

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

The year 2024 has been a period of strategic consolidation for SERN, as we continue to strengthen collaboration between our members while deepening the impact of ongoing initiatives. The 2024 report underlines the key achievements of the year, the strategic initiatives, and more in general the collective efforts that have shaped our network over the past year.

One of the major achievements of 2024 was the launch of the SERN Thematic Wall (STW), a new platform fostering structured discussions, knowledge exchange, and collaboration across our network. Throughout the year, STW delivered three thematic cycles—on Artificial Intelligence for Inclusive and Sustainable Communities, Water Management in a Changing Climate, and Youth and Inclusion—enabling deeper engagement of the members on main transnational challenges.

Our network's commitment to excellence was again recognised at the European level. SERN played a key role in the Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC) initiative, leading a consortium of municipalities to develop strategic roadmaps for sustainable energy and efficiency. The success of our engagement in this initiative led to SERN being selected for the quality of the Local Green Deals signed and also named an ICC Communications Ambassador, reflecting our value in promoting innovative transnational cooperation.

In terms of projects, 2024 was a dynamic year, with several new initiatives launched and a strong focus on enhancing the skills of local authorities and communities. Key projects such as MIST (Empowering Micro Destinations for Sustainable Tourism), DATA4ENERGY (Data-driven solutions for better energy and climate monitoring), and EQUAL4GREEN (Bridging gender equality and sustainability in the Green Deal) exemplify our network's diverse areas of impact.

At the same time, ongoing and new projects like BRIDGE (School Well-being), STEAMWORKS (Early Childhood STEAM Education), and DIGILIBRA (Digital Inclusion in Libraries) have been delivering valuable results for our members. Member engagement remains central to our success, with a significant increase in participation across projects, thematic discussions, and statutory activities. The SERN General Assembly 2024, hosted in Luleå and Piteå, gathered over 80 participants and focused on critical topics such as skills development, water management, and the evolving role of AI in education.

Additionally, four new members joined SERN in 2024—further strengthening our reach and reinforcing our mission to foster inclusive, sustainable, and digitalized communities.

As we reflect on the successes of 2024, we also look forward with determination to the challenges and opportunities ahead. With a strong basis of cooperation, innovation, and shared commitment, SERN remains dedicated to promoting transnational partnerships that drive meaningful change for the member communities in Italy and Sweden.



Nicola Catellani

Network Coordinator

About the Network

SERN is one of the main **transnational networks** in Europe **fostering relations** between Northern and Southern Europe and in particular between **Sweden and Italy**.

SERN is the result of a long-term process of cooperation and exchange between Italian and Swedish actors. The idea of strengthening the relations between the two areas was launched by AICCRE Emilia-Romagna and group of Italian municipalities in the summer of 2003. The constitutive phase of the SERN network ended in January 2005 with the formal beginning of the activities of the Network.

As a non-profit transnational association, SERN has three characteristics that makes it unique:

- It is the only bilateral network in the European Union that brings together actors from the Northern and Southern states;
- It is a multilevel network where different levels of government interact and collaborate;
- It is open to civil society and to private actors.

Mission

The network through its activities contributes to building a European Union driven by North-South collaboration where Italian and Swedish communities and their citizens are key drivers of change towards a more inclusive, sustainable, and digitalized society.

Three focus areas



INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Quality Education
Active Citizenship
Services for Vulnerable Groups



DIGITALIZED COMMUNITIES

Digital Skills
e-Government
Artificial Intelligence



GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Climate Action
Sustainable Tourism
Smart Mobility

Activities



PROJECT-BASED COOPERATION



INFORMATION AND SHOWCASING



LEARNING AND TRAINING



POOLING OF EXPERTISE

Statutory activities



General Assembly

The SERN General Assembly 2024 was held on May 23–24, hosted by the municipalities of **Luleå** and **Piteå**, with over 80 participants from Italy and Sweden. The event included seminar, workshops and presentations and was structured around three key themes: skills, water management, and education.

