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ECHO

Empowering Cultures through Theatre for European Migrant Youth

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Theatre for Active Citizenship

Our 2nd Pathway

Active Citizenship: creative pathways and practical workshops that transform theatre into a means of reflecting on rights, coexistence and the role of young people in European society.

It focused on the following subjects:

- **Strengthening** social and civic competences through **theatre**.
- Increasing **communication** and the ability to **work in a group**.
- **Reflection** on social and political dynamics.

Work Package 3 (WP3), entitled "Theatre for Active Citizenship" and led by the Portuguese organization EFÉMERO.

Focuses on developing civic and social competences through theatre.

The initiative involves 30 young migrants coming from WP2 to transform narratives of inclusion into community agency.

The pedagogical structure is organized into four progressive modules, focused on:

- trust,
- empathy,
- power.



the partnership



- **The Gaiety School of Acting (Ireland)** – Ireland's National Theatre School, offering professional training and outreach programmes that foster inclusion and creativity.
- **Compagnia Teatrale Linea di Confine (Italy)** – promoting cultural activities and community engagement through theatre.
- **Fondazione Monnalisa (Italy)** – supporting social innovation and youth empowerment.
- **DESINCOOP – Desenvolvimento Económico, Social e Cultural (Portugal)** – fostering human rights and sustainable development.
- **Efémero – Companhia de Teatro de Aveiro (Portugal)** – producing theatre and educational projects for local communities.
- **Asociación La Bien Pagá Espacio Escénico (Spain)** – developing artistic initiatives and performances for social inclusion.

the project in a nutshell

ECHO – Empowering Cultures through Theatre for European Migrant Youth is an Erasmus+ project that aims to give a voice to young people with a migrant background through the most universal language that exists: theatre. The initiative stems from the idea that creativity can become a safe space in which to express oneself, experiment with new social roles and build authentic connections with the local community.

Our goal is simple yet ambitious: to help young migrants feel part of a collective story, strengthening their self-esteem, creativity and social participation. Through workshops, performances and collaborative activities, ECHO aims to build communities that are more open, more sensitive and more capable of listening.



3rd TPM

On 16-17 June 2026, the Estaleiro Teatral in Aveiro, Portugal, opened its doors to the 2nd Transnational Project Meeting (TPM) of the ECHO project, hosted by Efémero. Across two intense and highly collaborative days, representatives from all partner organisations joined forces to review the inspiring results of WP2. The sessions laid the groundwork for the upcoming WP3 and WP4 modules, while fine-tuning the consortium's quality assurance and dissemination strategies for the months ahead.







"Theater is made in large venues, small venues, in basements, in schools, in places where there is almost nothing and, yet, something always happens."
Frederico Corado.

Highlights

CERV Programme aims to sustain and further develop open and inclusive societies based on the rule of law. It funds projects in areas such as union values, equality (including gender equality), citizens' engagement and participation, and the prevention of violence.

It aims to protect and promote Union rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. It contributes to sustain and further develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **15 September 2026:** EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (CHAR-LITI)
- Capacity building for the EU Charter
- Promoting an enabling civic space
- **23 September 2026:** Town Twinning



IOM Report 2026

In most discussions on migration, the starting point is usually numbers. Understanding changes in scale, emerging trends, and shifting demographics related to global social and economic transformations, such as migration, help us make sense of the changing world we live in and plan for the future. The current global estimate is that there were around 304 million international migrants in the world in 2024, which equates to 3.7 per cent of the global population.

Overall, the estimated number of international migrants has increased over the past five decades. The total estimated 304 million people living in a country other than their countries of birth in 2024 was 150 million more than in 1990 and over three times the estimated number in 1970.
Source: click here

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- projects about social inclusion and social cohesion click here.
- IOM un Migration click here.

Get Involved!

Are you passionate about inclusion, creativity, and youth empowerment?

Follow the ECHO journey and be part of the movement:

Together, we amplify voices and build communities through theatre.