

INICIATIV ANGOLA

ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE

GREEN GOALS

29TH JULY TO 5TH AUGUST 2024

Goals

THE BIGGEST SECRET
IS YOUR MIND.
OPEN IT.



EDITORIAL

FROM JULY 29TH TO AUGUST 5TH, 2024, A SIGNIFICANT ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN ST. JAKOB IM ROSENTAL, ORGANIZED BY INICIATIVANGOLA. 51 PARTICIPANTS, AGED 14 TO 23, FROM AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA, SERBIA, PORTUGAL, GEORGIA, ROMANIA, SYRIA AND TURKEY CAME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) AND EXPLORE BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE "GREEN" LIVING AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRACTICES. THE EVENT AIMED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THESE PRINCIPLES CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO EVERYBODY'S DAILY LIVES, ENCOURAGING PARTICIPANTS TO REFLECT ON THEIR PERSONAL LIFESTYLES AND THOSE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. THE KEY TOPICS ADDRESSED INCLUDED HUMAN RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECOLOGICAL ISSUES, CLIMATE CHANGE, PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PLANET, SUSTAINABLE LIVING, CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND MUTUAL ENRICHMENT. THIS PROJECT WAS REALIZED IN COOPERATION BETWEEN INICIATIVANGOLA AND KLIMABÜNDNIS KÄRNTEN.



DAY 1: MONDAY, 29.07.2024

THE FIRST DAY OF THE PROJECT WAS FILLED WITH WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO HELP US TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. IN THE AFTERNOON, WE WENT ON A SHORT HIKE AND VISITED A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. TO CONCLUDE THE DAY, WE CREATED LOGOS FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL GROUPS.



DAY 2: TUESDAY, 30.07.2024

ON THE SECOND DAY, WE WENT ON A SHORT WALK BEFORE HEADING STRAIGHT TO THE LAKE. THE SUNNY WEATHER ENHANCED THE EXPERIENCE, ALLOWING US TO FULLY ENJOY VARIOUS ACTIVITIES BY THE WATER. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN, BONDING WITH EACH OTHER AND MAKING THE MOST OF THE BEAUTIFUL DAY.



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 31.07.2024

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, WE HAD A VERY SPECIAL GUEST, THE MAJOR OF THE VILLAGE. WE WERE ABLE TO PRESENT THE SDG'S IN OUR COUNTRY. IN THE AFTERNOON, WE ORGANIZED THE BAZAAR OF CULTURES.