The **skills** theme focused on reskilling and upskilling for local strategic sectors, with a focus on skill attraction and strategies for competence inflow to meet evolving workforce needs. The **water management** sessions addressed the challenges of climate change, exploring local strategies for managing water resources amid scarcity and flooding, and emphasizing the importance of raising awareness on the rational use of water. The **education** theme included discussions on Erasmus+ Capacity Building, Project Cycle Management (PCM) for schools, best practices for fostering well-being, and the role of AI in education, exploring its potential and ethical considerations in teaching.

The SERN General Assembly 2024 saw the participation of the Italian Ambassador to Sweden, Michele Pala, who highlighted the importance of cross-border collaboration within the European framework.

Executive Board

In 2024, the Executive Board convened three times to discuss key developments, strategic priorities, and the overall direction of the Network.

The first meeting took place online on 23 February, where members were updated on the ongoing projects and approved the 2023 draft annual report and the 2024 General Assembly programme.

The second meeting was held on 24 May in Luleå, coinciding with the General Assembly. During this session, the Board reviewed the 2023 Board of Auditors' report and discussed strategic initiatives for the upcoming year. The final meeting of the year was hosted in Cavriago on 29 November.



“The mission of SERN is both important and challenging, especially given the differences between the two countries. However, thanks to the European framework that both countries participate in, opportunities for exchange and relationship-building become more accessible and full of advantages.”

Michele Pala
Ambassador of Italy to the Kingdom of Sweden

During the General Assembly, the **SERN Most Active Member** of the Year 2023 award was won by **Unione Pedemontana Parmense** and the **Municipality of Norrköping**, recognised for their significant contributions to project activities, statutory functions, and the Network's initiatives throughout the year.

Discussions focused on financial matters, the planning of the Network's thematic events for 2025, and preparations for the next General Assembly.

In 2024, the Network continued to grow, welcoming four new members:

- County Administrative Board of Östergötland (Sweden)
- Svedest (Sweden)
- Sissa Trecasali (Italy)
- UPI Emilia-Romagna (Italy)

These additions further strengthen the Network's collaborative efforts across different regions and thematic areas.

Overview on the activities

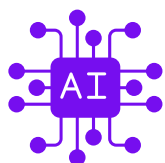


SERN Thematic Wall



Launched in January 2024, the SERN Thematic Wall (STW) is a new strategic initiative designed to foster structured discussions, knowledge exchange, and collaboration among SERN members. In line with SERN's mission to create sustainable, inclusive, and digitalised communities, STW provides a platform for engaging with key topics through seminars, workshops, training and discussions.

Each STW cycle spans several months, focusing on a specific theme. In its first year, the initiative successfully delivered three cycles on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for inclusive and sustainable communities, Water Management in a Changing Climate, and Youth and Inclusion, strengthening transnational cooperation and capacity-building within the network.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Timeframe: January – April 2024

This cycle explored AI's transformative role in education, public administration, and social services.

Key Seminars:

- AI in Public Administration: Focused on digital governance, digital twins, urban planning, and efficiency.
- AI in Education: Explored personalized learning and teacher productivity.
- Digitalisation in Social Services: Addressed care for vulnerable groups using AI and IoT.



WATER MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Timeframe: May 2024

Held during the SERN General Assembly in Sweden, this cycle tackled water scarcity and flooding challenges.

Key Seminars:

- Understanding the Challenge: Strategies for climate adaptation and resilience.
- Best Practices: Showcased technological innovations like digital twins for water systems.
- Awareness and Education: Emphasized public campaigns and education initiatives.



YOUTH AND INCLUSION

Timeframe: September 2024 – December 2024

This cycle focuses on empowering youth, with activities on urban planning, mental well-being, and school dropout prevention.

Key Seminars:

- Kick-off meeting: Introduced EU strategies on youth inclusion.
- Webinar on Mental Well-Being: Highlighted early intervention and emotional education programs.
- Study visit and training in Linköping: Explored Sweden's mental health approaches for youth.
- Webinar on school dropout prevention: Explored how schools and local authorities can collaborate to prevent early school leaving.

Intelligent Cities Challenge - ICC

In 2024, SERN led a **consortium** of three municipalities—Municipality of Cervia (IT), City of Trollhättan (SE), and Municipality of Vänersborg (SE)—within the Intelligent Cities Challenge (ICC), an initiative of the European Commission supporting cities in their green and digital transition through **Local Green Deals**. The consortium developed a strategic roadmap identifying two shared priorities: increasing **sustainable energy production** and improving **energy efficiency**. In June, SERN participated in the ICC Conference in Porto, engaging with experts and European cities to strengthen partnerships and advance joint initiatives.

