



# ACKnowledge - Ancient knowledge, Modern Eco-Communities

FOR YOUTH WORKERS IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABILITY

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Erasmus+  
Mobility of Youth Workers  
May 2-9, 2026  
(travel excluded)  
Magliano Sabina, Italy

Application deadline:  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026



# What is the project about?



The aim of "**ACKnowledge - Ancient knowledge, modern eco-communities**" is to contribute to transform and enrich youth work through **Matriarchal and Indigenous knowledge** for sustainable and inclusive communities. **ACKnowledge** is designed to equip youth workers and organisations with **knowledge, tools, and methodologies rooted in ancient and modern matriarchal and indigenous societies, as well as ecological principles**. These interconnected frameworks will enable them to engage young people in community building, fostering democratic, inclusive, egalitarian, sustainable, and nature-connected communities.

→ **More info about [ACKnowledge project](#) here**



# What will you experience and learn?

- **Explore alternative community models** inspired by matriarchal and indigenous societies, gaining tools to build inclusive, egalitarian, and eco-centred communities.
- **Strengthen critical thinking** to question harmful cultural norms and co-create new narratives rooted in care, cooperation and sustainability.
- **Develop practical youth work skills** that empower young people to engage in ecological, social and community-building actions at the local level.
- **Grow through intercultural exchange**, sharing cultural roots, visions and perspectives with youth workers from across Europe.

# Participants profile

- Age: preferably between **25 and 40**
- Youth workers, facilitators, trainers, NGO staff, engaged volunteers, and all people actively & genuinely interested
- Residents in: **Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain**
- Committed to participate to the whole duration of the training and **to all activities**, including:
  - **2 online preparatory meetings (March-April 2026)** of max. 2 h each,
  - the **transnational eco-residential training (May 2–9 2026)**, travel days excluded),
  - **1 half-day post-mobility dissemination activity** at the local level (**June-August 2026**),
  - and **1 international post-mobility dissemination activity online** of max. 2 h (**July-August 2026**)



## Location

The Transnational eco-residential training /mobility exchange) will take place at the EcOstello Magliano Sabina, in Italy (1h in the north of Rome). It is a place of sharing interconnection with the local community, where the activities are mainly centered on spreading ecological living and community building.

→ **More info about the venue and how to get there [here](#)**



# Activities' details

- **2 online preparatory meetings** (March-April 2026) of max. 2 h each. Before the transnational eco-residential training, participants will take part in two online preparatory meetings that will provide an introduction to the project, covering topics such as ancient matriarchal and indigenous societies, ecological sustainability, and holistic approaches to social transformation, setting the stage for a meaningful and enriching learning experience.



- **Transnational eco-residential training** (20 participating youth workers + 1 group leader per country). This training course is a professional development activity that will be delivered entirely through non-formal education methodologies (e.g. workshops, storytelling, embodiment practices, collaborative design, experiential learning). Participants will explore topics such as ecological worldviews, regenerative practices, holistic design, permaculture, and collaborative tools like Dragon Dreaming and Sociocracy.
- **1 half-day dissemination activity at the local level** (in person). One local event per country in which participants will share their experience and the knowledge acquired through various formats (e.g. digital storytelling, community events, presentations, publications, artworks, exhibitions or performances ecc).
- **1 international dissemination activity of max. 2 h** (online). Youth workers will reflect on their experience with a wider audience. It will be open to everyone interested in social change, ecology, and alternative education. It will promote transnational dialogue, knowledge exchange, and future collaborations.

# Facilitation



**Sabina Santovetti**

*Founder of Matriculture & SHE-EDE*

WOMAN, MOTHER, ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, ARTIST, FEMINIST,  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST, SPIRITUAL SEEKER

