

Dear Sir/Madam,

Hope this email finds you well!

I am sending this email not just to participate in the competition also because I am working in the Education sector and I know how important is to gather young people's opinions. As the European Union already knows, Erasmus plus program is one of the more successful initiatives. And the Youthpass has been created to follow all those learning outcomes (skills or competencies) from mobility activities (university, volunteering, master).



My story is the story of a young girl who discovered the European Voluntary Service at the very end of my Master studies. I applied to many projects, all really attractive to me. I got accepted into a project from a cultural organisation in Cyprus. And then, all the amazing adventures and learning begin. An experience of one year abroad, in a country with a new reality and culture, with new friends, growing personally and building my own path.

Volunteerism is well-recognised and Youthpass is the tool that shows all the learning acquired during our experience. It helped me professionally, as nowadays I am working in the sector and in Erasmus + projects. In previous interviews, Youthpass got the interviewers attention and explained to them how each competency was connected to a moment of my experience as a volunteer. I believe the world needs volunteers. But those volunteers, also need recognition. Not because is the aim of the volunteering, but because it can open doors as it helps others to understand what has been learned.

Hope you like it and helps you,

Best

Maria Sierra - Spain