

# 10 YEARS OF YOUTHPASS

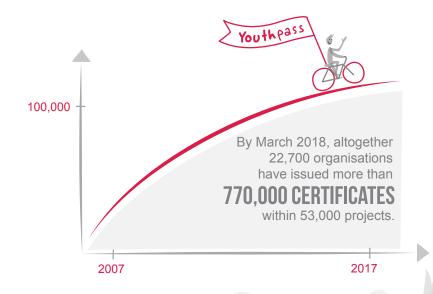


#### **YOUTHPASS**

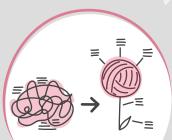
is a recognition tool for non-formal and informal learning in youth projects.

It is available for activities that are supported within the framework of the EU Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme.

It was launched in July 2007, and has in the following years been increasingly used.



### YOUTHPASS HELPS THE PARTICIPANTS OF PROJECTS TO ...



. raise the awareness of their development and learning through the project



.. increase the usefulness of the project



. communicate about the learning value of their project experience



... widen their understanding of learning and of competences related to learning

### THROUGH THE SUPPORT TO ORGANISATIONS, YOUTHPASS ...



... helps to communicate and increase the learning value of youth work



... helps to highlight the importance of non-formal learning



... contributes to the quality of youth work

Participants of projects that finished in 2015 were asked 2-11 months later.

## WHETHER THEY HAD USED THEIR YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATE

when applying somewhere – for example a job or an internship, or for studies.



30% had presented their certificate

**68%** of them said that Youthpass had been helpful in the application process<sup>1</sup>

### THIS IS HOW YOUNG PEOPLE DESCRIBE THEIR EXPERIENCES

I joined the Erasmus+ program in 2014. Three years and twelve projects later I was sitting in an interview for my Undegraduate study. I mentioned working with people and how I have non-formal education experience in this area.

#### I HAD BROUGHT MY YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATES

The certificates proved to be extremely useful because they served as a physical evidence of my participation in the youth exchanges and the knowledge gained.

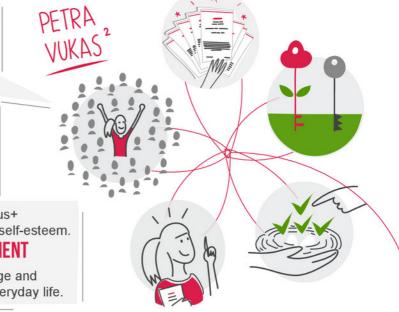
#### I STOOD OUT FROM MORE THAN 600 CANDIDATES

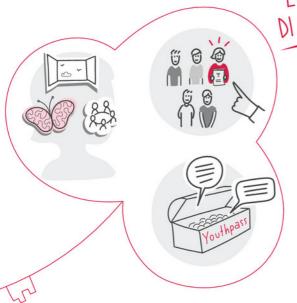
in the interview and ultimately successfully enrolled in the desired study.

Among other competences, the experience of the Erasmus+ programme positively influenced my self-confidence and self-esteem.

Finally, YOUTHPASS HAS TAUGHT ME SELF-ASSESSMENT

**SKILLS AND HOW TO BECOME AWARE** of the knowledge and competences that I acquired, both of which help me in everyday life.





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Getting a Youthpass is an important thing about Erasmus+.

I HAVE ALWAYS INCLUDED MY YOUTHPASS

CERTIFICATES IN MY APPLICATIONS and I am sure
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they have helped me: I have been a lucky girl more than once - just few weeks ago (hooray!) I got a job as baby club coordinator in a holiday resort.

## Of course I AM NOT SAYING YOU CAN GET A JOB JUST BECAUSE YOU OWN A YOUTHPASS,

I just think it is a kind of a certificate of your personal skills - open-minded, independent, team worker... - which are as important as the professional ones.

Also IT HELPS YOU DURING THE INTERVIEW, you can talk more about yourself and about what you have learned, it is a nice way to capture the interlocutor's interest, especially if you have no work experience yet.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUTHPASS, AND HOW TO USE IT IN YOUR PROJECT?

**GO TO YOUTHPASS.EU** 



1 Exploring Erasmus+: Youth in Action. Effects and outcomes of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme from the perspective of project participants and project leaders. Transnational Analysis 2015/16.

2 Shortened versions of stories submitted to the competition 'My Youthpass Experience', organised by the Croatian National Agency for Erasmus+: Youth in Action.