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## EUME S!NERGY & Youth Assembly 2024 Newsletter

Dear Change-Makers,

We are more than happy to share some of the highlights of the EUME S!NERGY & Youth Assembly 2024, an event that brought together young leaders from across Europe and the Middle East. From impactful SDG projects to cross-cultural exchanges and powerful peacebuilding initiatives, this event proved that youth can drive the change the world needs in this time of crisis. Thanks to all who participated—your energy, creativity, and commitment are the heart of IAYSP EUME. Let's keep the momentum going!

Warm regards,

The EUME S!NERGY & Youth Assembly Organizing Team



### Key Themes and Focus Areas

This year's assembly focused on youth empowerment, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and working together across cultures. Through hands-on workshops, discussions, and cultural exchanges, participants explored how young people can lead projects that make a difference in their communities. Highlights included youth-led initiatives, where young leaders shared their projects, and SDG-focused solutions, where participants suggested ideas to tackle global issues like inequality, climate change, and access to education. These sessions served as a platform for young people to connect, collaborate, and inspire each other to build a better future.





#### Featured Project Presentations - The most impactful projects of S!NERGY 2024:

- 1st Place: Healthy Future by Nadejdin Ilinca & Cornelia Garanovschi (Moldova)
- 2nd Place: Rooted by Sophia Yun Wha Nicholls (UK)
- 3rd Place (Jury): Green Spider (Russia)
- 1st Place, Public Vote Winner: Fostering Ethical Awareness (Kosovo)

These youth-led projects focused on critical issues like health, sustainability, and ethical practices, aiming to provide creative solutions to today's challenges.



#### Together for Peace and Relief - IAYSP EUME's Commitment to Lebanon

While we had hoped to welcome youth representatives from YSP Lebanon to the S!NERGY Assembly, the escalating conflict and humanitarian crisis in Beirut made it impossible. In light of the crisis in both Gaza and Lebanon, IAYSP EUME through its President Pammer extends deep solidarity to those affected. Recognizing the urgent needs of the Lebanese people, all YSP EUME chapters are encouraged to support YSP Lebanon on the ongoing humanitarian work.

Participants were moved to hear about the dedicated efforts of YSP UK, especially Sophia Yun Wha Nicholls and fellow volunteers, who successfully raised £1,000 to support YSP Lebanon's initiatives. Miki Morita, a volunteer from YSP Lebanon, also shared inspiring updates on the team's ongoing relief efforts, including providing food and clean water to schools serving as shelters for families affected by the crisis.





### Celebrating Unity in Diversity - Cultural Night & Team Bonding

Cultural Night has become a cherished tradition at our events—a space where diverse cultures, ethnicities, races, and nationalities come together to celebrate their unique identities. This evening was filled with traditional dances, delicious foods, and captivating performances from around the EUME Region. More than just a party, it offered a chance for everyone to connect through shared experiences and appreciate the beauty of our differences. Watching participants celebrate each other's cultures brought a strong sense of unity and pride in our global diversity, reminding us that, no matter where we're from, there will always be some fundamental values that are greater than our differences.



### Youth Assembly and Peace Designer Training

The Youth Assembly, held from October 26 to 27, aimed to equip young people with the tools and skills needed to drive meaningful change in their communities through the Peace Designer Training program.

The Peace Designer Training was led by its co-authors, Kyrill Sattlberger and Sandra K. Skrodzki, who brought a hands-on, interactive approach to leadership development. Rather than traditional presentations, participants engaged in dynamic exercises, group discussions, and real-life problem-solving activities designed to build core skills in leadership, teamwork, and community building.

Throughout the assembly, participants connected through shared goals developed new friendships, and renewed their commitment to making a positive impact. The energy and enthusiasm generated over these two days were truly remarkable, reflecting the assembly's focus on unity and action.

If you're looking to get involved in community projects or simply want to build your leadership skills, make sure to connect with your local YSP chapter!



## Outcomes & Key Takeaways

S!NERGY 2024 sparked new ideas and renewed our collective commitment to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A central takeaway was a strong commitment to local action, with youth-led projects aiming to impact their communities aligned with SDG targets. One keynote speaker resonated deeply with the participants, stating, "This is just the beginning. Your impact doesn't end here—continue to be the change your communities need."



## Closing Thoughts

Thank you for joining this incredible event. The energy, passion, and commitment shown by each participant were truly inspiring. As we move forward, let's stay engaged, continue working towards our shared goals, and make a difference together. We encourage all participants to stay connected, follow us on social media using #YouthForChange, and share their progress with the world.

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