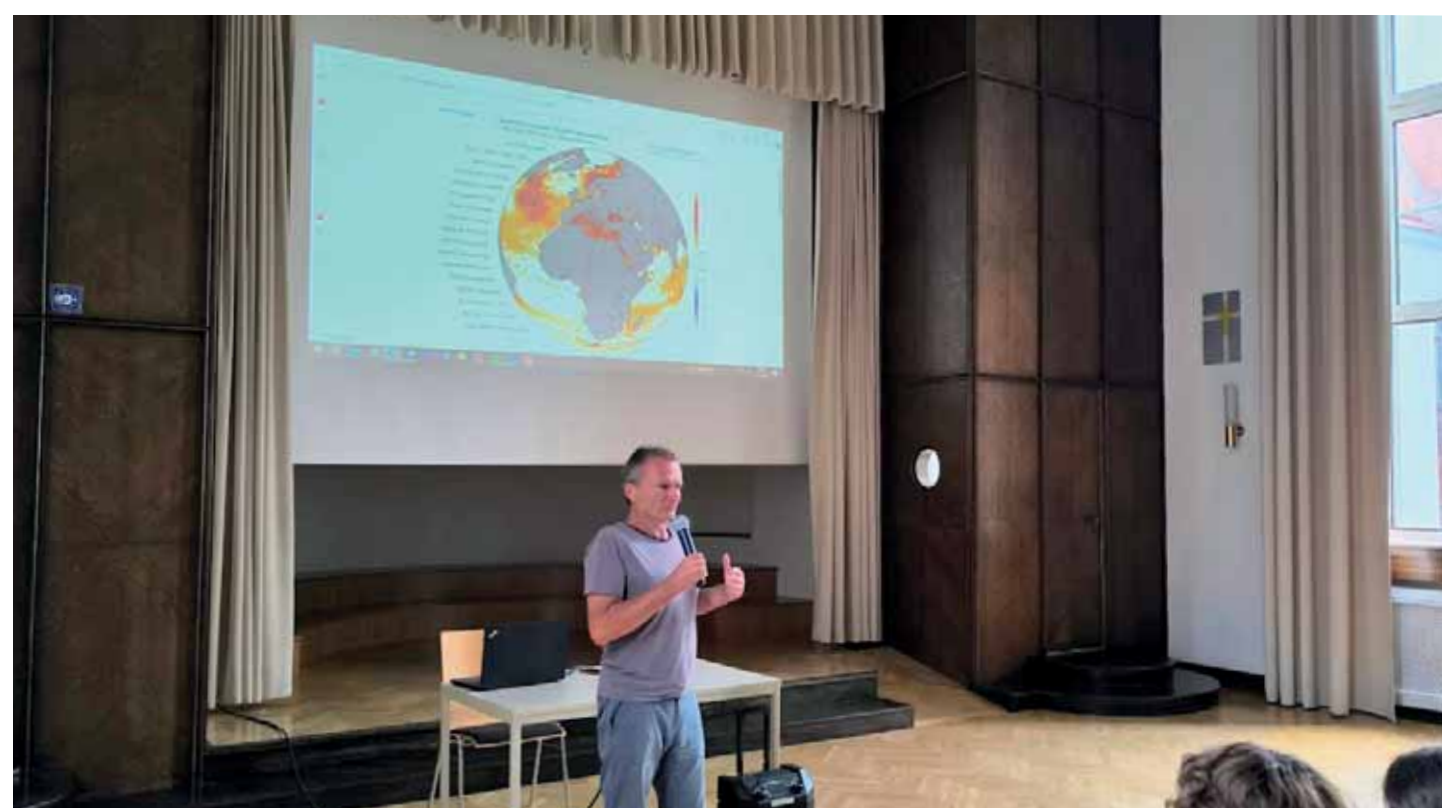
DAY 4: THURSDAY, 1.08.2024

ON THURSDAY, WE HAD AN AMAZING TIME AT THE WORKSHOPS, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE MET PAULO, A MAN FROM ETHIOPIA WHO TAUGHT US HOW TO PLAY THE DRUMS. THE GAME ABOUT CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES WAS ALSO A HIGHLIGHT, PROVIDING A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR UNDERSTANDING THE PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE SDG'S IN OUR DAILY LIVES.



