



Fourth Newsletter LEAP Project

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LEAP – Learning to participate: Going towards the end of the project

The LEAP project – co-financed with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme (Strategic Partnership | Youth) – promotes youth empowerment through the experimentation of Project-based learning (PBL) in non-formal education. It aims to stimulate skills development and to encourage youth participation.

The Covid-19 pandemic affected the youth sector as a whole, including the LEAP project.

Our expectations at the beginning of the project, in 2019, were to be able to offer a youth mobility experience. However, as this was not possible under the current circumstances, we wondered how to continue to uphold our educational and political mandate as youth workers, and how to carry out the objectives of our project.

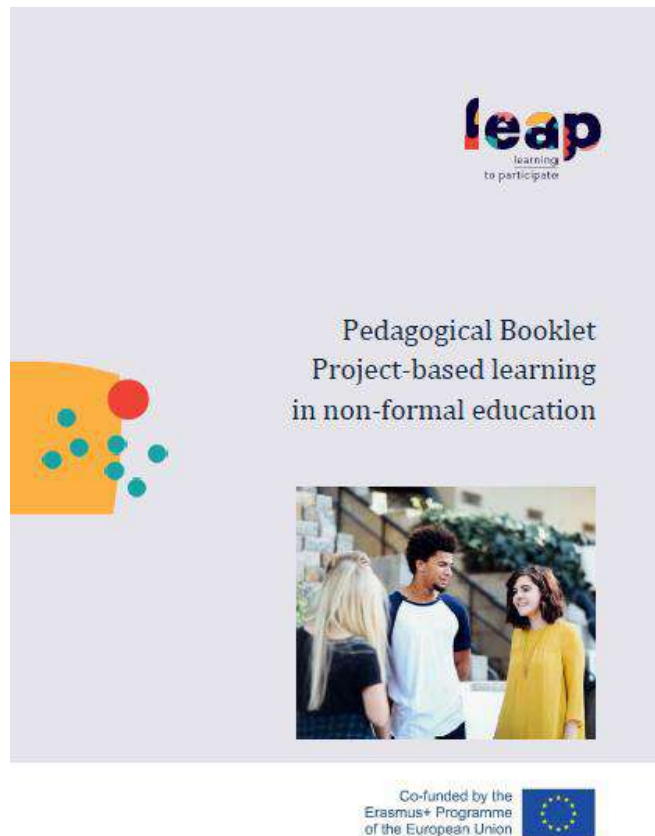
During the last months we focused our efforts into the elaboration of educational material for youth workers, we organised a youth online mobility and we are currently working on a Project-based Learning methodology, a Charter about Youth Participation and a video.

This is what we've been up to...

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Pedagogical Booklet



In the last part of 2020 we published our Pedagogical Booklet on Project-based learning in non-formal education.

The Booklet is one of the three results it is meant for youth workers, trainers and youth researchers. It serves as a resource to support youth trainers in developing knowledge and skills. To address the issue of youth participation, LEAP builds its work on Project-based Learning (PBL). PBL is a model that organises learning around projects.

This Booklet is therefore divided into three main parts. The first part focusing on the theoretical background of Project-based learning, followed by two practice-oriented sections that are helpful for youth workers, trainers to organise their training offer to youth workers. It is available free of charge on our website in Croatian, Italian, English and German: leap.univie.ac.at

Youth Mobility Event

As we could not organise our mobilities face to face, we organised an online mobility for young Austrians, Croatians and Italians at the end of January. This mobility was anticipated by preparatory meetings and included a follow-up to the mobility.

During the event, we organised our work on the basis of Project-based learning and experimented our methodology. Furthermore, we aimed to offer the opportunity to virtually socialise and travel while being at home and to create a moment of (inter)cultural exchanges.

As the goal of LEAP is to promote youth participation and youth project, the content of the mobility was focused on these questions.



As an example, we exchanged about how do young people participate during the pandemic, and according to participants how young people are seen by public opinion in their countries. Additionally, we asked about their demands to youth organisations and policy-makers.

We can say that we learnt a lot from the mobility and we are looking forward to keep working on these issues in the near future!

...What's next?

LEAP will finish at the end of April 2021. In these last two months of the project, we will publish:

- ⇒ *Project-based learning: from theory to practice.* This tool is a complement of the booklet and it is practise oriented. As a youth worker, in there you will find the Project-based Learning LEAP methodology, actionable ideas and more than 20 tools and methods to explore.
- ⇒ *A Charter about youth participation:* there you will find the definitions of participation that young people shared with us, youth values around participation and policy recommendations.
- ⇒ *A video* showing our mobility and ideas from the young people that were involved in the project.
- ⇒ Lastly, we will organise *4 multiplier events* to present the results of our project and to present our work. These events will happen in the months of April respectively in Croatian, Italian, English and German. Stay tuned on our web channels to know more.

Our web channels

Don't forget that you can find more information about the project, the PBL methodology and other project-related topics on our [Facebook](#) page or on our [Blog](#).

Stay tuned and safe 😊

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