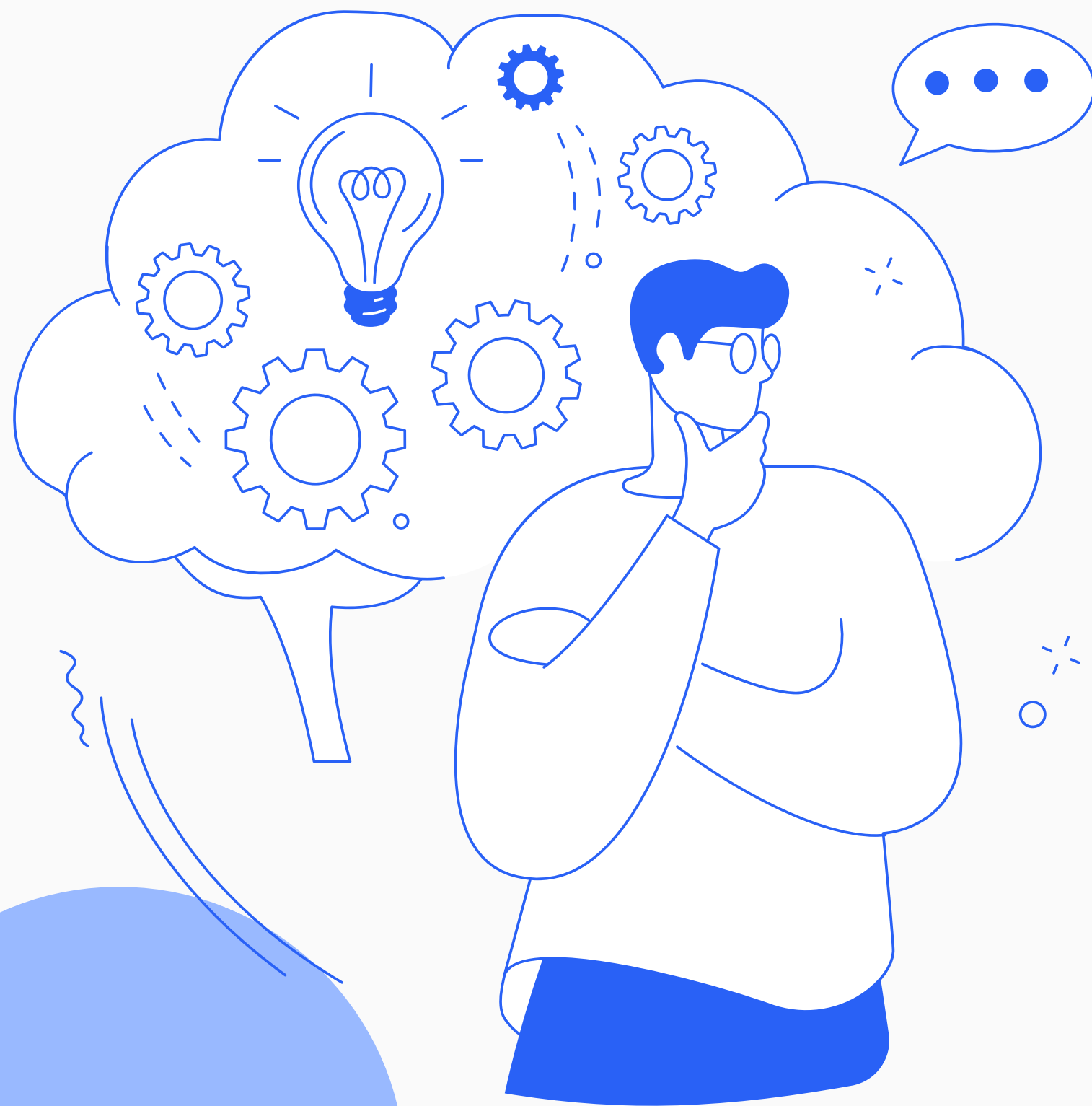


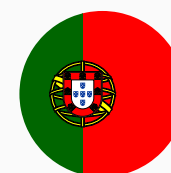


Critical Connections

Youth Against Bullying and Misinformation

Youth Exchange

7-15 June 2026
Osijek, Croatia



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CONTEXT

This project is supported by the Erasmus+ programme under Key Action 152 – Mobility of Young People, co-funded by the European Union. It will bring together young people from five different countries for a dynamic exchange of ideas, experiences, and skills related to critical thinking and addressing bullying and misinformation.

The Youth Exchange will take place in Osijek, Croatia, between 7 to 15 June 2026 (including travel days). A total of 36 participants will join, including group leaders, creating an inspiring and intercultural learning environment.

