

Vidzeme Planning Region hosted the third Transnational Meeting of the YouForSE project (Young Change Agents for the Social Economy)



The Erasmus+ project YouForSE (Young Change Agents for the Social Economy Ecosystem), coordinated by OPE Cantabria and whose partners are the Municipality of Lousada and the Vidzeme region (Latvia), held a series of meetings and visits from the 1st to the 2nd of October 2024 in Latvia. Hosted by Vidzeme Planning Region, the event aimed to discuss project progress, share insights, and showcase local social economy practices.

Participants visited several local initiatives, including the Valmiera Development Agency, the social service center *Solis*, the Latvian Children's Support Foundation and many more. Field visits to these organizations offered an in-depth understanding of innovative approaches in social services, youth engagement, and the social economy in Latvia and highlighted innovative approaches to fostering youth participation in the social economy.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Name: YouForSE

Program: ERASMUS + K210 Youth.

Objective: To promote youth participation in the social economy ecosystem through field visits and participatory development of understanding of social economy among stakeholders.

Activities:

- Social Youth Ecosystem Management
- Public #SE Engagement
- Youth Participatory Lab
- Youth and Social Entrepreneurship Advocacy

Duration: September 2023 - April 2025.



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