



# Youth Regional Network (YRN) - General Assembly 2024

## Zalău, Sălaj County, Romania

### 14-17 March 2024

#### Thursday 14 March

##### Arrival of the participants and check-in at the hotels throughout the day

- Arrival airport: Cluj International Airport
- Shuttles are organised by Sălaj County between Cluj airport and Zalău. Selected participants only have received detailed information and schedule of these shuttles.
- Recommended hotels in Zalău were communicated to selected participants only.

10.00 - 17.00

##### Preparatory meetings and venue check

For the YRN Presidium, the AER Secretariat and the host region only

19.00 - 22.00

##### Welcome reception

Venue: Salaj County Council

Address: Piața 1 Decembrie 1918 11, Zalău 450058

##### Welcome speeches:

- **Jim Simonsen Jenssen**, YRN President, Nordland County
- **Norbert Nagy**, YRN Vice-President, Sălaj County
- **Lorène Weber**, AER Programmes Coordinator

##### Video presentation of Sălaj County

#### Friday 15 March

Venue: House of Culture, Casa de Cultura a Sindicatelor Zalau

Address: Str. 9 Mai, Nr. 2, Zalau

08.30 - 09.00

##### Arrival and registration of the participants at the welcome desk

09.00 - 09:15

##### Keynote speeches

- **Jim Simonsen Jenssen**, YRN President, County Councillor of Nordland County Council
- **Marina Medarić**, Subprefect of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County Council, Co-Chair of the AER Election Committee
- **Szilágyi Róbert István**, Vice President of Sălaj County Council



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**MEET  
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dinu Iancu Sălăjanu</b>, President of Sălaj County Council</li> </ul>
<p>9.15 - 12.15</p> <p>Coffee break at 10.45</p>	<p><b>MEET “Mobilise Europe = Engage Together” - Intergenerational Regional Debate</b></p> <p>In the run-up to the <b>2024 European Parliament elections</b>, the MEET debates present a great opportunity to discuss Europe’s key challenges, and how we can contribute to forging a <b>more democratic, inclusive and sustainable future</b>. Particular importance is given to including local and regional perspectives, as well as young citizens’ voices and fostering an intergenerational dialogue.</p> <p>This debate will have a particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing the European debate &amp; elections to a regional level, <b>enhancing (youth) citizen participation</b>;</li> <li>• Focusing on <b>environmental topics</b>, the <b>Green New Deal</b> and its multi-level dimension (<b>European, regional, local</b>).</li> </ul> <p><i><u>MEET, “Mobilise Europe = Engage Together”</u> is a EU-funded project led by the European Youth Forum, in partnership with the AER. The MEET Regional Debates aim at creating space to make youth voices heard and to foster intergenerational debate between young people and politicians.</i></p> <p>This MEET Debate will include a European Elections presentation by the high school students from the <b>Colegiul National "Silvania" Zalau</b>, from the <b>European Parliament Ambassador Schools programme</b>.</p> <p><b>Panel discussion, moderated by Giulia Moretto, AER Project Manager:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eivind Holst</b>, Mayor of Nordland County Council</li> <li>• <b>Norbert Nagy</b>, YRN Vice-President, Advisor to Sălaj County Vice-President</li> <li>• <b>Ionela Flavia Braica</b>, Jebel European Youth Village 2024, Timiș County</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion groups, facilitated by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maylinda Bajrami</b>, YRN Chair for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment</li> <li>• <b>Mathilde Colarte</b>, YRN member from Wallonia, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Marsel Haka</b>, YRN member from Tirana, Albania</li> </ul>
<p>12.15 - 13.30</p>	<p><b>Lunch at Hotel Brilliant Meses</b></p> <p><i>Address: Piața 1 Decembrie 1918 10A, Zalău, Sălaj</i></p>

13.30 - 15.00	<p><b>YRN workshops (in parallel)</b></p> <p><b># Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</b></p> <p><b># Youth Civic Spaces, Participation and Turnout in times of Polarisation</b></p> <p><i>Have you seen the "Spectrum" videos by Jubilee? This workshop centres around the topics of youth civic spaces, participation and turnout in times of increasing polarisation. It takes a very interactive approach to build knowledge and stimulate reflection, with presentations, mentimeter and a spectrum exercise, similar to the Jubilee exercise.</i></p> <p>Facilitation of all YRN workshops will be conducted by the YRN Presidium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Jim Simonsen Jenssen</b>, YRN President</li> <li>● <b>Norbert Nagy</b>, YRN Vice-President</li> <li>● <b>Sigrun Myrvang</b>, YRN Chair for Youth Participation &amp; Governance</li> <li>● <b>Maylinda Bajrami</b>, YRN Chair for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment</li> </ul>
15.00 - 17.00	<b>Study visit of Sălaj County Council and city tour in Zalău</b>
From 18.00	<b>Dinner &amp; cultural evening</b>

<p><b>Saturday 16 March</b></p> <p><i>Venue: House of Culture, Casa de Cultura a Sindicatelor Zalau</i></p> <p><i>Address: Str. 9 Mai, Nr. 2, Zalau</i></p>	
08.30 - 09.00	<b>Arrival and registration of the participants at the welcome desk</b>
09.00 - 09.30	<b>Welcome by the YRN Presidium</b>
09.30 - 12.30	<p><b>YRN General Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activity Report and State of Membership</li> <li>- Adoption of YRN resolutions and of MEET recommendations from the debate</li> <li>- Proposal to relaunch the Most Youth Friendly European Region (MYFER) award, presented by Nordland County Council.</li> <li>- Presentation of the Candidates to the elections of the YRN Presidium, and Q&amp;A</li> <li>- Roll Call and Elections</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by the <b>YRN Presidium</b> and <b>Lorène Weber</b>, AER Programmes Coordinator</p>



12.30- 13.30	<b>Lunch at Hotel Brilliant Meses</b> <i>Address: Piața 1 Decembrie 1918 10A, Zalău, Sălaj</i>
13.30 - 15.00	<b># MEET/YRN Workshop on Green and Sustainable Europe</b> Learnings, conclusions and recommendations arising from the MEET Debate to be included in the work of the YRN Committee on Green and Sustainable Europe.  <b># YRN workshop on Mental Health and Wellbeing</b>
15.00 - 18.00	<b>Study Visit outside of Zalău, organised by Sălaj County Council</b> Visit of the <a href="#">Fort Silvan</a> vineyard, including wine tasting <i>A bus is planned by the organisers between Zalău and Fort Silvan</i>
From 18.00	<b>Dinner in Kemsilvanum, following the vineyard visit</b> Including conclusive remarks from the MEET Debate by <b>Giulia Moretto</b> , AER Project Manager

### Sunday 17 March

#### Departure day

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