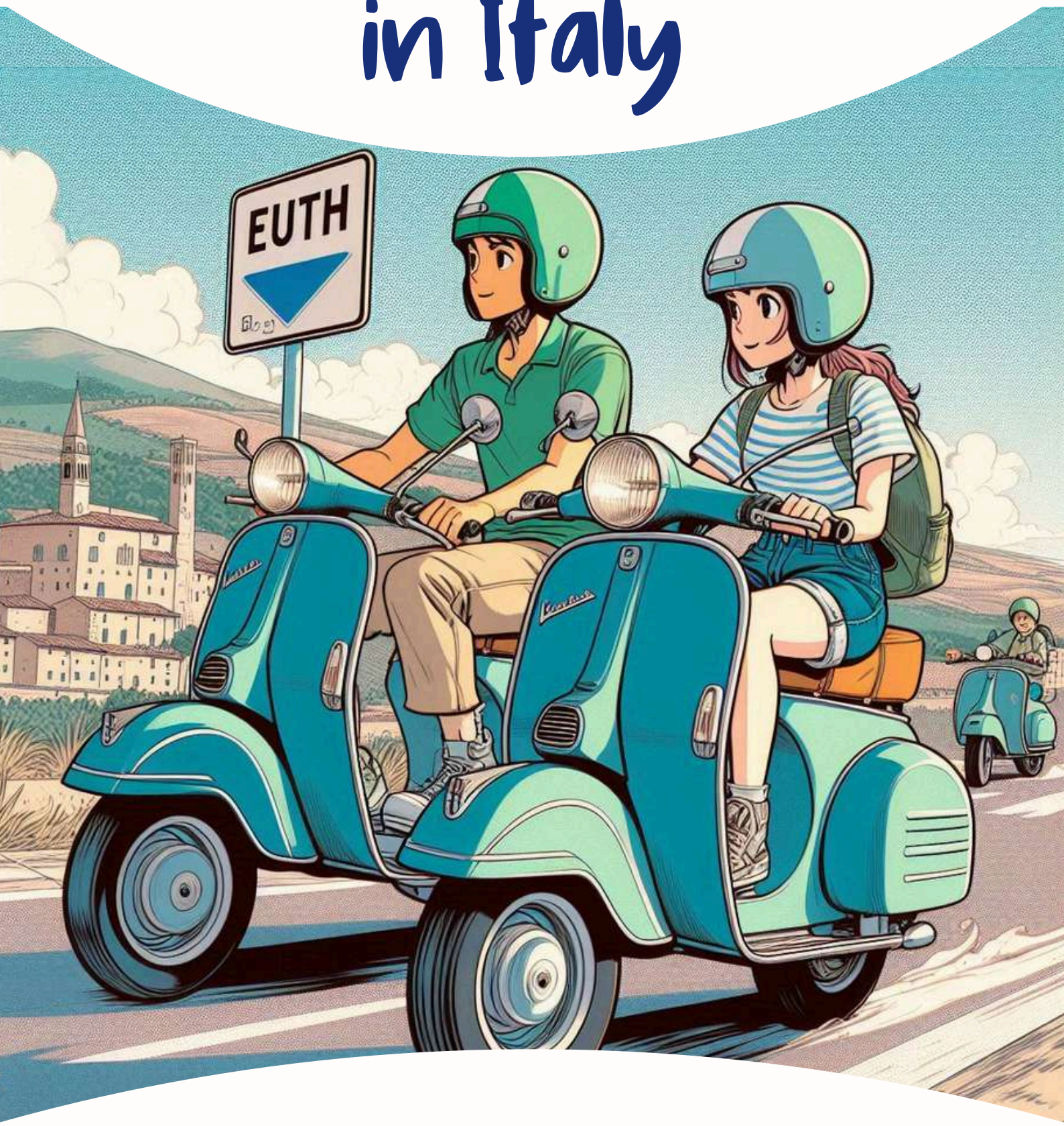
31st March
to
3rd of April

EUTH in Italy

Spoleto
and
Assisi



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The Project

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This project aims to strengthen the capacity of youth organizations to engage more young people by improving the quality, innovation, and recognition of youth work. To achieve this, it brings together a diverse network of European partners to create a common tool—an e-toolkit with unique and effective methods to encourage youth participation in an engaging way. By sharing their experiences and approaches, these organizations will develop new tools and methodologies to address key challenges in youth engagement.



