Hello!

My name is Maurizio and I'm 28 years old.

I've got 5 Youthpass because I participated in five youth exchange since 2018 to now, but today I want to tell you the story of my first Youthpass.

I achieved my first Youthpass last year (June 2018) in Lucena, during the youth exchange called "Talk With Puppets", where me and the other partecipants got ready a play for refugees children with puppets.

During the last night we did a game to delivered our Youthpass: each participant of this project took a Youthpass from the boss, without read the name of the Youthpass' owner. So, alternately, one by one, we moved to the center of the room and we tried to describe the best qualities of the person who's wrote in the casual Youthpass that we've take and the other partecipants tried to guess who matched to the funny description.

I was very luckily because my Youthpass fell into the hands of a very friendly Armenian girl who started to celebrate, - really, celebrate! And It was really embarrassing in that moment! – my skills and my temper. She dedicated me a lot of kind word and she encouraged me to move forward about the things that I do in my life. She's very nice with me and I continue to keep a sweet memory of that moment.

Still today it happens to think the moment that I received my first Youthpass, but, surely, I didn't know that Youthpass would be the first of many.

Moreover, in my first exchange I met really special people and Lucena gave me a lot of positive power. "Talk with puppets" project it's been very satisfying for me that I decided to go back to Lucena one more time, in January 2019, to participate to another exchange called "Steering your volunteers". Once again Lucena's crew welcomes me in the best possible way and probably I'll go back to Lucena in Octuber 2019.

Lucena now is my second home.