By the end of the year, three Local Green Deals were signed. The **City of Trollhättan** partnered with Innovatum Science Park and the Association of Entrepreneurs in Trollhättan to enhance energy efficiency in industrial areas, particularly through the project “Fyrbodol för framtidens flex”, which focuses on balancing energy distribution and creating a more flexible grid system in the Kardanvägen industrial zone. The **Municipality of Cervia** collaborated with Terme di Cervia to promote sustainable electrification, foster the development of Energy Communities, and advance renewable energy production and electric mobility. This initiative is in line with Cervia’s 2030 carbon neutrality goals and its broader strategy to decarbonise tourism services and enhance economic competitiveness. The **Municipality of Vänersborg** formalised a Local Green Deal with three local business associations—Företagarna Vänersborg, Brålanda företagarförening, and Trestad Center företagarförening—to increase knowledge and implementation capacity in energy efficiency and sustainable energy production among local businesses. The agreement also aims to encourage new business collaborations and greater use of municipal support services.

Due to its strong engagement in facilitating transnational collaboration and effectively promoting the initiative, SERN has been nominated as an **ICC Communications Ambassador**, recognising its role in disseminating best practices and fostering visibility for the programme at the European level.

European Project Design Course

In 2024, SERN organised a European Project Design Course in Parma, providing members with **practical training** on EU project development. Over three days, participants gained a comprehensive understanding of **Project Cycle Management** (PCM) and learned to apply the Logical Framework Methodology to structure project objectives, results, and activities.

The course focused on key areas such as stakeholder analysis, budget planning for Erasmus+ projects, and impact evaluation. Through hands-on exercises and expert guidance, participants strengthened their capacity to develop high-quality cooperation projects, enhancing transnational collaboration within the network.

This initiative reflects SERN’s commitment to equipping its members with essential skills for successful project implementation.

Livio Benedetto Scholarship

In 2024, SERN is proud to launch the *Livio Benedetto Scholarship* aimed at supporting graduate students and early-stage researchers dedicated to comparative analysis in local public policymaking between Italy and Sweden. This scholarship fosters innovative research that aligns with the SERN Strategy, focusing on education, social inclusion, environmental sustainability, and digitalization. By encouraging cross-border academic exchange, the initiative strengthens the network’s commitment to evidence-based policymaking and transnational cooperation.

Projects



New Projects



MIST

Erasmus+
Empowering Micro Destinations for Sustainable Tourism

LENGHT: 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, SveDest (SE), Borgotaro Municipality as associated partner (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The general objective of MIST is to contribute to the development of knowledge sharing and capacity building among tourism stakeholders across Europe.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In October 2024, a training seminar was held in Halmstad to share the insights and lessons learned from months of local workshops and discussions with key stakeholders in tourism. The result is a handbook that illustrates best practices identified through activities such as benchmarking successful strategies. It supports sustainable development in micro-destinations by presenting effective approaches to tackle challenges like managing seasonal fluctuations, promoting cultural integrity, and protecting local environments.

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MIK-ON

Erasmus+
Promoting the active participation of young people in democratic life

LENGHT: 2024 - 2026

MEMBERS INVOLVED: UngPuls Linköping (SE), Bologna Municipality (IT), SERN

OBJECTIVE

The project aims to promote the active participation of 16–18-year-olds from disadvantaged neighborhoods in democratic life, strengthening their personal, social, and citizenship competences through non-formal learning. It seeks to empower them to express their voice and foster motivation, courage, and a sense of European identity for democratic engagement.

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EQUAL4GREEN

Erasmus+
Promoting European Green Deal among citizens in a gender equality perspective

LENGHT: 2024 - 2025

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, City of Trollhättan (SE)

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the project is to enhance the promotion of the European Green Deal from a gender inclusive perspective among citizens.

