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### YOUTH FOR EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY

#### *“GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP”*

From the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2021, the Spanish organization, Dirección General de Cooperación al Desarrollo, hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> international event within the “Youth for European Solidarity” Network (YES!), which took place in Santander, Spain.

The event celebrated the “European Day of Cooperation” on September the 21<sup>st</sup>, and it was an opportunity for the project partners to get together and strengthen their community through common learning.

The meeting focused on learning and developing the skills within the field of Solidarity, to enhance the competence of the ESA Participants. The goal was to inspire the ESAs and encourage their active participation through creation of common learning spaces. The idea was to use the event’s topics to ensure knowledge-sharing relevant and useful for all participants, focusing on common challenges like soft skills development, cooperating with local stakeholders, work-based learning in order to promote the active participation of citizens in processes and proposals for sustainable development from different areas of action.

On September 20, the host organization with its representatives, Mrs. Silvia Abascal Diego and Mr. Pablo Zuloaga Martínez, welcomed the participants and the YES! Coordinator, Mr. Evangelista Leuzzi, presented the project. The next meeting sessions, from the 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> of September continued with a series of good practices of Solidarity in Cantabria (ES) such as:

- *Education for development Project in formal education: “Una vuelta a la ciudad de la mano de Greta” in Manuel Llano school by Imagine Association - presented by Mrs. Natalia Velasco Pomar, Mrs. Marta Sainz Pérez, Mrs. Ana Agudo and Mrs. Soledad Baeza;*
- *Education for development Project in formal and informal education: “Transformando mares de plástico en mares limpios” by Transformando Futuros Association - presented by Mrs. Nuria San Millán Maur;*
- *EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY PROJECT “SELF- Social Ecosystem leads the Future”. General Director for Labour presented by Mr. Gustavo García García*
- *EUROPEAN POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES EUROPEAN COOPERATION DAY“E+”: Santander International Entrepreneurship Centre presented by Mr. Jose Carlos Ceballos Góme*

What is more, each partner organization had the opportunity to share their good practices within the topic of “Solidarity through Global Citizenship”. The meeting ended with a cultural visit to “Castillo and Monedas Caves”.

**For the AGENDA please visit the official website:** <https://europeforcitizens.wixsite.com/yestwinning>  
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