

# INFOPACK



# EYE

**Green Deal Challenges**  
The European Youth  
Exchanges Experience

La Villa de Ocón, Spain  
23-30 July 2026

This is not an exchange  
This is the...



# EYE MEGA-GAME

Get ready!  
You're about to step into  
something bigger than a  
typical youth exchange.



**EYE** is a shared European adventure  
where you won't just learn about  
sustainability...  
you will **play it, test it, and shape it**  
together with other young people  
across countries.

## You will

Face  
environmental  
challenges



Turn ideas into  
real impact



Build alliances and  
compete  
across Europe



Travel with  
purpose



# Why You Should Join A Green & Inspiring Experience

This youth exchange is more than a project — it is an opportunity to:



## Experience sustainable living in practice

Learn how everyday choices can reduce your environmental impact while living together in an international group.



## Connect with people from different cultures

Share perspectives, challenge your assumptions, and build genuine international friendships.



## Build practical skills through non-formal education

Strengthen your communication, teamwork, and problem-solving through hands-on and game-based activities.



## Take action for a more sustainable future

Move from ideas to action and discover how you can contribute to real change.



You will be part of a unique journey combining:

### Learning

Learn through interactive challenges, simulations, and game-based experiences..

### Intercultural Exchange

Experience diversity firsthand and learn to value different cultures and perspectives.

### Collaboration

Work together with others, co-create ideas, and learn how to build something meaningful as a team.

### Unforgettable experiences

Create lasting memories, step out of your comfort zone, and live an experience you will carry with you long after the project ends.

# Summary of the youth exchange program



Thursday 23 July 2026 -

Arrival day

Friday 24 July 2026 -

Team building and group standards

Saturday 25 July 2026 -

Alternative environment

Sunday 26 July 2026 -

Excursion: Alternative economies

Monday 27 July 2026 -

Alternative socialisation

Tuesdays 28 July 2026 -

Excursion: Water day

Wednesday 29 July 2026 -

Alternative communities

Thursday 30 July 2026 -

Departure day

## Topic

This youth exchange will focus on learning about sustainable alternatives across three different areas.



## Environmental

We'll learn about the local surroundings and promote a fair use of it, including spaces for activities and our food.

## Organisational

Decision-making processes and organisation of shared tasks will be a key component, even when it comes to cook our own meals and support the local community.



## Emotional

We'll focus on self-awareness and personal well-being as core components of the learning process.

## Hosting Venue and Environment



- **Venue:** Albergue Juvenil Villa de Ocón
- **Location:** La Villa de Ocón, La Rioja, Spain
- Accommodation and main activity spaces are located in the same village
- Full of nature around!



The Ocón Valley is a cluster of small villages connected by short, scenic walks.

It's known for its strong sense of community, the valley thrives on self-sufficiency and a deep commitment to supporting local businesses and initiatives.

This environment offers the perfect backdrop for a programme rooted in collaboration, mutual support, and connection with the community.



## Weather and Climate Conditions



14°C - 19°C



31°C - 36°C

The weather in the Ocón valley is typically hot and dry, while there's a small probability of facing a summer storm or a heat wave.

As we are close to the mountains, night temperatures tend to be cooler, so bringing a thin jacket is a good idea.



# What to bring

Please make sure to bring all the items you would normally need for your daily travel and stay, including clothing, personal hygiene products, and any essential personal belongings.

In addition, we recommend bringing:

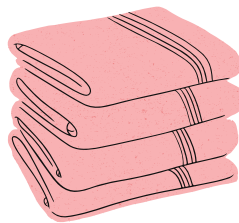


**A Reusable water bottle**

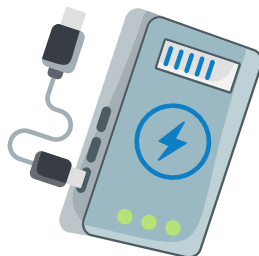
**Comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor activities**



**Towels**



**Any medication you may need**



**Powerbank**

**Swimming suit**



**Intercultural nights**

**Cultural dinner**

Every night one team will be in charge of preparing a typical dinner from their country. We will buy all ingredients we need, but don't forget THAT specific ingredient you can't find anywhere else

**Cultural activity**

After the cultural dinner, we'll immerse ourselves in your culture! So bring traditional outfits, drinks, sweets, and anything else you can fit in your suitcase!