ACTIVITIES

The project activities consist of three international seminars, designed to promote the Green Deal Initiatives and the Gender Equality Strategy. These activities aim to engage political representatives, civil servants, and citizens, fostering knowledge sharing, skill development, and active participation. The first seminar, titled Bridging Gender Equality and Sustainability for Local Communities, took place in Cavriago on November 28–29, 2024.

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Data4Energy

Erasmus+
Data for better energy and climate monitoring

LENGHT: 2024 - 2025

MEMBERS INVOLVED: Lepida (IT), CAB - County Administrative Board Östergötland (SE)

OBJECTIVE

This project aims to improve energy and climate goal monitoring by exploring data sources and a digital platform, fostering collaboration, training civil servants, and enhancing governance for sustainable development.

ACTIVITIES

During the kick-off meeting in Bologna, discussions covered various approaches, including energy policies, tools for linking energy use with building strategies, carbon budgeting, and urban planning solutions. The project will now gather insights through interviews and surveys with public administrations, especially smaller municipalities, to assess data monitoring practices and alignment with EU climate goals.

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VOICES OF HERITAGE



Citizens' participation in identifying European cultural heritage

LENGHT: 2024 - 2025
MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, Mjölby Municipality (SE), **Cavriago Municipality** (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The project aims to enhance cultural heritage at local and transnational levels by involving citizens, especially youth, in its identification, conservation, and promotion, contributing to an open, resilient society in line with the 2030 Agenda. It focuses on raising awareness, promoting civic education, and fostering international cooperation between the partner countries to develop sustainable, innovative policies for heritage enhancement.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In 2024, the project held a launch webinar in October to introduce the initiative to municipalities and citizens, highlighting its connection to the Faro Convention and the European Landscape Convention. In December, an online training workshop was conducted for participating organizations and local facilitators, focusing on community engagement methods and the use of the project's digital platform to ensure effective participation and local community involvement.

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DIGILIBRA

Digital Skills Empowerment in Libraries

LENGHT: 2024 - 2025
MEMBERS INVOLVED: **Motala Municipality** (SE), Ravenna Municipality (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The project aims to promote digitalization among adult citizens, especially those in vulnerable situations, by utilizing libraries as a resource.

ACTIVITIES

In November, the project partners met in Motala for two days of collaboration. The Digilibra team explored the project plan, shared insights about their libraries, and exchanged ideas on digital services between Swedish and Italian librarians. Through lectures and workshops on digital inclusion, they explored innovative models to implement in their communities.

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Ongoing Projects

QUALITY EDUCATION



BRIDGE



Building Resilient compulsory schools through an Integrated and Empowering approach to well-being

LENGTH: 2023 - 2026

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, Luleå Municipality (SE)

OBJECTIVE

Bridge aims to increase quality of school education through the development of a whole-school approach to well-being. The specific objectives are to equip staff with skills to promote well-being, engage students in co-designing interventions, and develop an easy-to-use school well-being toolbox.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The project team met in Reggio Emilia for the seminar "Well-being at school" (in February) and in Daugavpils for a coordination meeting (in October). The team is working on the development of 3 products: the training modules on school well-being, the strategies for student involvement and finally the "well-being at school" toolbox.

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SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



UST



Upskilling municipal staff competences on planning and managing sustainable tourism

LENGTH: 2023 - 2026

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, SveDest (SE), Falköping Municipality (SE), Scandiano Municipality (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The main objective is to strengthen the development of sustainable local tourism and enhance the attractiveness of medium-sized municipalities by upskilling municipal staff. Specifically, the project aims to improve local authorities' competencies in sustainable tourism management, develop innovative city marketing strategies with stakeholder engagement, and promote tourism that considers economic, social, and environmental impacts.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

A three-day seminar "Exploring Sustainable Tourism Perspectives from Europe" was organised in Gothenburg (April). The partners developed the Self-assessment Questionnaire, a tool that through a GAP analysis helps Municipalities to figure out where the gaps are in terms of knowledge and practice in key areas of tourism. Partners are now working on the the online training course for civil servants and managers, and the Final Handbook with good practices and concrete examples of sustainable tourism at European level.