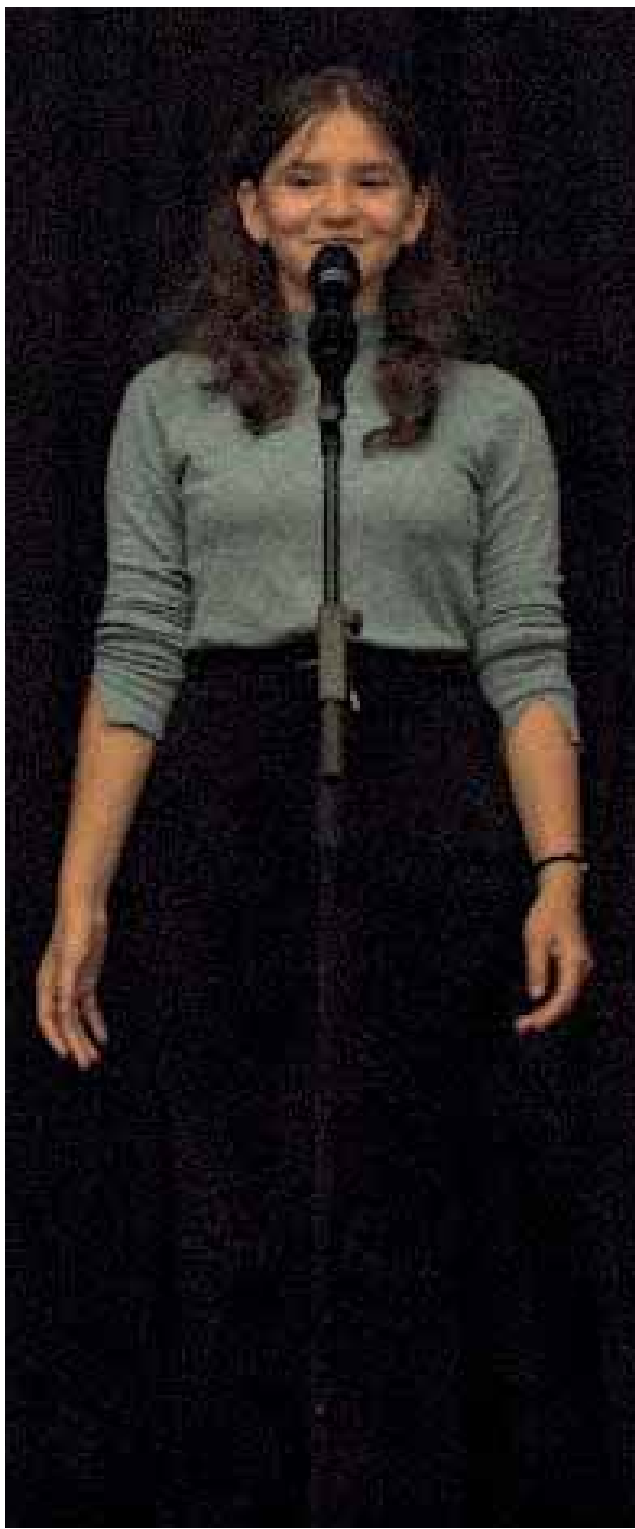
DAY 5: FRIDAY, 2.08.2024

ON FRIDAY, WE TRAVELED TO KLAGENFURT AND PARTICIPATED IN A CAPTIVATING FLASH MOB ABOUT THE SDGS. AT THE OFFICE OF INICIATIVANGOLA, WE ATTENDED AN INSIGHTFUL WORKSHOP ON THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING. WE ALSO VISITED A SECOND-HAND SHOP CALLED CARITAS - CARLA. FOLLOWING THAT, WE HAD ABOUT FOUR HOURS OF FREE TIME, WHICH WE USED FOR A BIT OF SHOPPING AT THE MALL.



DAY 6: SATURDAY, 3.08.2024

DURING THE TALENT SHOW, WE DISCOVERED THAT WE WERE SURROUNDED BY INCREDIBLY TALENTED INDIVIDUALS. ADDITIONALLY, MILE SURPRISED US WITH A BARBEQUE.



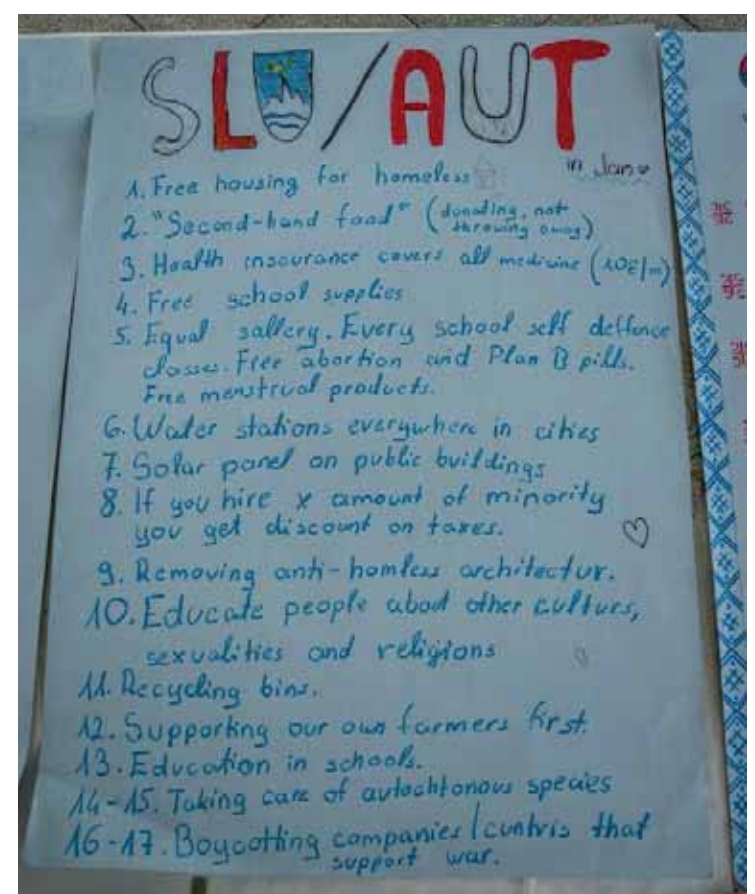
DAY 7: SUNDAY, 4.08.2024

ON SUNDAY, WE HAD THE OPTION TO EITHER VISIT ANOTHER LAKE OR EXPLORE A MAZE. MILE TOUCHED OUR HEARTS WITH HIS SPEECH ABOUT "WHEN SDG'S ARE NOT WORKING". AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY A PHOTO EXHIBITION AND A KNOWLEDGE GAME.



