YOUTHPASS VIDEO

TEXT

PART I

**The story of Youthpass I**

**Overall Goal of the Project**

**Get information about ecological footprint in Europe**

**Final day of the youth exchange**

NARRATOR: Chill. The plane did not crash. All passengers reached their destination and spent a fulfilling week. Now it’s time to leave.

This is Elli, she is Estonian and now she promises to German Stefan, that it is not over yet. Let’s keep in touch!

Don’t panic. It’s just snow. Elli is back in Estonia, in her homeland.

Elli is carried away.

Elli took part in a youth project, which got funded by the Youth in Action programme of the European Union. The groups from different countries came together to have a project, because they were interested in the environment. They explored the topic of ecological footprint and developed possible solutions about what can they do personally.

ELLI: Believe me, it was exciting. We had fun and we got smarter! A lot! To explore the nature and human effects on it we were also hiking on the mountains.

In every workshop we also had an intercultural topic or activity for thoughts. We also shared our traditional food and all this led us into great conversations and we noticed our similarities and differences.

We talked with each other about what we learnt:

* what we heard,
* what we saw,
* what we explored,
* what we noticed

We wrote and drew our ideas in our personal diaries that will later help us look back.

I am happy, that our group leader introduced Youthpass already at the beginning of our youth exchange, so we got to know, that there is a tool to systemize our achievements.

**Youth-worker / group-leader**

EKKE: When do you finish that nonsense?

ELLI: Hey, I’m finalizing my Youthpass. And getting to know your strengths and development is not nonsense.

EKKE: But why do you need a Youthpass?

ELLI: By doing it, I will find right words to explain what I know now more and can do better than before. Plus I can show the Youthpass to employers when I’m looking for a job.

TIINA: And you know, it is not just filling the gaps and writing a certificate at the end of the project. At first Elli defined her personal goals for learning and now she looks back and analyzes how many kicks she got in.

**My personal goals for learning**

EKKE: It sounds like football. How many goals did you get?

ELLI: I got 5 personal goals:

1. To learn more about global warming.
2. To get some experience of other cultures.
3. Unexpectedly I learnt some phrases in German
4. To learn how to make toys out of cans, but I missed that one, because I chose another workshop
5. I developed some new skills by experiencing computer programmes that I did not work with before.

And in our group we also had some collective goals…

EKKE: This project based learning sounds like fun.

ELLI: Thanks! Yes and we are already planning a new project!

EKKE: Count me in!

ELLI: Why not, next month you’re old enough to join us!

**Youthpass for Youth Exchanges**

**Elli Kask**

**Born in Haapsalu, Estonia**

**participated in…**

**Youthpass is the tool, process and strategy for recognition of non-formal learning within the Youth in Action programme.**

**It means looking at each project as a learning opportunity and paying attention to this aspect throughout the project.**

**It is based on reflection and dialogue about learning.**

**Youthpass supports:**

* **Reflection on non-formal learning in a youth work activity**
* **Active European citizenship of young people and youth workers**
* **Social recognition of youth work**
* **Employability of young people and youth workers**