

Youth Voices Rising!

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As a continuation of the *Generation Europe – The Academy* project, in which we have worked over the past seven years, **IRENIA** is participating this year in the project *Youth Voices Rising!*, a European initiative within the **Erasmus+** program and the international network **@generationeurope_network**.

The voice of young people matters!

In the turbulent world we live in, being young means living with many uncertainties, but also with the certainty that their voice is now essential to build a different, fairer, and more caring world — both locally and globally.

However, young people often lack the resources and spaces needed to make themselves heard. Taking part in the places where their present and future are truly decided — and doing so meaningfully and with impact — is one of the great challenges they face. And it is also a challenge for all the people and organizations, like IRENIA, who accompany and support them.

Empowering in Lobbying and Advocacy at Local and European Levels

For this reason, from **September 15 to 18**, IRENIA took part in a meeting with seven organizations from six European countries to jointly plan the next steps: research on the needs and potential of young people and professionals to influence stakeholder decisions (lobbying); training workshops on political advocacy and international representation; local and international meetings to multiply learning opportunities; as well as the management and quality monitoring of the entire process.

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The meeting was held in **Germany**, in the hills of **Walberberg**, hosted by **@diejugendakademie**

Making the voice of Europe's youth heard!

Our goal is clear: to provide youth workers with new tools and to empower young people to represent their interests and make their voices heard — both locally and internationally — under the motto: **“Act locally, connect with Europe, think globally!”**

In this way, we strengthen young people, democracy, and the overall field of youth work across Europe.



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