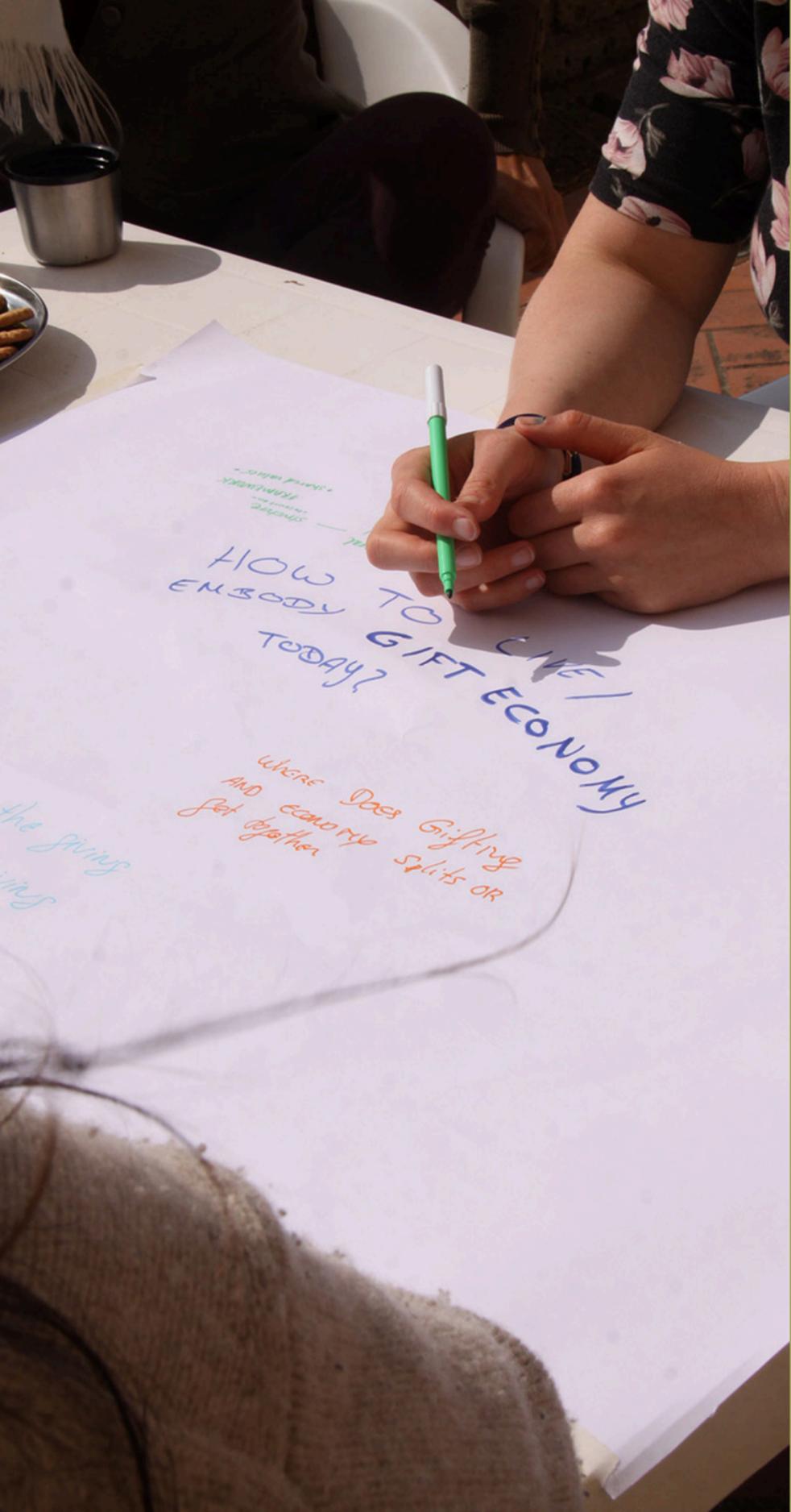
**Francesca Lulli**

*Facilitatress*

MOTHER SOCIO-ANTHROPOLOGIST, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-FUNDED COMMUNITIES, TRAINER, FEMINIST FOR A MATERNAL GIFT ECONOMY



→ *More about the facilitatresses [here](#)*



# Practical info

**Accommodation, food and training costs are fully covered by Erasmus+**

**Travel costs are reimbursed based on Erasmus+ distance calculator** (max 211,00€ for Italy; max 309,00€ for Poland, Germany, Portugal and Spain. We encourage to travel by land, for a lesser ecological impact (but not mandatory).

## Partners

**BESTUP APS, Italy**

**Stowarzyszenie Projektow Miedzynarodowych "Logos Polska", Poland**

**LUG OPEN FACTORY, Spain**

**Manativista associação, Portugal**

**Global Ecovillage Network, Germany**

# Application

For more **information** and **to apply**, please write to Sabina Santovetti at [sabinasantovetti@gmail.com](mailto:sabinasantovetti@gmail.com)

Hurry up — **the application deadline is February 28, 2026!**

The selection results will be communicated to participants by the end of January 2026.

**Join us, we can't wait to meet you!**

