



Voluntary Service for Youth



Youth Affairs Agency, Lithuania



2018 – ongoing

Objective: to empower young people through long-term volunteering in NGOs and other organizations, helping them build skills, improve employability, and become active citizens.

Target group: young people (aged 14–29), especially those who are unemployed, socially vulnerable, or seeking for personal development opportunities.

Key components of the practice:

- **Registration:** Youth register through an online platform.
- **Orientation:** Participants attend an introductory session about volunteering.
- **Matching:** Participants are matched with an accredited host organization.
- **Volunteering:** Participants volunteer for a minimum of 6 months, at least 40 hours per month.
- **Mentorship:** Volunteers receive guidance from mentors throughout the service.
- **Reflection:** Regular evaluations and feedback sessions are organized.
- **Certification:** Upon completion, participants receive an official certificate of participation.

Key outcomes:

- **Development of soft skills** (communication, leadership, teamwork).
- **Empowerment and increased self-esteem.**
- Insight into career paths and work environments.
- Better integration into the labour market.
- Opportunities for networking and mentorship.

Evidence of success:

- Hundreds of young people engage in volunteering each year.
- **Positive participant feedback highlights growth in personal and professional skills.**
- High rates of post-program employment or continued civic engagement among participants.