## How to reach the venue

The venue is located at La Villa de Ocón, a small village with not many connections. That's why **we will pick you up** at the next stations:

### ARRIVAL IN LOGROÑO (main train and bus stations)

All teams will mainly have to arrive to Logroño bus or train station. They are located at the same place, opposite each other.



- To go from Logroño to La Villa de Ocón, we will drive you by van.
- The meeting point and time will be agreed with each team.

### ARRIVAL IN CALAHORRA (Train station)

If you are travelling **by train** from Barcelona or Madrid, you can also stop at Calahorra train station (usually is the station before Logroño)

As for Logroño, we will pick up the teams there and drive to La Villa de Ocón.

**All teams will be contacted weeks before the exchange to manage the arrival times.**

# PUBLIC "TRANSPORT" SYSTEM



As we are going to be in a rural area, with many different villages very close from one another, the main public transport system is...

**WALKING!!!**

However, we will drive you with our van everywhere we need.



# Safe and Inclusive Environment

We are committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all participants.

During the **exchange**:

- Diversity, respect and inclusion will be **promoted by everyone** and valued as a main standard
- Participants will be **encouraged** to express themselves **freely**

Specific **measures** include:

- Designated contact persons for **support**
- Clear **group agreements** established at the beginning
- Continuous attention to participants' **well-being**

## TIPS ON WHAT TO VISIT

As we will colive in a rural area, the most interesting sites to visit are located around all the valley, not only in one village. We will visit some of them during project's activities, and we will have free time to visit anywhere we want.

Also, we will have free time in Logroño during a excursion day.

### Sites in Ocón



**Pozas de Jubera**



**Molino de Santa Lucía**



**“La Hez” mountains**

### Sites in Logroño



**Calle Laurel**



**Plaza del Mercado**



**Museo de La Rioja**

# SOME TIPS TO TRAVEL IN SPAIN

## 1. Timetables

Spain runs later than many countries: lunch is around 13:30–15:30 and dinner 20:30–22:30. Shops often close midday and most are shut on Sundays, while many restaurants rest on Mondays.

## 2. Public transport

Spain's main cities have reliable metro, tram, and bus systems, and you can usually buy tickets by card. Respect priority seating, and on escalators stand on the right to let others pass on the left.

## 3. Cash machines and payments

Bank ATMs charge small fees, but independent “ATM” machines are much more expensive—avoid them. Card payments are widely accepted, though some buses, late-night bars, and older shops may require cash.

## 4. Pickpocketing

Pickpocketing is common in crowded areas and public transport. Keep your belongings secure and always stay aware of your surroundings.

## 5. Scams

Tourist-heavy spots with English signage often sell overpriced, low-quality “typical” products. For better value and authenticity, choose places frequented by locals outside main tourist areas.

## 6. Emergency numbers

Call 112 for general emergencies in Spain. Use 091 for urban police, 062 for rural police, and 016 for sexual abuse assistance.

# Be Part of the Experience

THIS INFO PACK IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

## **We invite you to:**

Come with an open mind

Be ready to actively participate and play with us

Share your ideas and experiences

Embrace both challenges and opportunities

**This exchange is not something you attend  
it is something you co-create.**

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The logo for Gantalcalá features a stylized blue letter 'G' on the left. Inside the curve of the 'G' is a yellow sun with rays. To the right of the 'G' is the word 'antalcalá' in a blue, rounded, handwritten-style font. The final 'á' is colored yellow and has a yellow accent mark above it.



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