitimate position due to the official nature of their mandate, to discuss the objectives of the global EUSALP strategy and to contribute ideas.

More information about EUSALP: <https://alpine-region.eu/>

Region Burgundy-Franche-Comté boasts undeniable advantages for fostering European exchanges: it shares borders with Switzerland, with which it establishes numerous ties and develops a wide variety of projects; it is very close to its neighbour Germany, with which it collaborates on sustainable and innovative themes. The region is involved in EUSALP within the French delegation and strongly supports youth participation in the strategy through funding for the PITCH YOUR PROJECT competition prizes as well as financial support for organizing Erasmus+ summer camps "Moving mountains together".



OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT :

The activities of this **Youth Exchange – Summer Camp** project “Moving Mountains Together” will be meant to create an enriching environment for the youth groups from EUSALP countries for a meaningful and fun learning experience, as non-formal education principles foresee.

The experience proposed will expect to lead young participants to :

- discuss a range of key issues relating to the reality of life for youths in the Alps. The activities will be connected to the topics of Climate change focusing on water management and Quality of life focusing on local economy.
- understand how EUSALP can open many opportunities for young people and share ideas to help shaping the future of the Alpine region thanks to youth participation ;
- share about personal experiences and find commonalities among peers from different countries, creating conditions where solidarity and cooperation are fostered and encouraged ;

The methodology (non-formal education, meetings with professionals, discussions) and the structure of the Youth Exchange will encourage an active involvement of each participant in order to develop competences and new tools for personal and social development. Non-formal education tools will be used to create a friendly and caring atmosphere, considering each participant in his or her diversity, personality and culture, so that each person can feel free to express him(her)self, share his or her experiences, teach and learn from the others.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS:

- Travel costs will be covered based on the unit costs of the Erasmus + program. Please note that participants will be reimbursed the real costs of their transport fees up to a certain limit as per information below.
- 100% lodging and food will be covered.
- 100% of the activities included in the program will be covered.

Please note that the process of reimbursement for transport fees will be carried out directly with the applicant organizations and not with the individual participants, after receiving all the tickets and payment proofs (except for Swiss participants).

All participants will have to **pay in advance a registration fee of 75€ to Concordia** in order to confirm their participation in this project. This represents less than 10% of the total cost for one participant.

Although the Swiss are not part of the Erasmus+ programme, participants from Switzerland will still be able to receive board and lodging and have their transport costs reimbursed, thanks to additional funding provided by the Burgundy Franche Comté region.

Maximum reimbursement limit for travel fees :

Distance of travel	Standard travel	Green travel
10 – 99 km	23 €	N/A
100 – 499 km	180 €	210 €
500 – 1999 km	275 €	320 €
2000 – 2999 km	360 €	410 €

Confirmation deadline and contact

30th of May 2024

To register please fill in the following form :

[Application form Moving Mountains Together](#)

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