A core objective is to tackle issues such as youth inactivity, distrust in democracy, and the rise of populism by fostering active citizenship and participation. The project specifically focuses on reaching politically disengaged young people, helping them connect with their more active peers. Through practical tools and real-life applications, such as engaging with local politicians and presenting recommendations to European policymakers, young people will gain the skills and confidence needed to actively participate in democratic processes.

The project also prioritizes inclusion and diversity, ensuring that youth participation is accessible regardless of socioeconomic or educational background. By facilitating dialogue between young people from different social, economic, cultural, and geographical backgrounds, it aims to build bridges across society, prevent radicalization, and promote empathy.

Furthermore, the project itself embodies inclusivity by involving youth organizations of various sizes and locations, not just those based in capital cities. Through these efforts, it seeks to create a more dynamic and professional youth work environment while empowering young people to shape the future of Europe

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The region

Umbria



Umbria is a region where history, culture, and traditions come together in a harmonious blend. Its identity is deeply rooted in a centuries-old heritage that continues to shape the daily lives of its people. Art, architecture, and spirituality are ever-present, reflected in ancient buildings, religious sites, and artistic masterpieces that tell the story of a land rich in cultural expression. The region is known for its strong sense of community, where traditions are carefully preserved and passed down through generations.

Local festivals and events celebrate history, folklore, and craftsmanship, creating moments of shared identity and participation. Music, theater, and art play a significant role in the cultural life of the region, fostering a vibrant and creative environment that engages both residents and visitors. The relationship between people and nature is another defining aspect of Umbria. The landscape, characterized by rolling hills, forests, and rivers, has shaped not only the economy but also the lifestyle of its inhabitants. Agricultural traditions remain deeply respected, with local products such as olive oil, wine, and truffles representing a direct link between the land and its people. The culinary heritage is a reflection of this deep connection, with recipes that have remained unchanged for centuries, emphasizing simplicity and authenticity.

The slower pace of life allows for a profound appreciation of both the present and the past. The region offers spaces for reflection, where history meets modernity in a balanced way, making it a place where tradition and innovation coexist in a uniquely authentic atmosphere. As an inland region, internationalization plays a crucial role in ensuring Umbria's long-term growth and cultural dynamism. Strengthening connections with European networks in education, business, and tourism can enhance opportunities for local communities while preserving the region's authenticity. By attracting international visitors, students, and investors, Umbria can position itself as a center of cultural exchange, fostering innovation while maintaining its identity.

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Location

Spoleto

Spoleto is a city with a deep historical and cultural significance, rooted in ancient times and renowned for its artistic achievements. The city's origins date back to the Roman era, where it played an important role as a military and administrative center. One of its most prominent Roman relics, the Roman Theater, still stands today, reflecting Spoleto's importance in the empire. Over the centuries, Spoleto flourished, particularly during the medieval period, when it became the capital of the Duchy of Spoleto, influencing the political and cultural landscape of central Italy.



Throughout the Middle Ages, Spoleto was both a religious and secular hub, with significant ecclesiastical ties. Key religious sites such as the Basilica of San Salvatore and the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, adorned with beautiful frescoes, mark the city's cultural and spiritual contributions. These churches and buildings are not just architectural gems; they represent Spoleto's integral role in the broader history of the Catholic Church and Italy. The Renaissance saw further growth in Spoleto's artistic and intellectual life, with the city becoming a center for some of Italy's most significant artistic movements. The city's cultural legacy continued through the 19th and 20th centuries, cementing its reputation as a hub of music, literature, and visual arts. Today, Spoleto remains a beacon for the arts, particularly through the renowned Festival dei Due Mondi (Festival of the Two Worlds), which was established in 1958. This international event draws artists, musicians, and performers from around the world, showcasing Spoleto's ongoing role in the cultural exchange between Italy and the broader global community. The festival blends classical and contemporary art, creating a unique platform for innovative artistic expression.