DAY 8: MONDAY, 5.08.2024

ON THE LAST DAY, WE WERE THINKING ABOUT FUTURE STEPS AND CREATING BANNERS WITH SOME CONCRETE RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO SDGS. IT WAS ALSO THE MOST EMOTIONAL DAY. WE HAD TO SAY "GOODBYE!", HOPING TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.



SOMETHING I WON'T FORGET

So, when my group was having a workshop with Paulus from Ethiopia, one of the older nuns came to us to see what we were doing. The old nun had a warm smile and Paulus greeted her politely in her native language. Then the nun requested a song, and Paulus gladly directed us how to play along to it. After Paulus dedicated one of the songs to the nun and her smile was even warmer then. All of us enjoyed our time with Paulus, and we enjoyed talking with him and letting him teach us not only about drums, but many things about life, equality and peace.



By Aleksandra Plačkov

GREAT MEMORIES

HERE'S 2 PICTURES OF ME AND MY FRIEND MAJA. WE HANGED OUT IN OUR FREE TIME WHEN WE WERE IN KLAGENFURT. SHE'S ONE OF THE NICEST PEOPLE ON EARTH, AND IF IT WASN'T FOR THIS CAMP I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE MET HER, BUT I'M SO GLAD I DID. SHE'S A TYPE OF PERSON TO HELP YOU WHEN YOU NEED AND TO MAKE YOUR HAPPINESS EVEN MORE JOYOUS. SHE RADIATES POSITIVE VIBES AND GIVES THE BEST AND WARMEST HUGS. SO GRATEFUL FOR HER.



BY ALEKSANDRA PLAČKOV

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WE ARE THE WORLD

ST. PETER JAKOB ROSENTHAL

31 JULY 2024

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The third day of the “Green Goals - SDG” exchange program brought together participants from Georgia, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, and Serbia to discuss Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The day began with each country presenting their progress and challenges with SDGs. The session was particularly very engaging, as we, participants delved into the topics of obstacles and inequalities in global societies. In international groups, we brainstormed innovative solutions to address these issues, emphasizing the need for collaboration and equitable policies. The discussions highlighted diverse perspectives and fostered a deeper understanding of global sustainability challenges.

NO WORK WITHOUT FUN



After very interesting session on every country's sustainable obstacles and inequalities, we played a lively game called “Hi Ha Hu,” that really boosted our mood before diving into the second workshop.

NIGHT WALK - THE BEST WAY TO END THE DAY

The day concluded with a serene night walk around a nearby church, where we marveled at the starry sky, had interesting night talks and connecting with nature. It really was very satisfying end to a diverse day filled with learning, laughter, and cultural exchange.

