

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Youth Lead the Way from Zero to Hero: Sustainable Development for Climate Change] — [YouthZero2Hero]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[5]
Event name:	[The Climate Change Conversation: Youth Voices for a Sustainable World]
Type:	[meeting]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Tori, Estonia
Date(s):	27-30.05.2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://youthfullyyours.sk/sk/youth-zero-2-hero-project/ https://www.relleu.es/programa-cerv/ https://www.comune.messina.it/it/page/programma-cittadini-uguaglianza-diritti-e-valori-cerv https://www.torivald.ee/haridusprojektid https://youthfullyyours.sk/sk/youth-zero-2-hero-project/ https://sportsroomngo.com/2025/01/13/youth-lead-the-way-from-zero-to-hero-sustainable-development/ https://izglitiba.kekava.lv/projekti/# https://zavodboter.org/youthzero2hero/ https://filialasepoate.ro/2025/02/03/youth-lead-the-way-from-zero-to-hero-sustainable-development-for-climate-change/ https://filialasepoate.ro/2025/02/03/youth-zero-to-herowp4-sustainability-in-action-a-youth-led-community-project-fair/
Participants	
Female:	39
Male:	37

Non-binary:	1		
From country 1 [Municipality of Relleu, Spain]:	3		
From country 2 [MUNICIPALITY OF MESSINA, Italy]:	2		
From country 3 [Filiála Asociației Se Poate, Romania]:	3		
From country 4 [SAUGA AVATUD NOORTEKESKUS, Estonia]	57		
From country 5 [YOUTHFULLY YOURS SK, Slovakia]	3		
From country 6 [SPORTSROOM ASSOCIATION (Bulgaria)]	2		
From country 7 [ZAVOD ZAKULTURNO DEJAVNOST PRODUKCIJO TRZENJE IN PROMOCIJO BOTER - ZAVOD BOTER, Slovenia]	3		
From country 8 [LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF KEKAVA MUNICIPALITY, Latvia]	4		
Total number of participants:	77	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

May 27 – Arrival and Getting to Know Each Other

Participants arrived in Pärnu and checked in at Tervis Spa Hotel. The Romanian team arrived by car at 16:00, and two Slovakian participants arrived at 20:00, also by car. The Latvian team joined directly for dinner at 20:30. In the evening, we had a welcome dinner at Steffani Pizza Restaurant.

Over dinner, participants discussed the ongoing impact of the project in their home municipalities, caught up with familiar faces, and got to know new participants. We reviewed the upcoming programme and answered any questions. At the end of the evening, everyone shared their expectations and concerns for the event, helping set a positive and open tone for the days ahead.

Present at the first dinner were the Estonian, Romanian, and Latvian teams, as well as two members of the Slovakian team. The remaining teams arrived at 22:30 by bus, except for one last Slovakian participant and the Italian team, who arrived around 1 AM by car.

May 28 – Learning About Local Nature and Sustainability

In the morning, we visited Sauga Youth Centre. The centre's manager, Reelika, gave us a tour and introduced how the centre operates, including their values, how young people are involved in decision-making, and how youth interests have evolved over time.

Kärt Linder, the environmental advisor from the municipality, gave a presentation on biodiversity areas created to introduce more native plants into previously poorly planned urban areas. She also explained the local waste-sorting system, implemented in all Estonian municipalities, and highlighted Tori's particular efforts in educating residents and making recycling more accessible. We learned how the

community responds to new environmental regulations and how to engage with critical voices constructively. Local youth had even built custom bins to make waste sorting easier.

Later, Errit Kuldkepp, a local marketing specialist and content creator, led a workshop on sharing important messages. We practiced speaking on camera and filming each other, building skills and confidence to reach wider audiences both locally and internationally.

After lunch, we visited Pernova Nature House, where we were given a tour of the facilities. Pernova is part of a broader network of hobby schools offering science-based classes and environmental education. We learned about the free services available to youth and discussed how vital it is for young people to have learning opportunities outside of classrooms. The team emphasized the importance of starting environmental education already in kindergartens and involving families and schools in public eco-events.

In the evening, we had dinner and a reflection session at RÕÕM. Participants shared what they had learned about sustainability, youth work, and how small actions can make a big difference. We also discussed what inspired us most during the day.

May 29 – Exploring Nature and Local Eco-Friendly Traditions

We spent the morning in Soomaa National Park, a unique wetland area in Pärnumaa known for Estonia's "fifth season" – spring floods. Our guide, Edu Kuill, a local forest expert and passionate environmentalist, showed us the park's forests, rivers, and wetlands. He spoke about the deep human connection with nature and explained how climate change has already altered the area, especially the timing and intensity of flooding.

Lunch was served at a small local café, where we tasted traditional Estonian food, including Kama for dessert.

In the afternoon, we visited Tori Stud Farm. Margit Suhhostavets, the farm's event organizer, gave us a tour of the farm and its museum. We learned about the Tori horse, a symbol of local heritage, and how the farm continues to use sustainable and natural practices in horse breeding and daily operations.

We then visited Tori Cidery, an eco-conscious company that produces cider from local apples. The founder, Karmo, shared how he started the business 11 years ago on his family land to create a peaceful countryside life. The company values quality, sustainability, and community, and we saw how they've used automation and local seasonal workers to grow sustainably.

The day ended with dinner and a reflection session at MUM Café. Each group presented one idea or good practice from their country and shared what had inspired them the most.

May 30 – Saying Goodbye and Taking Ideas Home

We had breakfast together and said our goodbyes. The hosts from Tori Municipality thanked everyone for participating. Before departure, we reflected on what we had learned and how we could apply these ideas in our own communities.

The Latvian team had left the previous evening after dinner, and some other participants departed early in the morning to catch their flights. The final groups left at 8 AM, most by bus to Riga, and two Slovakian participants drove to Tallinn to catch a ferry to Helsinki.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	12.06.2025	Initial version (new MFF).