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V-EXCHANGE Launches to Advance Global Citizenship and Digital Skills Through Virtual Exchange

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The Erasmus+ project **V-EXCHANGE - Virtual Exchange for Global Citizenship and Digital Skills** has officially launched its three-year programme to strengthen the digital, intercultural and civic competences of young people through inclusive and innovative Virtual Exchange opportunities.

Coordinated by Mother Teresa University in Skopje, V-EXCHANGE brings together six universities, research institutions and youth organizations from North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Kosovo and Albania. The partnership combines academic expertise, digital education, research and grassroots youth work.

The project responds to the need for more inclusive and accessible forms of international learning, particularly for young people who may face geographical, financial or social barriers to physical mobility. Through structured online collaboration, non-formal learning, intercultural dialogue and digital storytelling, V-EXCHANGE will connect young people across borders and support their active participation in an increasingly digital and interconnected society.

What V-EXCHANGE will deliver

- a practical Virtual Exchange Training Toolkit and online learning resources;
- training for educators, youth workers and facilitators in Virtual Exchange methodology;
- structured Virtual Exchange activities connecting young people across partner countries;
- intercultural dialogue, global citizenship and responsible digital participation;
- innovative digital, AI-supported and gamified learning approaches;
- accessible educational materials and wider stakeholder engagement to support the adoption of Virtual Exchange practices.

Inclusive international learning

A central commitment of V-EXCHANGE is to make international learning more accessible and sustainable. Particular attention will be given to young people with fewer opportunities, including those from rural communities and young people who are not currently in education, employment or training.

By creating meaningful opportunities for online cooperation, the project will enable participants to exchange perspectives, develop digital and intercultural competences, and co-create outputs that contribute to more connected, inclusive and democratically engaged communities.

Website and Resource Hub

The official V-EXCHANGE website and Resource Hub are now available at www.vexproject.eu. The platform provides information about the project, its partners, work packages, activities, learning resources, news and forthcoming opportunities to participate.

Universities, educational institutions, youth organizations, educators, youth workers, policymakers and members of the public are invited to follow the project and engage with its activities and results.



V-EXCHANGE Consortium

- Mother Teresa University, North Macedonia - Project Coordinator;
- Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria;
- Public University "Kadri Zeka", Kosovo;
- University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani", Albania;
- Research and Innovation for Future Education (RIFE), Albania;
- Youth Rights & Citizenship Initiative (YRCI Albania), Albania.

About V-EXCHANGE

V-EXCHANGE - Virtual Exchange for Global Citizenship and Digital Skills is an Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange project promoting inclusive international learning through digital collaboration, intercultural dialogue, global citizenship education and the development of digital competences. Throughout the project, more than 1,800 students, educators, and youth workers are expected to participate in Virtual Exchange activities. In addition to delivering online exchange programmes, the partnership will train educators in digital pedagogy, develop practical resources for integrating Virtual Exchange into university curricula, publish a Virtual Exchange Best Practices Guide, and prepare policy recommendations to support wider adoption across Europe. The project is implemented over 36 months, from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029.

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