

Evaluation letter

Erasmus+ Youth Exchange “Voices of Change: Empowering Youth Through Digital Storytelling”
13–20 April 2026, Latvia

As a Lithuanian group participating in the Erasmus+ Youth Exchange “Voices of Change: Empowering Youth Through Digital Storytelling,” organized by JUNONA+ and ACPELIA, we would like to provide our evaluation of the project.

Overall, the quality of the project was good. Prior to the mobility, several online preparatory meetings were organized, which allowed team leaders and participants to feel informed and prepared. From a logistical perspective, the project was smoothly implemented - travel coordination, communication and general management were handled responsibly.

The activities carried out during the week were meaningful and engaging. The workload was well-balanced and did not overwhelm participants, which contributed to a positive learning atmosphere. However, while the overall experience was positive, there were aspects that could be improved. The quality of catering did not meet expectations and the final two days lacked clear structure and organized activities. Considering that the venue was located in a remote area, it would have significantly enhanced the participants’ experience if free time, especially during the last days, had been supplemented with optional structured activities or activity spaces.

From the perspective of youth development, Lithuanian team’s performance exceeded expectations: all participants actively engaged in activities and many demonstrated initiative during group workshops. It was evident that their English language proficiency improved throughout the project, along with their teamwork skills and sense of initiative. For several participants, completing certain tasks required stepping outside their comfort zones. As a result, their social competences and self-confidence developed even more significantly than their digital storytelling skills, which is an equally valuable outcome.

The intercultural dimension of the project was present and meaningful, although it could have been strengthened further through more interaction spaces, especially in the evenings. While participants were accommodated together in a shared environment, stronger connections between national groups formed mainly during the final days of the project. Earlier facilitation of intercultural bonding could have enhanced the overall impact.

We would sincerely recommend projects organized by ACPELIA, particularly for young people who are participating in Erasmus+ programmes for the first time. The organization ensures that participants are well-prepared before the mobility, travel arrangements are carefully coordinated and any emerging challenges are addressed promptly. Throughout the project, participants feel supported and included, which is essential for a positive first international learning experience.

In conclusion, “Voices of Change” successfully created a supportive learning environment that fostered youth empowerment, initiative and social growth. With minor improvements in programme structure during less formal periods and logistical aspects such as catering, similar projects could reach an even higher level of excellence.

Best regards,

Lithuanian team