

# Youth Living Labs: Empowering NEET youth through open innovation and transnational collaboration for skills development and labor market integration.

## GUIDE FOR THE APPLICANTS

## Introduction

**This Open Call Guide is intended for young individuals aged 18–30 who are interested in participating in the Youth Living Labs training and innovation program. The guide provides an overview of the initiative, eligibility requirements, benefits, and instructions on how to apply.**

## About the Youth Living Labs Project

**Youth Living Labs is a European initiative implemented across 5 countries, aiming to empower young people to become community leaders and innovators. By participating in the program, youth will develop critical personal, social, and technical skills to address societal challenges and improve their chances in the job market. The project supports the creation of local innovation hubs—called Youth Living Labs—where young people, businesses, and community stakeholders work together to co-create real solutions.**



## Program Overview

The program includes a structured training course, real-life innovation workshops, and continued engagement through the local Youth Living Lab. Participants will gain personal insight, build strategic and entrepreneurial competencies, and work directly with companies to solve real problems. The program is implemented by a consortium of expert organizations in youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainability.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be aged between 18 and 30
- Reside in one of the project's participating countries (Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan)
- Be interested in personal development, social innovation, or career empowerment
- Have basic knowledge of English
- Be available to attend the training and follow-up activities

No prior experience in business or community work is required. The focus is on attitude, motivation, and readiness to grow.

Eligible participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

## What We Offer

### Knowledge and Skills Development

Participants will take part in an engaging, hands-on training program that combines:

- **Personal development:** Understand your passions, strengths, and potential
- **Environmental awareness:** Learn to identify external opportunities and social challenges
- **Communication and collaboration:** Build effective interpersonal and teamwork skills
- **Practical knowledge:** Gain introductory skills in business, marketing, finance, and innovation



## What We Offer

### Networking and Career Exposure

- Direct interaction with businesses and community stakeholders
- Access to local and international events
- Opportunities for future collaboration and internships

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### Long-Term Community Engagement

- Become a member of your country's Youth Living Lab
- Participate in ongoing innovation and community projects
- Join a cross-European network of youth innovators



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### Real-Life Problem Solving

Participants will join experimentation workshops, where they will:

- Tackle real challenges set by local companies
- Collaborate in teams and apply what they've learned
- Present ideas and solutions to stakeholders
- Gain experience and visibility in the local job market

## Application Process

**Applicants must complete the online application form at:**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4vNNmFmmKkijFXo4bhcMehZ4zHxhQXRPiMY9\\_KlIOghUQlFNSklGTDhCSUFPNDRXRzROV1MwWEJUSS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4vNNmFmmKkijFXo4bhcMehZ4zHxhQXRPiMY9_KlIOghUQlFNSklGTDhCSUFPNDRXRzROV1MwWEJUSS4u)

**Applications must be submitted by 30 September 2025.**

**After the deadline, all applications will be reviewed by the program team. Selected applicants will be notified by email.**

### Key Dates

- Application deadline: 30 September 2025
- Notification of selection: 20 October 2025
- Training program start: 27 October 2025
- Experimentation workshops: 2026
- Youth Living Labs local activities: 2026



## Terms & Conditions

### Participation Requirements:

- Selected participants must commit to attending the full training program and the experimentation workshops.
- Participants must engage respectfully and constructively with trainers, team members, and external stakeholders.

### Use of Data:

- Personal data will be processed in accordance with EU GDPR regulations.
- Participants agree to the use of anonymized data for project evaluation and reporting purposes.

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### Media and Visibility:

- Participants may be asked to participate in visibility activities, such as interviews, photos, or testimonials. Consent will be requested in advance.

### Changes and Cancellations:

- The Youth Living Labs project reserves the right to modify or cancel program components, dates, or content. Any changes will be communicated in a timely manner.

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**We look forward to receiving your application and supporting your journey as a future community innovator and changemaker.**



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