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CONCORDIA

BACK ON THE WILD COAST
YOUTH EXCHANGE IN DANNES
FROM AUGUST 14TH TO 28TH, 2026

WHAT IS CONCORDIA?



Concordia is a nationwide French organization that was founded after the Second World War to promote **mobility** and **understanding**. Nowadays we still follow this goal, by spreading the positive values of the EU with our various initiatives. Our project is organized through ERASMUS+.

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

How can we protect fragile natural environments while creating meaningful connections between people and nature?

This youth exchange in Dannes invites you to take part in a hands-on environmental project set in the heart of the Mont Saint-Frieux natural area, a unique landscape between sea and forest shaped by wind and time.

Throughout the project, you will actively contribute to the preservation of this sensitive ecosystem. This year's focus is on the maintenance and restoration of wetlands and dune environments. Your main tasks will include mowing and clearing wetland areas to maintain their ecological balance, cutting back invasive willow growth, and removing dense vegetation along hiking trails. These actions are essential to protect biodiversity, support local wildlife, and ensure safe access for visitors.

You will also help reopen and improve hiking paths by clearing overgrown sections and enhancing accessibility. Guided by environmental professionals, you will learn practical conservation techniques and gain a deeper understanding of how to manage and protect natural habitats.

By combining hands-on environmental action with group life and exchanges, this project offers a unique opportunity to engage with nature, discover an exceptional coastal landscape, and be part of a collective effort to preserve it. 🌱

🎯 Objectives

This project aims to:

- Contribute to the preservation and restoration of fragile natural environments such as wetlands and dunes.
- Support biodiversity by maintaining habitats and controlling vegetation growth.
- Learn and apply practical environmental conservation techniques.
- Encourage active participation and teamwork through hands-on activities.
- Foster connections between participants and raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainable practices.

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Why this Project ?







This project in Dannes is not only about protecting a unique natural environment, it is also about creating strong connections between people, territories, and cultures.

In partnership with EDEN 62, a key actor in the preservation of natural areas in the Pas-de-Calais, and the town of Dannes, this youth exchange brings together environmental expertise and local engagement. Together, they aim to protect the Mont Saint-Frieux site while opening it up to international volunteers and strengthening the link with the local community.

Throughout the project, you will work on natural spaces that are part of daily life for residents and visitors. Your actions will have a direct impact on the preservation of these landscapes, while also creating opportunities to meet local inhabitants, exchange with them, and better understand their connection to this environment. Activities and shared moments will be organized to encourage interaction, especially with young people from the area. The local habitants are creating a game to visit the city and it's monument just for you.

By building bridges between EDEN 62, the municipality, and international participants, this project fosters cooperation, mutual learning, and intercultural dialogue. More than an environmental initiative, it is a collective human experience where engagement, sharing, and community life come together. 🌱

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

-  Motivated to work outdoors and take part in hands-on activities such as cleaning riverbanks, clearing vegetation, or restoring natural and heritage sites
-  Curious about nature, local heritage, and sustainable practices
-  Open to teamwork, community life, and non-formal education methods
-  Eager to share experiences and bring back new ideas to their local community
-  18-30 years old
-  Able to communicate in English (basic level is sufficient)

A youth exchange brings together 4 groups of 5 people from different nationalities: 4 participants and 1 group leader. If you would like to take on more responsibility and act as a link between your group and the organizers, you are welcome to apply as a group leader.

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LOCATION

Dannes is located in the Pas-de-Calais, in the north of France, close to the Opal Coast and easily accessible from nearby cities such as Boulogne-sur-Mer or Calais.

Nestled between dunes, forest, and coastline, Dannes is known for its exceptional natural environment, especially the Mont Saint-Frieux area.

The surrounding area provides plenty of opportunities for exploration, from sandy beaches to hiking trails and nearby coastal towns. It's the perfect place to enjoy nature, fresh air, and a peaceful environment while staying connected to local life. 🌿🌊



Dannes Castle

ACTIVITIES & METHODOLOGY

Through non-formal education (NFE) methods, this project is designed to encourage active participation, teamwork, and shared learning. Participants will be invited to exchange ideas, discover new ways of working, and reflect together on how local action can create an impact on both the environment and the community. More specifically, the participants will be given the opportunity to:

- **Field workshops:** mowing and clearing wetland areas, cutting back willow growth, maintaining dune environments, and clearing hiking trails to restore access and protect ecosystems.
- **Practical learning:** discover tools, techniques, and methods related to environmental conservation and the management of sensitive natural areas.
- **Environmental awareness:** better understand local biodiversity, ecosystems, and the importance of preserving natural habitats alongside professionals from EDEN 62.
- **Exchange with locals:** take part in moments of interaction with residents and local youth to share experiences and perspectives.
- **Non-formal education methods:** engage in group activities such as team-building games, discussions, intercultural evenings, and informal workshops.



