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Monthly Digest

This Month's #InTheSpotlight is Joremita Ona Urmonaitė - Kaunas Municipality Investment Environment Project Manager at Kaunas IN. This month we also had some interesting stories, from the Erasmus+ youth participation days in Lithuania focusing on youth engagement on sustainable and renewable energy and some news from across the Europe.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Joremita Ona Urmonaitė

She is a Kaunas Municipality Investment Environment Project Manager at Kaunas IN, working with the city's growing investment development and helping strengthen Kaunas as an attractive place for business, innovation, and new opportunities. Her current work is closely connected to ALEX Kaunas Innovation Park - a project creating significant value for the city and offering strong R&D investment potential for investors looking to establish themselves in the heart of Kaunas. She describes herself as an idealist who wants to contribute to making her country and city a better place to live.

NEWS FROM ACROSS EUROPE

From Ideas to Action: Young People Exploring Sustainability in Kaunas



The Youth Participation Days of the Erasmus+ project Engaging Youth in a Digital Green Future 2.0 (EY-DGF 2.0) were successfully held from 14 to 16 May 2026 at the facilities of NGO Darnoje, Lithuania.

The three-day international activity brought together young participants aged 18 to 29 from Spain, Greece, Serbia, Lithuania, and Slovenia, fostering intercultural exchange, collaborative learning, and active youth engagement in the green transition.

During the three-day programme, participants explored how youth can contribute to the green transition through sustainable energy, circular economy, innovation, and community action. The programme directly addressed key European priorities, including the European Green Deal and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, empowering young people to understand and contribute to ongoing green and digital transitions.

Source: [Greenovate](#)

European Youth Week 2026



people from across Europe to celebrate active citizenship, participation, and collaboration. Co-organised by the European Commission and the European Parliament, this year the initiative focused on solidarity and fairness, highlighting the role of young people in building a more inclusive and equitable society.

The week began with a kickoff event on the 24th April at the European Parliament in Brussels, where over 1,000 young participants gathered for a day of discussions, workshops, and exchanges.

The opening plenary set the tone for the day, bringing together decision-makers and young leaders to exchange ideas and inspire action. From there, participants joined a wide range of workshops tackling some of the most pressing issues facing young people today.

The European Youth Week 2026 demonstrated the value of creating spaces where young people can connect, share experiences, and influence decision-making. By fostering dialogue between institutions and youth, the event highlighted a clear message: young people are not just participants in Europe's future, they are active partners in shaping it.

Source: [European Union](#)

Your voice matters! Help shape the future of EU Youth Strategy

The European Commission wants to hear your ideas and help shape the next EU Youth Strategy.

Why is this important? The current EU Youth Strategy (2019–2027) is nearing its end – and the next chapter is yours to influence! This strategy plays a vital role in supporting young people's social and civic engagement, ensuring policies truly reflect their needs, and driving meaningful change across Europe.

Now, the European Commission wants to hear from **YOU** to help design the next EU Youth Strategy. Whether you're a young person, a youth worker, a youth researcher, or part of an organisation or authority that supports young people, your insights will shape policies that impact millions.

The public consultation is open now - don't miss your chance to [Have your Say on the EU Youth Strategy post-2027](#) (Open until 16 July 2026)

Source: [European Union](#)

The new EU Youth Coordinator has been nominated!



The European Commission has nominated Ms Marta Markowska as the new EU Youth Coordinator to reinforce the cross-sectorial cooperation and knowledge sharing in the field of youth amongst the European Commission services.

employment, education, health, climate, democracy, culture) as well as facilitating more exchanges and knowledge-sharing between the services on issues related to youth.

The creation of the EU Youth Coordinator post is an important step towards creating better synergies between the various actions carried out by the Commission services for the benefit of young people and is included in the framework of the [EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027](#). The proposal was welcomed by the Member States with the [Council Resolution of November 2018](#) as well as by the youth sector.

Source: [European Union](#)

Youth Opportunity of the month



22-23.06.2026 - [Apply to the EU Civic Tech Hackathon](#)

The event highlights the importance of strengthening democratic resilience and enhancing citizen engagement across the Union.

Who can apply?

Individuals and organisations with an interest or experience in civic technology and democratic participation are welcome to apply: developers and designers; civic tech organisations; civil society actors; researchers; start-ups and SMEs; public authorities.

- The Commission will fund travel and accommodation for those participating in the event.
- The deadline for applications is 5 June.

APPLICATION

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