

Dear participant of the European Solidarity Corps!



Congratulations on starting your European Solidarity Corps journey! We wish you a wonderful project full of learning. Within your project, you will have many opportunities to learn more about yourself, about the kind of work you are doing, and about the country of your stay.

Youthpass

Among the many things you were told about at the beginning of your project was **Youthpass**. This is a certificate that will be issued to you at the end of your placement and which lays out what you learned during your project.

A Youthpass certificate has two sections.

The first section lists your personal details, information about your project, and your tasks.

The second section documents your learning achievements. In other words, this section describes the skills, knowledge and attitudes you developed and enhanced during your project. In this section, you can describe your competences in your own words using the structure that corresponds to the European Union's eight Key Competences for Lifelong Learning, along with any task-specific or professional competences you have acquired.

To make sure your learning process and achievements are properly documented, it makes sense to start reflecting on and describing your learning as early as possible. Regularly reviewing your achievements helps you to become aware of what you have learned, find the words to describe it, and plan your further learning. Ideally, when you begin your project you should sit down with a support person (such as a mentor, coach or a supervisor) and define your personal learning objectives.

Ask yourself "What do I want to learn or improve?"

Regular meetings with a support person are good opportunities to reflect on what you have learnt. If you get together with someone to define your learning objectives and discuss what you want to achieve during the project, it is easy to work out at the end of the placement whether you managed to reach your objectives and what exactly you learned. You should also look out for any achievements that were not planned at all. You might be surprised!

In your Youthpass, the skills, knowledge and attitudes you developed can be assigned to key competence areas. These are:

Multilingual competence

Personal, social and learning to learn competence

Cultural awareness and expression competence

Digital competence

Citizenship competence

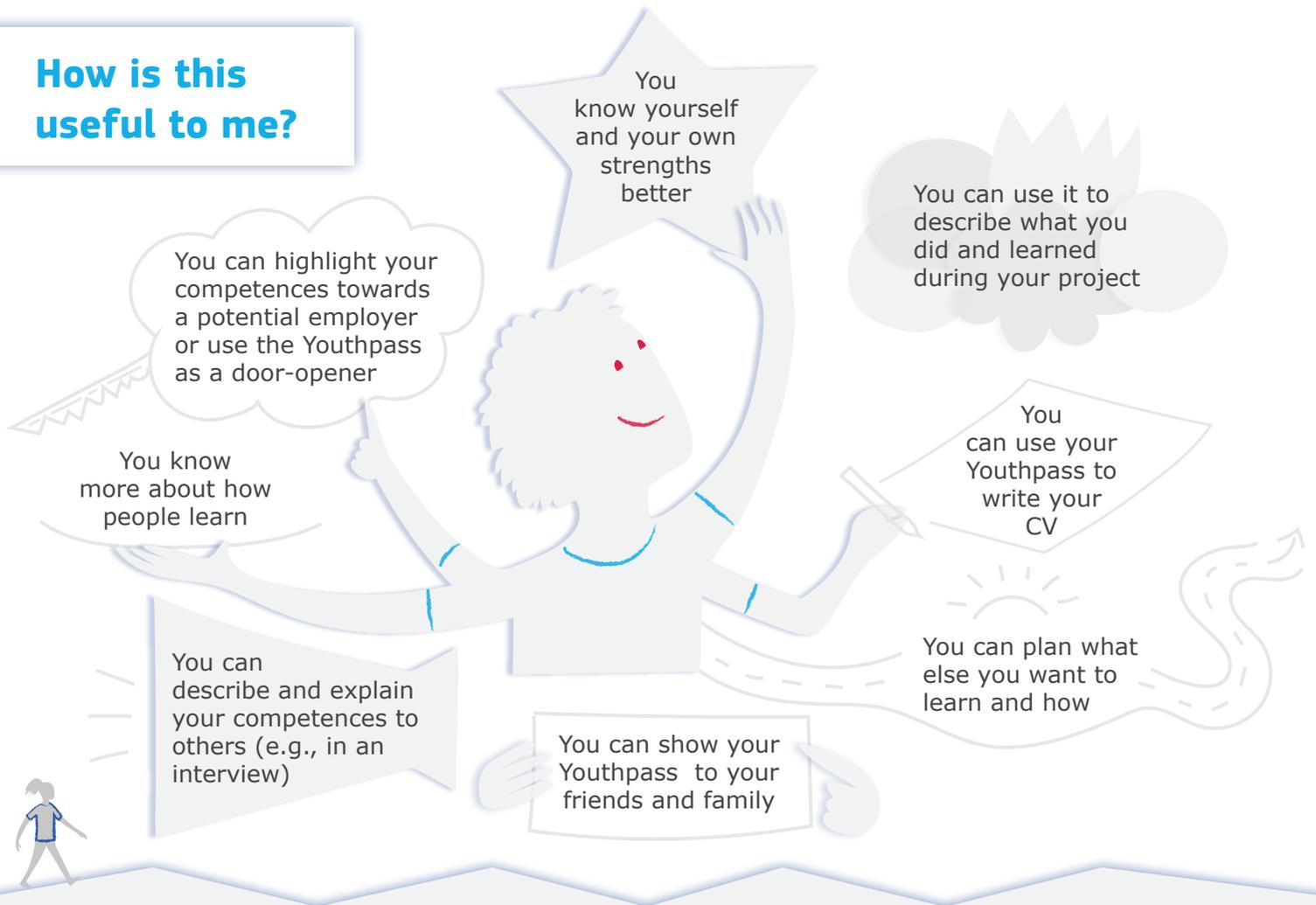
Entrepreneurship competence

Mathematical competence and competence in science, technology and engineering

Literacy competence

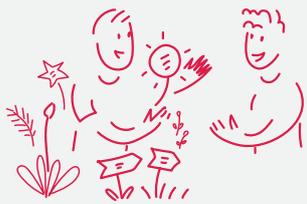
These are the eight key competences that the European Commission has drawn up to highlight the importance of lifelong learning. Your Youthpass describes your competences using this terminology, making it easier for employers, educational institutions and other individuals and organisations to recognise your competences at a glance.

How is this useful to me?



What you should do now:

1. Arrange a meeting with your support person to reflect on your learning process.



2. Organise your reflection. You can keep a diary, write a monthly report, set up a blog or use an app that tracks your development, your learning achievements and the competences you have acquired.



3. Your project organiser should register at youthpass.eu and add you to the project as a participant. You will then get your own access (via direct link) so you can build your personal Youthpass. At the end of your project, your project organiser will generate a PDF document that can be issued in various languages, printed out any number of times and signed for you to take away with you.

4. For more information about Youthpass and about reflection, go to youthpass.eu. If you have a specific question, don't hesitate to get in touch with your National Agency or with the Youthpass Helpdesk.



WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL LEARNING JOURNEY!



Youthpass is the recognition instrument for the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+: Youth in Action programmes. The Youthpass certificate helps to recognise the participation in the projects as an educational experience and a period of non-formal learning.

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