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SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



BAS



Developing digital business attraction skills through continuing VET at work in the local public sector

LENGTH: 2022 - 2025

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, Orust Municipality (SE), Imola Municipality (IT)

OBJECTIVE

BAS aims to raise the business attractiveness of the European cities through an up-skilling of staff of local authorities. The project equips municipal managers and civil servants with digital skills for business attraction, fosters the exchange of innovative strategies, and develops an online training module.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The BAS team met in Orust for the seminar "Improving Business Attraction Skills in Municipalities (in May) and in Parma for the final coordination meeting (in October). The partners developed three main project results: the Training Needs Mapping and Analysis, the Handbook on Business Attraction Management and finally the e-Course on Digital Business Attraction Skills.

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SMART MOBILITY



PLUS+T



Exchanging practises and enhancing in the field sustainable transports

LENGTH: 2023 - 2025

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, County Administrative Board-Östergötland (SE), Prov. Parma as associated partner (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The project aims to enhance the knowledge of civil servants and facilitate the exchange of experiences at the local and regional levels regarding sustainable transport solutions.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Partners met in Helsinki (in April) for study visits with mobility experts, case studies from the partners countries, and brainstorming on transport sustainability.

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INTEC

Developing an innovative IN-service Training model for ECEC Staff

LENGHT: 2023 - 2026

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, **Vänernsborg Municipality** (SE), Bologna Municipality as associated partner (IT)

OBJECTIVE

INTEC aims to build a European network for innovative ECEC staff training through in-service education. It focuses on developing a transnational CPD curriculum aligned with the European Framework of Quality, creating new training content for teachers and coordinators, and strengthening the European dimension through mobility-based training.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The INTEC team met in Spain (February) for a co-design seminar on a European curriculum for ECEC staff and in Parma (September) for the second coordination meeting. They are developing three key outputs: a European in-service training curriculum, five new courses for ECEC staff, an intensive course for pedagogical coordinators, and an in-service training package.

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STEAMWORKS

Enhancing young children STEAM topics learning with physical phenomena as playmates

LENGHT: 2023 - 2026

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, **Piteå Municipality** (SE), Ravenna Municipality (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The project enhances ECEC quality by using natural and artistic materials to introduce STEAM to children (1-3 years), improving teachers' skills, supporting language and scientific development, and engaging families in promoting a gender-balanced STEAM approach.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The team met in Belgium (March) for a training seminar and in Portugal (October) for a coordination meeting. They are working on three key products: a co-designed conceptual framework for European nurseries/preschools on STEAM for young children, a shared booklet with guidelines for a European STEAM approach, and a vocabulary of physics verbs as STEAM playmates, featuring children's actions with everyday verbs.

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SOCIAL SERVICES AND DIGITALIZATION

Learning mobilities of individuals

LENGHT: 2021 - 2027

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, Municipalities of Imola, Scandiano, Bertinoro, Forlimpopoli, Pellegrino Parmense, ASP Parma, Unione Terre d'Argine, Consorzio Icaro, ASP Cav. Rossi - Sidoli, ASP Sartori, ASSB Bolzano

OBJECTIVE

The project aims to develop digital skills for improving caregiver training, relationships, and communication, enhance intercultural competences to address the needs of a multi-ethnic society in elderly care (including dementia), and strengthen the European dimension of training by sharing innovative practices and transferring knowledge to organizations.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Italian participants from the consortium members took part in various international training and job shadowing activities to enhance their professional skills. Six participants, accompanied by one supervisor, travelled to Germany, gaining insights into local practices. In Sweden, 11 participants attended a job shadowing in Linköping, while five were hosted in Boden, exchanging experiences on intervention methods. Further training took place across Europe, with eight participants attending a course in Coimbra, ten in Ghent, and three in Linköping, focusing on key thematic areas relevant to the project. Additionally, ten participants took part in a specialised course in Linköping on youth mental health and well-being, deepening their understanding of strategies to support young people.

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CLIMAURBANABILITY

Climate actions for urban and building sustainability

LENGHT: 2024 - 2026

MEMBERS INVOLVED: IIPLE (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The main objective is to align with and support the implementation of the priority actions of the European Green Deal, particularly in urban areas where the impact of climate change is most pronounced.