By Elena Mindorashvili and Tata Tcholakava



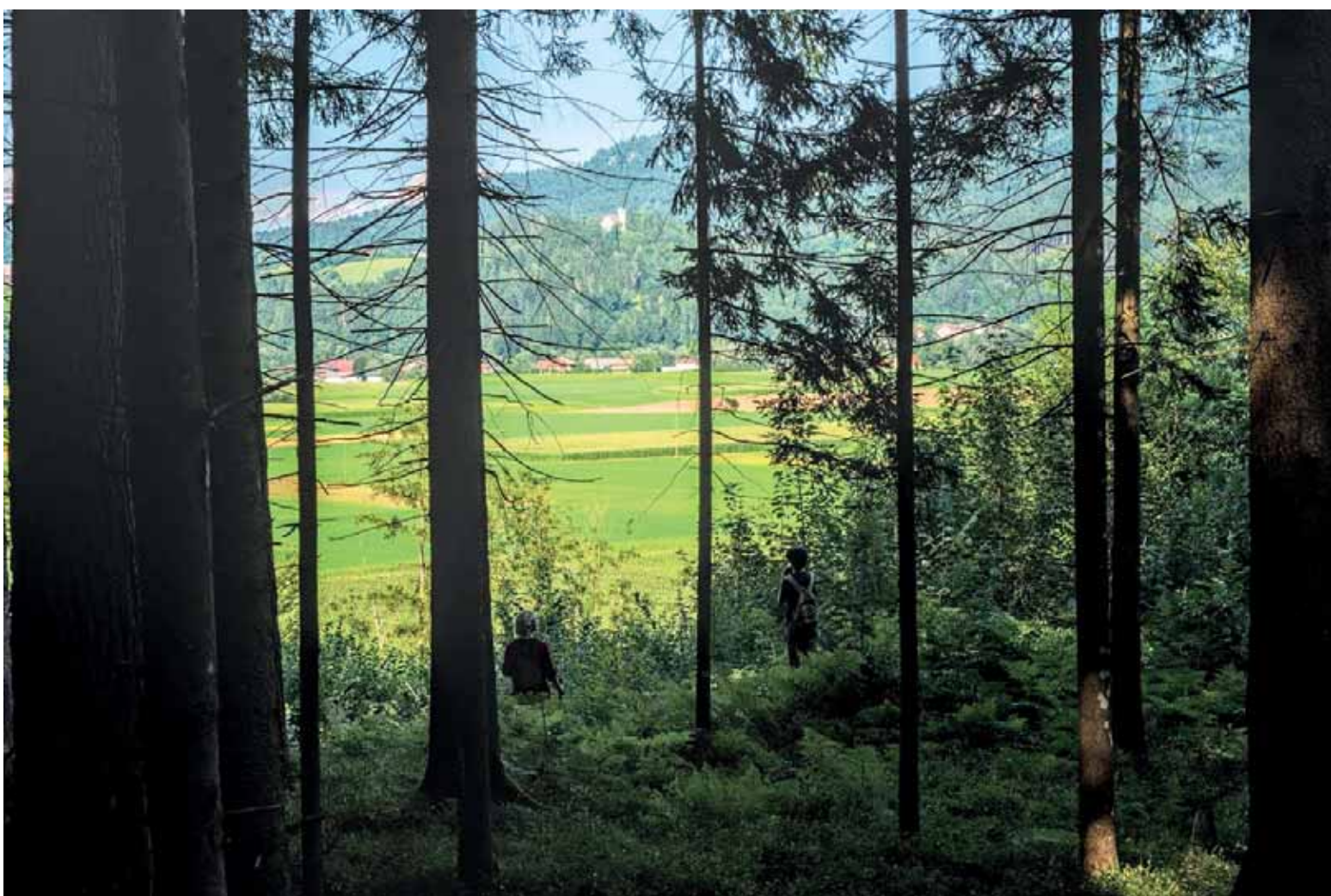
THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

- **SDG 1: No Poverty:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- **SDG 2: Zero Hunger:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.
- **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
- **SDG 4: Quality Education:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
- **SDG 5: Gender Equality:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- **SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- **SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.
- **SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth:** Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.

