

# #10 Years of Connecting Youth Work Communities

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2026 marks **#10 years** of our Europe Goes Local network project dedicated to supporting and empowering municipal youth work across Europe.

**Europe Goes Local** started as a European network project with a key objective to strengthen youth work where it matters most: at the local level. By connecting municipalities, youth workers, and policymakers across Europe, the project turns European youth policy into real-world practice—raising the quality, visibility, and recognition of local youth work.



Through peer learning, capacity building, and cross-border cooperation, the EGL framework has empowered local actors to innovate, professionalise youth work, and embed a strong European dimension in everyday practice. By actively contributing to the **European Youth Work Agenda and the Bonn Process**, our network bridges local realities with European strategies—ensuring that youth work is valued as a key pillar for inclusive, resilient, and youth-friendly communities across Europe



Together with **35 member countries** and a large number of youthwork stakeholders, we are happy to be here. We are grateful for a decade of collaboration, learning, and impact.

We invite you to join us for this special anniversary year and look out for a series of inspiring activities, events, and moments that honour the journey so far and get excited about the next steps.