Completed Projects



UPREST



UP- & Reskilling Sustainable Tourism in a new digital era

LENGHT: 2022 - 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, **Vänernsberg Municipality** (SE), Cervia Municipality (IT), Trollhättan City (SE) and Ravenna Municipality (IT) as associated partners

OBJECTIVE

UPREST aimed to enhance digital skills in sustainable tourism, fostering new learning pathways to support sector recovery. Its objectives included identifying skill gaps and providing tailored training, developing scalable digital solutions for local businesses, and strengthening cooperation between local authorities and business actors through a sustainable tourism learning ecosystem.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In the final year of project implementation, a final meeting was held in May in Parma, where partners worked on the finalisation of project results and planned dissemination activities. Dissemination events were carried out across partner countries, ensuring that the project's outcomes reached a wider audience and supported the ongoing development of sustainable tourism practices. UPREST delivered three key results. The Map of Local Training Needs provided a detailed analysis of knowledge gaps, training needs, and best practices within the sustainable tourism ecosystem. The Training Package was developed to enhance digital skills among tourism professionals, targeting C-VET providers and local authorities. It included learning outcomes, face-to-face and peer-review units, an assessment framework, and a tutor's manual. The manual consisted of three modules—Fundamentals of Sustainable Tourism, Digital Innovations in Tourism, and Implementing Technology-Driven Sustainable Tourism. It provided structured lesson materials, including manuscripts, PowerPoint presentations, and recorded lectures. Finally, the Guidelines for Follow-up Activities offered practical recommendations for local authorities and coordinating bodies to ensure long-term upskilling and the scaling of sustainable tourism initiatives at local and regional levels.

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ART4RIGHTS



When a space becomes a place

LENGHT: 2022 - 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: SERN, Linköping Municipality (SE), **Imola Municipality** (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The Art4Rights project aimed to enhance citizens' awareness and sense of ownership of European rights and values by using participatory public art to transform city spaces into shared cultural places. Through this approach, the project fostered critical thinking, civic engagement, and mutual understanding of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. It also encouraged reflection on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on rights, freedoms, and civic participation while promoting local and transnational exchange of best practices to strengthen democracy and cultural heritage.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

The project combined transnational meetings and local artistic initiatives. The final phase of the project focused on knowledge-sharing, evaluation, and the dissemination of results. In January 2024, two online meetings allowed partners to present their local art projects, sharing insights on how participatory public art engaged citizens in European values. This was followed by an evaluation meeting in Croatia (February 2024), where project partners assessed the impact of their initiatives and reflected on best practices for integrating public art into civic engagement. The project concluded with a final meeting in Imola (April 2024), where key results were presented, emphasizing the role of participatory public art in strengthening European identity. Among the outcomes, the Empty Pedestal initiative in Imola provided a public platform for citizens to display artworks and messages, sparking dialogue on European rights and democracy. In Linköping, an exhibition juxtaposing historical and contemporary images of the city encouraged residents to reflect on their urban identity and heritage, fostering a deeper connection to their local and European context.

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SIRIUS



Skills for inclusion in society

LENGHT: 2022 - 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: Hela Människan-
RIA Falköping (SE) Parma Municipality
(IT), Consorzio Icaro (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The SIRIUS project aimed to improve the inclusion of dual-diagnosed adults in society and the labour market by enhancing their skills and strengthening the capacity of professionals supporting their reintegration. By fostering a more inclusive environment, it contributed to better support services and integration opportunities.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In April 2024, the SIRIUS project held its final meeting in Italy, where partners assessed its impact, finalised outcomes, and planned dissemination. The project improved labour market awareness, soft skills, and motivation among dual-diagnosed adults, enhancing their integration. It also boosted staff motivation, strengthening support services and leaving a lasting impact on inclusion and empowerment.

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YAPP



Youth Active Participation Platforms

LENGHT: 2022 - 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: Vänernsberg
Municipality (SE), Cavriago Municipality
(IT)

OBJECTIVE

The YAPP project promoted inclusive participation and active citizenship by empowering young people to influence local decision-making. Through culture and leisure activities, it enhanced well-being and strengthened collaboration between youth recreational centres and cultural clubs, encouraging greater community involvement.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In 2024, the YAPP project focused on finalising and sharing its results. A virtual seminar presented the YAPP publication, offering partners and young participants key insights into the project's outcomes. The session highlighted best practices and key results, emphasising the role of culture and leisure activities in promoting youth participation and well-being. Through these efforts, YAPP strengthened young people's role in local decision-making and active citizenship.