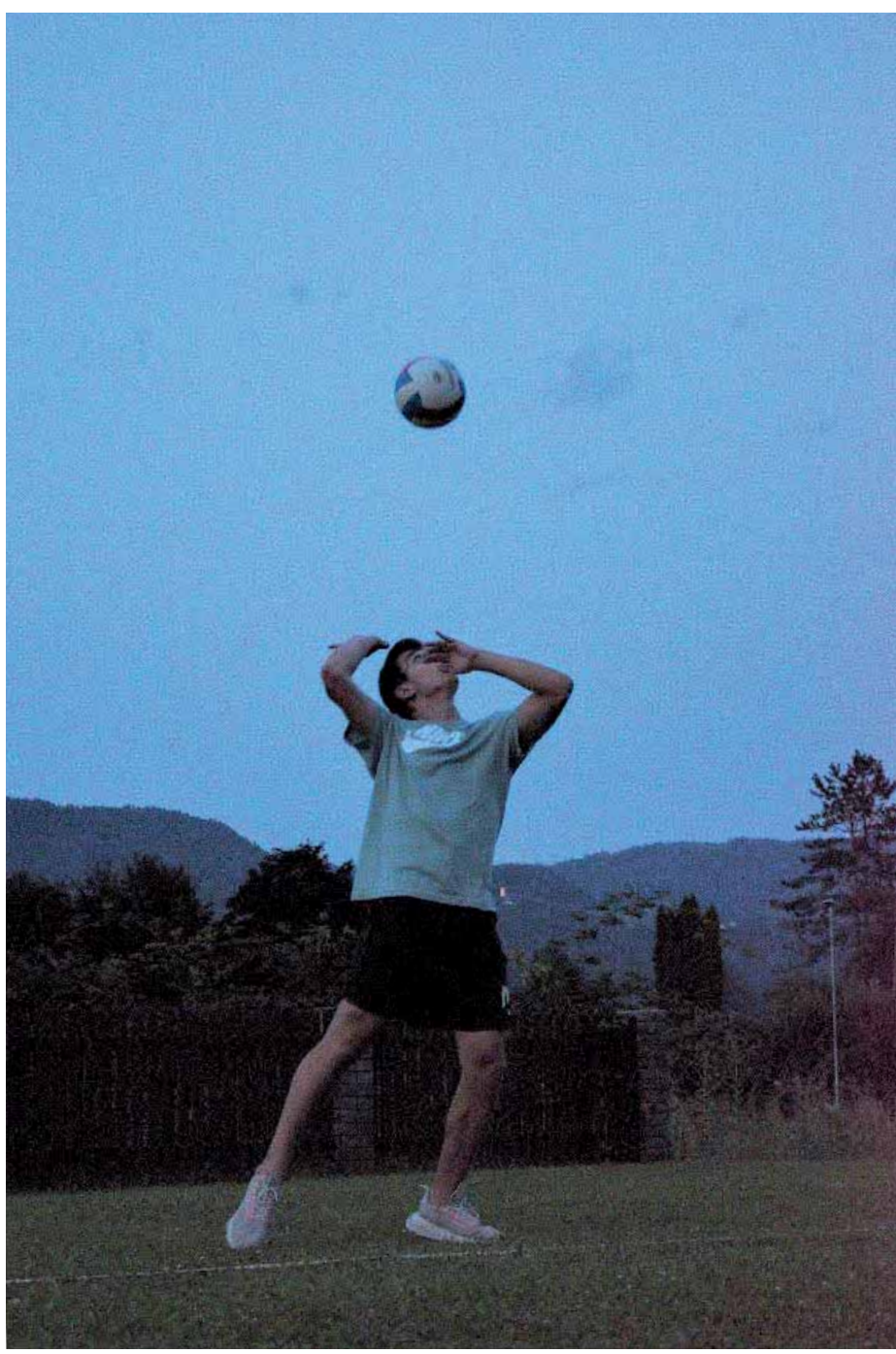
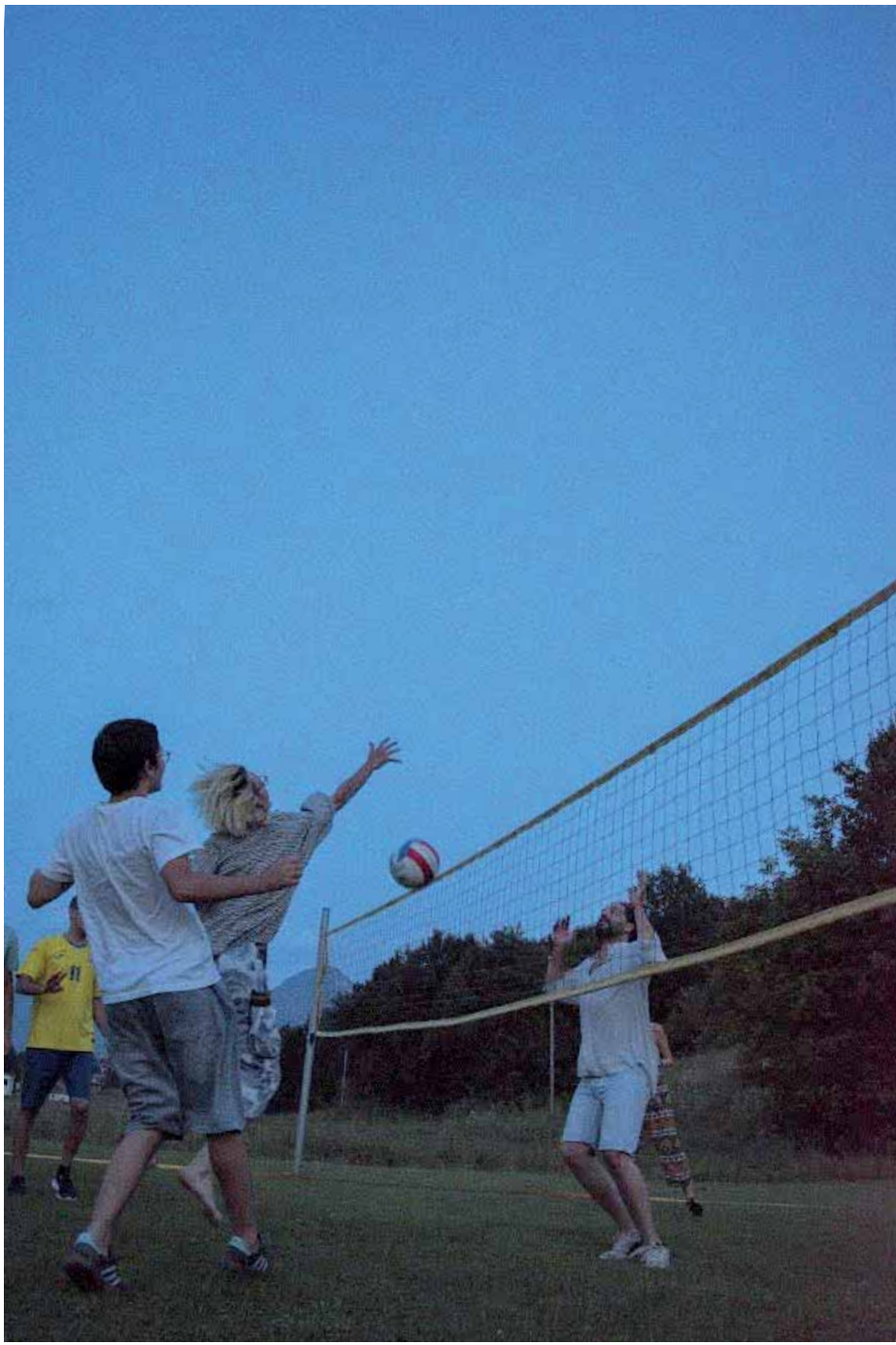