An innovative aspect of Spoleto is its commitment to preserving and promoting local craftsmanship through initiatives such as the Spoleto Art and Craft Workshops. These workshops bring together artisans and artists to create, showcase, and share traditional and contemporary artistic techniques, fostering creativity and cultural exchange.

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Location
Assisi



Assisi is a city that carries with it a rich history, a deep sense of spirituality, and a special kind of magic that resonates with everyone who visits. Known for being the birthplace of St. Francis, the founder of the Franciscan Order, Assisi is not just a place to explore beautiful streets and buildings—it's a place where history, art, and faith come together in a meaningful way. It's also recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a status it earned because of its incredible artistic, architectural, and historical significance.

Walking through Assisi feels like stepping back in time. The city's medieval streets, ancient walls, and stunning churches give you a real sense of the past. The Basilica of St. Francis is one of the most famous landmarks, with its beautiful frescoes by artists like Giotto, which capture key moments in the life of St. Francis. But Assisi isn't just about famous sites—it's about the atmosphere. The city's narrow, cobblestone streets invite you to explore hidden corners and quiet spots, where the connection to the past feels very alive.

What makes Assisi so unique is the balance between its spiritual heritage and its vibrant modern life. While the city has long been a place of pilgrimage, it's also a place where young people and visitors from all over the world come to experience its calm and peaceful environment. The influence of St. Francis and his message of simplicity, peace, and respect for nature can still be felt today, not just in the religious sites, but also in the local lifestyle. The people of Assisi continue to value their traditions, and there's a sense of community and connection that makes it a special place to visit or live.

The city has managed to preserve its heritage while embracing the future, and it's a place where everyone—whether looking for history, art, or simply peace—can find something meaningful. For young people today, Assisi is not just about exploring the past but engaging with it in a way that connects the old with the new, creating a timeless bond between generations.

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The program

Monday 31st March

Any Time - International participants arrive in Spoleto

19.00 - Partner meeting

20.00 - Dinner in authonomy

Tuesday 1st April

8.00 - Welcoming breakfast

9.00 - Inauguration welcome with the city Mayor at Spoleto City Hall

Speakers:

- Luigina Renzi*- Councilor for Welfare and social innovation, promotion of peace and hospitality.
- Giovanni Angelini Paroli* - Councilor for Marketing and business innovation, tourism 4.0 for the enhancement of the local economy
- F. Ciavaglia, Regional Coordinator Movimento europeo
- S. Milia, Added Secretary General Movimento europeo

10.30 - Inclusive cooking laboratory, exchange with local students of Istituto Alberghiero "De Carolis"

13.00 - Lunch

15.00 - Cultural work in collaboration with Spoleto Municipality

16.30 - Visit to the migrant care services of "Il Cerchio"

20.30 - Dinner

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The program

Wednesday 2nd April

9.00 - Partners' meeting

9.30 - Presentation of workshops feedback and results

11.30 - Break

12.00 - Bringing results to Bruxelles

13.00 - Lunch

14.15 - Departure to Assisi

15.00 - Guided tour of the historic centre of Assisi

17.30 - Institutional welcome at Assisi city hall

Speakers:

- V. Stoppini. Mayor of Assisi
- F. Leggio, Councilor for Tourism, City promotion, Smart City and participation

19.30 - Evaluation time

21.00 - Dinner

Thursday 3rd April

8.00 - Goodbye Breakfast

Any time - International participants leave Spoleto

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