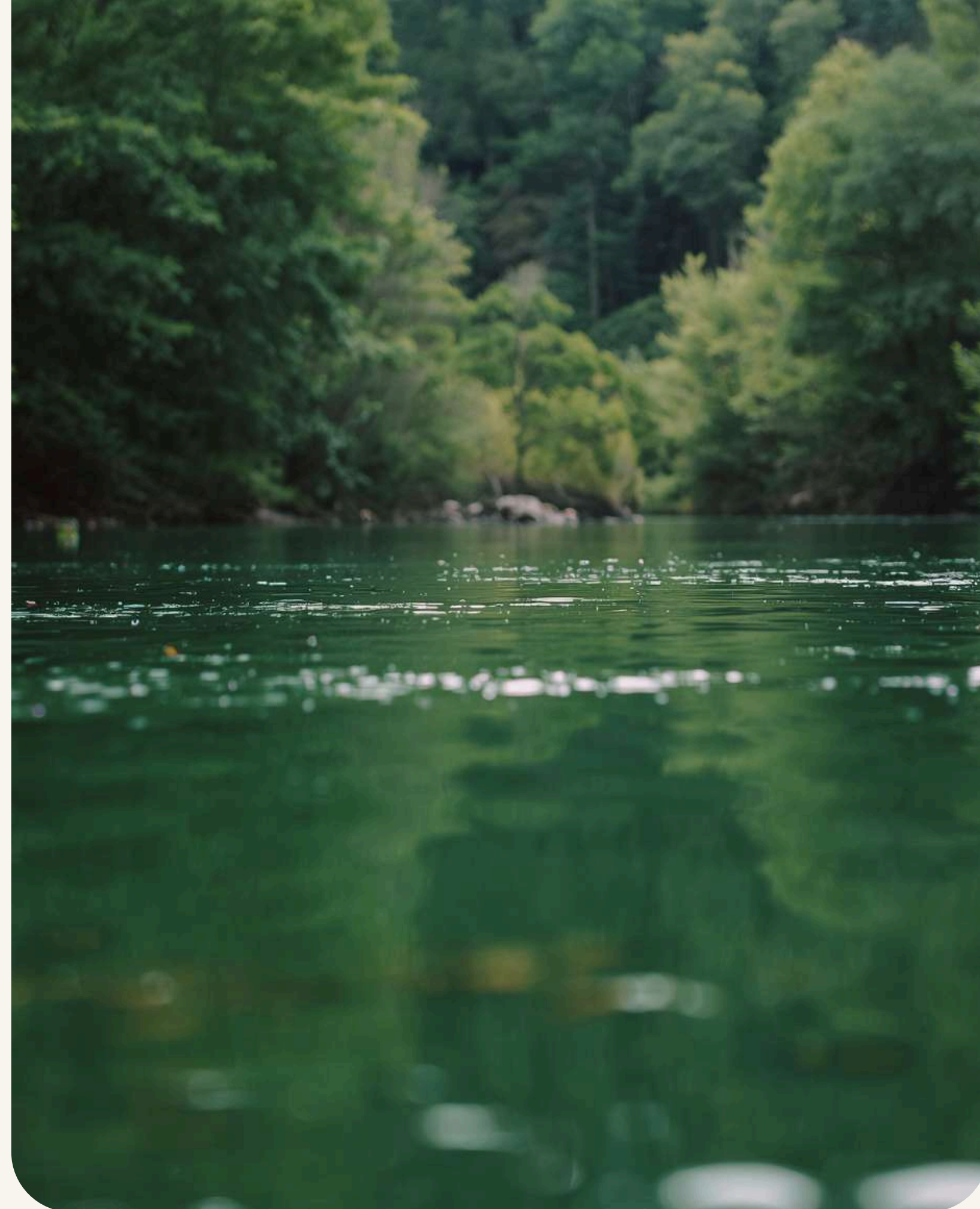




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Greencadamy Training Course in Croatia

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Karlovac



Is This Training For You?

ASSESS YOUR FIT

This training is ideal for youth workers, trainers, and leaders interested in sustainability, eager for hands-on learning, and comfortable with collaboration in an international setting.



About the Programme

CONNECTING YOUTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

This training course brings together youth workers interested in sustainable development and rural communities through engaging, hands-on learning activities.

Through non-formal learning methods, interactive workshops, study visits, group discussions and reflection activities, participants will explore how local initiatives can support environmental responsibility, community wellbeing and long-term rural development.