Young people across Europe face daily challenges related to misinformation, cyberbullying, and cultural bullying. These issues affect mental health, safety, and confidence, particularly among youth with fewer opportunities, who often lack adequate access to digital education.



The Critical Connections project responds to these needs by equipping participants with practical tools, knowledge, and skills to think critically, stand up against bullying, and become active multipliers of inclusion in their local communities.

The project will result in innovative and creative outputs such as digital toolkit of tested non-formal methods on bullying prevention, media literacy, and intercultural dialogue, joint digital campaign – "Think Twice, Act Wise" and digital booklet with compiled participant testimonies, activity results, and local follow-up actions.



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OBJECTIVES



1. STRENGTHEN

critical thinking and media literacy among young people from five countries.



2. BUILD

empathy and anti-bullying competences through peer-led workshops using forum theatre, role-plays, and case studies.



3. FOSTER

intercultural dialogue and empathy through cultural evenings, mixed-nationality group tasks, and storytelling activities.



4. DEVELOP

communication, facilitation, and leadership skills through peer learning, with each participant responsible for leading or co-facilitating at least one session during the exchange.



5. MULTIPLY

results through concrete follow-up initiatives, a joint digital campaign and a shared toolkit accessible to schools and youth organisations across Europe.



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PARTICIPANTS & ACTIVITIES ○

Participants

Project will involve **36** young people from: **Croatia, Germany, Portugal, Serbia and Türkiye.** Each national team will consist of seven participants: six young people and one group leader. Participants will be aged **18 to 30 years old** and are expected to be open-minded, motivated, and interested in learning more about misinformation, cyberbullying, and cultural bullying. Leaders can be older and will provide guidance and support.

Activities

During the exchange, participants will take part in a wide range of interactive and creative activities. These include:

- Workshops on critical thinking, media literacy, and bullying prevention using non-formal methods such as forum theatre, intercultural storytelling, and debate activities.
- The **#ThinkTwiceActWise** Campaign, designed and implemented by participants to raise awareness about responsible online behaviour through videos, infographics, and social media content.
- **The Critical Connections Digital Toolkit**, created collaboratively by all national groups, compiling tested methods and strategies for bullying prevention and media literacy.
- Daily reflection sessions to connect learning with **Youthpass** competences.

These activities will combine non-formal education methods, intercultural exchange, and peer-to-peer learning.



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FINANCES & REIMBURSEMENT ○

The Youth Exchange is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the Croatian National Agency. Travel expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget. We will reimburse travel costs as listed below on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc., by bank transfer after the Youth Exchange and **when we receive in person or by post mail all ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding passes, etc.** Following the guidelines of the Erasmus+ programme the travel back must be realised by the participants on direct way within **maximum 2 days**. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. **Missing tickets will not be reimbursed**. Please, keep the original tickets in order to get money back. **Taxi is not eligible for the reimbursement**. IN CASE YOU'RE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE, BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR TICKETS, PLEASE SEND YOUR TRAVEL PLAN TO: udrugauroboros@gmail.com. After we approve it, you can proceed with the booking.

Organization

Max. cost covered per person

Udruga za osnaživanje mladih Uroboros

28€



EU Aktivisten e.V.

309€



ASSOCIAÇÃO EXPRESSÃO CONTÍNUA

395€



EVROPSKA ORGANIZACIJA MLADIH

211€



Serik Kültür Sanat ve Eğitim Derneği

309€



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ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be accommodated at **Studentski centar Osijek** located in the wider city centre of **Osijek, Croatia**. Rooms are equipped with two beds, and every two rooms share one bathroom. All meals — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — will be provided on-site, as will all planned activities.

Studentski centar Osijek is situated in a central area of the city, just 2 km from Osijek city centre and 280 km from **Franjo Tuđman Airport**.

HOW TO GET TO OSIJEK

The most common route to **Osijek is via Zagreb**.

By plane: Fly to **Franjo Tuđman Airport (ZAG)**, then take the airport **shuttle bus** to Zagreb Central Bus Station.

SHUTTLE BUS TIMELINE

CASH ONLY!

By bus: From **Zagreb Central Bus Station**, take a **direct bus** to Osijek. The journey takes approximately 3.5–4 hours.

BUS TICKETS



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Participants should bring:

- Personal towels, hygiene items and any necessary medication.
- A laptop or tablet if available, useful for campaign and e-book creation.
- Cultural items, food, or small gifts for the intercultural evening.
- A positive attitude, openness to learning, and motivation to contribute actively to the project.



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