- **SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.
- **SDG 10: Reduced Inequality:** Reduce inequality within and among countries.
- **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.
- **SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- **SDG 13: Climate Action:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- **SDG 14: Life Below Water:** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.
- **SDG 15: Life on Land:** Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions:** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.
- **SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals:** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS



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THOUGHTS

"Achieving our Sustainable Development Goals together felt rewarding and inspiring, as we connected with nature and each other." - Sali

"Spending time with a lot of new talented people, while also working on SDG goals was definitely worth the trip. I enjoyed this project, and I'm leaving with fresh knowledge and memories" - Nika

"Learning about our world and SDGs, while spending time with people from all over Europe left me with amazing memories which I will cherish forever." - Tatia

"This project was a fantastic experience, allowing me to learn about the SDGs, collaborate with passionate individuals, and expand my network with amazing new people." - Tata

"This project about SDGs and global sustainability was my best experience of this summer. It united nations and diverse voices, creating lasting bonds and a shared vision for the future." - Elena

"Participating in the Erasmus+ "Green Goals" project was a truly joyful and enriching experience. I had the opportunity to meet people from different countries. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) presentations were particularly enlightening, offering deep insights into global challenges and solutions. This project enhanced my understanding of sustainability, and inspired me to contribute more actively to environmental causes. It was a journey of learning and growth together." - Tamuna

THOUGHTS

"I really enjoyed working on that project. In this short time, I gained knowledge about so many things, most importantly realised how important SDGs are in our life. On the other hand, I had the opportunity to meet many new people and get to know different cultures." - Nona

"The E+ youth exchange project on the SDGs deeply moved us, sparking a passion for sustainable development and meaningful action. The connections we formed and the shared experiences left an enduring impact on our lives." - Lasha

"It was truly an amazing experience! I appreciate everyone's effort in it. Thank you for offering us an unforgettable journey! Hope to see you somewhere someday again" - Nini

Alex (slovenidža): "If we go down then we go down together."

Borris: "Just breathe, it's nice."

Mile: "Ide Gas!!!"

Uroš: "We go, Niš!"

Dora: "Odd or even, you pick."

Daša: "Together we can change the world."

Anika: "A hug can change the day."

Jan: "Together we can do it all."

Maja: "Who doesn't like hugs."

Alex from Serbia: "It ain't easy, but it's hard."

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