Dannes coast



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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Schedule may be subject to changes.

	MORNING	AFTERNOON
14/08	/	ARRIVAL
15/08	ICE BREAKER PROJECT INTRODUCTION	Visit of Dannes
16/08	Welcome drink with the mayor	VISIT FORT DU CAP D'ALPRECH
17 to 21	EDEN 62 ENVIRONMENTAL WORK	Activities outdoor and free time
22	Clean walk next to the school	Habitants game to visit the city and its monuments
23	Visit of Boulogne sur mer	Nausicaa
24 to 26	Finishing the environmental mission	Free time
27/08	Closure / Cleaning	Open gate, share meal with habitants
28/08	Departure	/



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ACCOMMODATION

You will be accommodated in **individual tents** set up in the park of the Château de Dannes, offering a unique outdoor experience in a natural and historical setting. The “Salle des Chasseurs” will be available as a shared indoor space, where you will cook, eat, and spend time together as a group.

Showers will be accessible at the municipal campsite, located about a 10-minute walk from the living area. Basic sanitary facilities will be available on site.

Collective life will be at the heart of this experience: you will **share daily tasks** and **prepare meals together**. A budget will be managed by the animation team for grocery shopping, and you will be encouraged to use fresh, local, and seasonal products to prepare healthy and enjoyable meals.

REIMBURSEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

This project is supported by ERASMUS + program: accommodation, food and transportation are covered. Travel costs will be covered based on unit costs of the program. Please note that participants will be reimbursed the real costs of their transport fees up to a certain limit (see table on the right). Once you confirm your participation with us, we will calculate your allowance according to the travel distance in kilometres between your place and Dannes. However, keep in mind that if you choose a more eco-friendly means of transportation (train, bus) these limits will be slightly higher to accommodate the higher costs.

Distance de voyage	Moyen de transport écoresponsable	Moyen de transport non écoresponsable
10 – 99 km	56 €	28 €
100 – 499 km	285 €	211 €
500 – 1999 km	417 €	309 €
2000 – 2999 km	535 €	395 €
3000 – 3999 km	785 €	580 €
4000 – 7999 km	1188€	1188€
8000 km ou plus	1735€	1735€

Make sure **to keep all records** (invoices, train tickets, boarding passes...) of your travel in order to get a refund. Once the original documents have been received, the reimbursement process will start and take **up to 2 months after the project**.

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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE


We will kindly ask you to arrive around **4:00 pm** at Dannes Train station on the **14th of August**. Our team will pick you up there to bring you to the accommodation place. Once you confirm your participation, we will send you practical information to reach Dannes from different airports in France (Beauvais, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly, Lille).


For the departure on the **28th of August**, we kindly ask you to leave the place before **11:00 am**. Before departure, please make sure to pack your tent


PREPARATORY WORK

This camp places great importance on exchange, participation, and encounters with local people. To help you prepare, we invite you to reflect on the following questions:

 How do you feel about interacting with local residents and taking part in community life? Have you already experienced meeting people from different cultures?

 What kind of activities would you enjoy sharing with local youth (games, sports, cultural or environmental activities...)?



 What would you like to share about your own culture with others?

 How can you contribute to creating a positive and inclusive group dynamic?

Bring your ideas, your energy, and your openness, this project is built on meeting others and growing together through shared experiences.

HOW TO APPLY

If you want to apply for this YE opportunity, please fill in the following form :

 [Pre-Registration Form - Back on the wild Coast in Dannes - YE](#) 

IF SELECTED, DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- Your passport or ID card
- A VISA : for those in need of a VISA, please contact us for an invitation letter
- Traditional food, snacks, drinks from your country for the international dinner
- Appropriate clothing for the weather and for our outside activities
- **Sleeping bag** and matress for more cumfurt

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues occur during the project, participants will have to pay for it, and then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

SEE YOU SOON !