

# Glossary of terms - Youth

## Coach

A resource Person - not member of the group - who supports young people in in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of their project.

## Community building

Creation or enhancement of a community among individuals who share a common need or interest or who lived a joint experience which created common ground. The community created through the community building process is a lively group of members who exchange practices and ideas for further development to the benefit of the community itself.

## Dialogue mechanisms

Dialogue with young people and youth organisations and decision makers which serves as a forum for continuous joint reflection on the priorities, implementation and follow-up of European cooperation in the youth field.

## Digital Youth Work

Proactively using or addressing digital media and technology in youth work. Digital media and technology can be either a tool, an activity or a content in youth work. Digital youth work is not a youth work method, it can be included in any youth work setting and it has the same goals as youth work in general.

## Group Leader

In youth mobility projects, a group leader is an adult of at least 18 years old who joins the young people participating in a Youth Exchange in order to ensure their effective learning (Youthpass), protection and safety.

## Informal group of young people

Group of at least four young people which does not have legal personality under the applicable national law, provided that their representatives have the capacity to undertake legal obligations on their behalf. These groups of young people can be applicants and partners in some Actions of Erasmus+. For the purpose of simplification, they are assimilated to legal persons (organisations, institutions, etc.) in this Guide and fit within the notion of Erasmus+ participating organisations for the Key Action 1 actions in which they can take part. The group must be composed of at least four young persons and their age should be according with the overall age of the young people in the programme (13-30). In exceptional cases and if all young people are minors, the group could be represented by an adult. This would allow a group of young people (where all are minors) with a help of a youth worker/coach to submit an application.

## Itinerant activity

An activity taking place in more than one country. Itinerant activities imply the movement of all participants at the same time.

## Smart Youth Work

The innovative development of youth work encompassing digital youth work practice, and including a research, quality and policy component.

## Youth activity

An out-of-school activity (such as youth exchange, volunteering or youth training) carried out by a young person, either individually or in a group, in particular through youth organisations, and characterised by a non-formal learning approach.

## Youth worker

A professional or a volunteer involved in non-formal learning who supports young people in their personal socio-educational, and professional development.

## Youthpass

The European tool to improve the recognition of the learning outcomes of young people and youth workers from their participation in projects supported by the Erasmus+ Programme. Youthpass consists of: a) certificates that can be obtained by participants in several Actions of the Programme; and b) a defined process which supports young people, youth workers and youth organisations to reflect about the learning outcomes from an Erasmus+ project in the field of youth and non-formal learning. Youthpass is also part of a broader European Commission strategy which aims to enhance the recognition of non-formal and informal learning and of youth work in Europe and beyond.