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#EYA18 Winners change the world: unicorns of social impact

How to assist youngsters to find meaningful degrees and jobs? How can homeless people and refugees be provided with helpful information? The European Youth Award Jury has chosen the twelve most promising digital projects with social impact in Europe and the MENA Region! The winners list full of smart solution for burning challenges is out now!

The seventh edition of the European Youth Award (EYA) brought together twenty-four members of the all-European jury in Prishtina, Kosovo, to decide on twelve winning projects. The winners are invited to spend three days in Graz, Austria, at the EYA Festival 2018!

EYA's main aim is to support and encourage young people to use digital technologies to create solutions that improve the lives of people. The winning projects of EYA18 were evaluated on their creativity, digital implementation, sustainability and economic potential.

Birgit Kolb, Project Manager of the European Youth Award, on the 2018 edition:

"It's really impressive to see the smart solutions young people from all over Europe come up with. They tackle the most pressing challenges in their environment creatively. It will be a pleasure to feel their outstanding spirit and passion at the EYA Festival. When more than 300 young people will come together for three days of creativity, inspiration and connecting!"

The winning projects 2018 are:

Fostering Health

"[Blood Donor](#)" from Kosovo eases the distribution of information that the National Centre for Blood Transfusion needs blood for an urgent case.

The therapeutic handheld device "[ViLim](#)" from Lithuania helps people suffering from hand tremors.

Smart Learning

The French web platform "[Pixis](#)" supports youngsters in finding meaningful degrees and jobs with impact.

"[StudySmarter](#)" is an intelligent learning platform from Germany, reducing the early school dropout rate.

An educational game for children to learn coding called "[The Ifs](#)" was developed in Spain.

Connecting Cultures

"[SammTalk](#)" the Norwegian online platform connects secondary school language classes in different countries via videochat and online social media.

Planet Friendly

Slovenia's first decentralized blockchain powered platform [Food+X](#) aims to reduce the food surplus.

Active Citizenship

The French project "[SoliGuide](#)" is a multimodal platform providing homeless people and refugees with helpful information.

Sustainable Economics

Italy based platform "[Ethic Jobs](#)" supports enterprises in improving the quality of the workplace.

The online platform "[SharquiShop](#)" supports Syrian refugee artisans in Jordan in selling their creations online, providing an array of services.

Managing Life

The open source web application "[Boxwise](#)" was created in Germany and eases logistics for organisations at refugee camps when distributing donated goods to people in need.

Open Innovation

The online campaign “[100 Masters](#)” promotes and connects artists and creatives in a region of transition, to find and inspire hidden talent.

About the European Youth Award (#EYA18)

Called to life by Prof. Peter A. Bruck, Honorary Chairman of the International Center for New Media in 2012, the European Youth Award (EYA) is a leading pan-European competition honouring excellence in the use of Internet and mobile applications for social empowerment. The European Youth Award is conducted under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland, and under the patronage of The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities. It is financed in part by the European Union *Europe for Citizens* programme. EYA is an annual contest motivating young people under the age of 33 to produce socially-valuable digital projects addressing the goals defined by the Council of Europe, Europe 2020 and the UN SDGs.

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