

EGL at Rural Areas, Challenges and Solidarity

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EGL Project Coordinator Judit Balog was one of the keynote speakers at the transnational NET Activity “[Rural Areas, Challenges and Solidarity](#)” held this March.

[The Hellenic National Agency for Erasmus+](#) and the [Youth & European Solidarity Corps](#) organized the NET Activity and hosted 35 participants from all over Europe. There were representatives of municipalities and youth organizations from rural areas, but also youth workers who work in rural areas around Europe. The participants were people who are interested in exploring the opportunities that the European Solidarity Corps and other programs can bring to these communities.

The screenshot displays the HOP online learning platform interface. At the top left, there is a logo for 'HOP online learning' and a navigation menu icon. The main content area is divided into three columns, each representing a different course category under the 'HOP academy' and 'European Solidarity Corps' banners.

- Column 1:** Features a card for 'Training for mentors' with a 'LEARN MORE' button. Below the button, a short description states: 'This self-paced course is for both newcomers and experienced mentors of the European Solidarity Corps Programme who are interested in developing their mentoring and networking competencies. It introduces the attendants to the essentials of mentorship in the European Solidarity Corps Programme as well as to the competences and tools for self-improvement as a mentor.'
- Column 2:** Features a card for 'Rural areas, challenges and solidarity' with a 'LEARN MORE' button. The description reads: 'This self-paced course is for representatives of municipalities from rural areas and representatives of youth organisations who work in such areas and are interested in exploring the opportunities that European Solidarity Corps Programme is bringing to these communities.'
- Column 3:** Features a card for 'Intercultural Competence Training (ICC) on ESC' with a 'LEARN MORE' button. The description says: 'This self-paced course is for youth workers, youth trainers, youth project managers, volunteering mentors who are engaged in the European Solidarity Corps Programme and are interested in joining a learning experience that would support them in exploring and developing their intercultural competence.'

Below these columns, there are three more cards: 'Solidarity in Balkan Region', 'Youth work, national policies and solidarity action in Euro-Mediterranean area' (which includes a diagram with six modules), and 'Act Locally, Think Globally: How to build a solidarity project'.

Ms. Balog presented the activities of the Europe Goes Local project, explaining how the participants could benefit through EGL, learn more about good practices in local youth work, and related resources for quality development of youth work.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main part of the screen is occupied by a presentation slide titled 'Europe Goes Local' with the subtitle 'Supporting Youth Work at the Municipal Level'. The slide features the Erasmus+ logo and the text 'Enriching lives, opening minds.' Below the title, it says 'A European Platform in support of youth work at the municipal level 2016 - to date' and provides the website 'www.europegoeslocal.eu'. The slide has a colorful, abstract design with wavy lines in blue, orange, and yellow.

On the right side of the screen, there is a grid of 20 video thumbnails showing various participants. Some thumbnails are labeled with names and roles, such as 'Origa Kyriakidou | Facilitator', 'Konstantinos Stergios', 'Dora / YC Epirus / Greece', 'Nerjoli | Facilitator', 'Jenny Haglund', 'Judith Baogoh | EGL', 'Martina Rosandic', 'David Carapinha | EGL', 'Rita Kovacs | Bielefeld', 'Adrian - FINLAND', 'DEMOCRACY | CLADDING', 'Bernardus | EJ - Demo...', 'Methide MGE 40 W...', 'Dursun Demir', 'Nafissa Deobus | H...', 'George Kalogeros', 'Edita Jareckaitė', 'Eleftherios Baltz...', 'Büşra Yıldız-tur...', 'Eleftherios Baltzids', 'Büşra Yıldız-turkey', 'Lidia Chmielewska...', 'Lida Chmielewska', and 'Sara Redonda'.

This NET activity, and many others you will be able to find on the HOP Online Learning Platform. This serves as a learning resource center for online courses for youth work communities of practice. The

HOP platform was launched in 2017 in cooperation between several SALTO Resource Centres and National Agencies of Erasmus+ as a base for their online course on volunteering activities. The platform also hosts other courses, creating a wide community of online learners.

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