

## Partner search: Erasmus+ KA3 Support for policy reform: Youth Dialogue Projects



### Draft title:

**Youth Involvement in Adaptation to Climate Change in Rural Areas (ACCRA)**

**Applicant: Sunnfjord Municipality**

### Background and challenges/needs:

Climate change is the defining issue of our time. There is still time to tackle climate change, but it will require an unprecedented effort from all sectors of society. Adapting to climate change is a focus area for Sunnfjord Municipality. We have adopted a strategy on climate adaptation with particular focus on youth involvement. The strategy includes themes related to sea level rise, slide from mud and snow, flood, transport, sustainable agriculture, and safe living conditions in general.

The policies and decisions made today will influence climate and sustainability outcomes for the remainder of this region and beyond, and youth today have a large stake in this future. However, youth do not have the right to vote. The goal with this project is therefore to enhance the capacity of youth and students in the identification and communication of local environmental problems and risks.

The project aims to establish a platform for young leaders who are driving climate action to highlight their solutions both within and outside of traditional political processes. Many youth are expressing dissent toward economic, social, and environmental policies and practices that contribute to climate change in diverse ways. By drawing attention to ways for youth to express their political agency, we also want to highlight the diverse ways that youth can challenge power relationships and political interests to promote climate-resilient futures.

The project is based on the UN Secretary-General Climate Action Program and the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

### Objective:

The goal is to promote the active participation of young people and foster dialogue and debate on how to adapt to climate change. We want to ensure and establish sufficient arenas and events where young people discuss the agreed themes among themselves and with policy-makers, youth experts and representatives of public authorities in charge of youth.

We would like to emphasize three different intermediate objectives that will focus on dialogue and debate:

- Convey and communicate climate challenges and show the consequences locally through the use of images, video and social media
- Acquire more knowledge on best practice considering promoting dialogue and information exchange on climate and environmental issues through a comprehensive process (competition of ideas).
- Involving youth about diverse ways that can challenge power relationships and political interests to promote climate-resilient futures.

Sunnfjord municipality seek partners regarding our project proposal. Please contact us if you have any questions or require more information about any of our projects.

### Local partners:

Sunnfjord municipality, Secondary Schools and Upper Secondary Schools, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (HVL), Sunnfjord Business Region and Sunnfjord Youth Council. We will also include

**Partner(s) in Europe:**

Through Erasmus+ we would like to cooperate with similar partner organizations in Europe, which would be our partners in a mobility project, deadline 1 February 2020

**Type of projects:**

Erasmus+Support for policy reform: Youth Dialogue Projects.

**Activities in the project:**

International seminars that offer space for information, debate and active participation of young people, in dialogue with youth decision makers.

We will invite national and international politicians and researchers from European universities and research institutions.

Create new and innovative ways of communication through social medias

Create a digital exhibition of images and videos based on climate risks, challenges and consequences from each partner

**Time period:**

2020-22 (Duration from 3-24 months).

**Financing:**

Erasmus+

**Deadline for interests:** Autumn 2019

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

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