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ORE



**Improving preschool teachers' skills
in outdoor education**

LENGHT: 2022 - 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: Vänernsberg
Municipality (SE) ASP Cav. Rossi-
Sidoli (IT), Unione Terre d'Argine (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The ORE Project was aimed at enhancing preschool education through outdoor learning. The project focused on developing teachers' skills in designing safe and engaging outdoor environments, fostering sustainability awareness, and supporting children's cognitive and social development through outdoor learning.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

In 2024, the ORE Project finalized its activities with the development of the Handbook, a resource for preschool educators on outdoor education. The handbook collects best practices, educational strategies, and examples from preschools in Sweden, Italy, and Latvia. During the year, the project carried out job shadowing activities, training sessions, and pilot implementations. Educators visited partner preschools to exchange knowledge and test outdoor learning methods. Outdoor learning zones were created, including sensory paths, forest areas, and digging sites, to support children's learning and environmental awareness.

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PRO.CHILD



**Bringing a European methodology to the protection of
vulnerable children and youths**

LENGHT: 2023 - 2024

MEMBERS INVOLVED: Trollhättan City (SE), Faenza
Municipality (IT)

OBJECTIVE

The project aimed to strengthen the competence and daily methodology of staff in the participating organizations.

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

By collaborating and comparing child protection practices in Sweden and Italy, the partners had the opportunity to share good practices and improve their local work. In May, the PRO.CHILD project hosted a Swedish delegation in Faenza for meetings and a seminar on child protection practices. In December, the final event included guest lectures on child exploitation investigations and online threats against minors.

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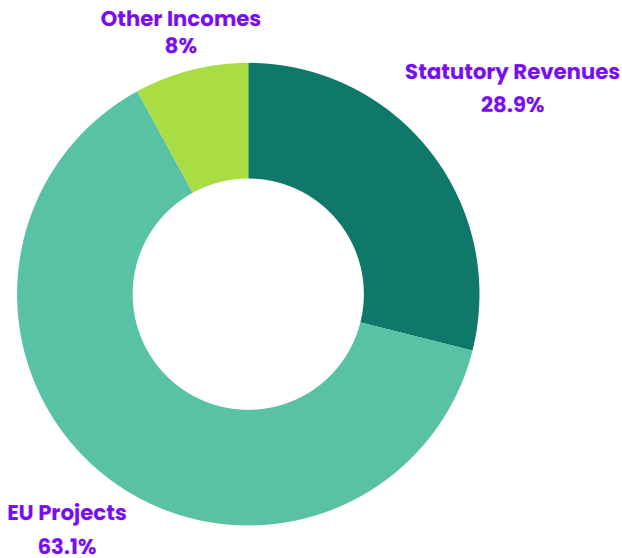
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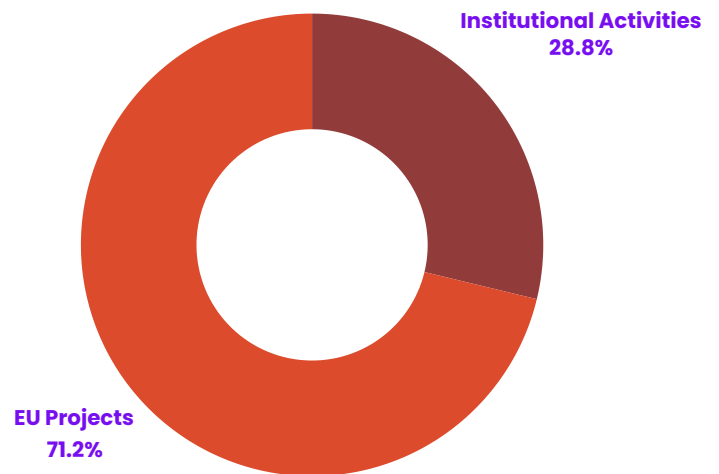
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Financial report

Incomes



Expenses



Indicators

Number of project proposals submitted	15
Number of projects approved	5
Project ideas received by the Members	36
Members involved in the Network activities	48 out of 60 (80%)



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