The programme connects local practice with the European LEADER approach, encouraging participants to see rural areas not as places with fewer opportunities, but as spaces for cooperation, creativity and positive change.



What Will You Learn?

EXPLORING PRACTICAL THEMES

Participants will delve into sustainable rural development, LEADER approach, and youth-led solutions to foster local change and social entrepreneurship.

During the training, you will explore:

- sustainable development in rural areas;
- the LEADER approach and bottom-up community development;
- local resources, value chains and rural entrepreneurship;
- sustainable agriculture and environmentally responsible practices;
- social entrepreneurship and businesses with a social mission;
- green and ethical financing opportunities;
- cooperation between local authorities, businesses, civil society and young people;
- ways to involve young people in creating sustainable local solutions.



Learning Outcomes

WHAT YOU WILL ACHIEVE

By the end of the training, you will be able to:

- understand the basic principles of sustainable rural development;
- recognise how the LEADER approach can support local initiatives and youth participation;
- identify needs, resources and opportunities in your own local community;
- use examples of social entrepreneurship and sustainable business as inspiration for youth work;
- develop ideas for youth-led initiatives connected to sustainability and rural revitalisation;
- build partnerships with stakeholders from different sectors;
- transfer practical tools, methods and ideas into your daily youth work;
- create a small action plan for follow-up activities in your local context.



How will we learn?

The training is based on non-formal education and active participation. Learning will happen through experience, discussion and collaboration—not only presentations. Your experience, ideas and questions are an essential part of the process.

- Interactive workshops & group work
- Visits to local sustainable initiatives
- Meetings with entrepreneurs & community actors
- Peer learning & exchange of practice
- Reflection & practical planning
- Intercultural exchange



Welcome to Karlovac

A city shaped by rivers, history and green spaces

Karlovac is a green and welcoming city in central Croatia, known as the city of four rivers: Korana, Kupa, Mrežnica and Dobra. Built in 1579 as a star-shaped fortress town, Karlovac combines a distinctive historical centre, parks and promenades with a relaxed riverside atmosphere. During the training, the city will offer a practical local context for exploring sustainability, community initiatives, rural development and cooperation between different sectors.

4 RIVERS

Korana · Kupa · Mrežnica · Dobra



Accoommodation

Participants will stay at Hotel Carlstadt, located in the very centre of Karlovac, close to the historic Karlovac Star and within easy reach of the city's parks, riverside areas and main sights.

The hotel offers comfortable shared rooms with private bathrooms, air conditioning and free Wi-Fi.

A daily breakfast buffet will be provided at the hotel.

- Central location
- Shared rooms (2 people)
- Private bathroom
- Breakfast included
- Free Wi-Fi



Travel information

Please do not book any tickets before consulting the coordinating organisation.

Participants are expected to travel to Zagreb and then continue to Karlovac. From Zagreb Airport, take the airport shuttle or public transport to Zagreb's main bus or train station. The cost of a one-way ticket is 9,00 EUR, and you can buy it from the bus driver (you need to have cash) or online. The timetable is available [here](#).

From Zagreb Main Bus Station you should take the bus to Karlovac. The average bus ride Zagreb – Karlovac is around 45 minutes. The bus lines are quite frequent (mostly every 30 – 45 minutes). The average price for a one-way ticket is approximately 6 EUR, although the prices vary depending on the provider. The luggage fee for buses to Karlovac is about 1,50 EUR. The timetable is available [here](#). Be sure to click "Show complete timetable" because with the direct lines Zagreb – Karlovac there are a lot of connection lines that stop in Karlovac.

Your other option is to take a train to Karlovac. In front of the bus station, you have to take tram number 6 (Črnomerec direction) and go to the stop called "Zagreb Glavni kolodvor", which is the main train station in Zagreb. Glavni kolodvor (Main train station) is the 3rd stop from the main bus station (Autobusni kolodvor). Then you buy a train ticket from Zagreb to Karlovac at the station, or you can buy it [here](#) in advance. Once in Karlovac, there are two stations, first one is Main station in Karlovac, other is the station "Karlovac Centar". Get off at the second station, called "Karlovac Centar", as this station is closer to accomodation.

Important
Keep all tickets, invoices, receipts and boarding passes. These documents are needed for travel-cost reimbursement.



Practical information & contacts

Before you travel

- Currency: Euro (€)
- Cards are widely accepted; a small amount of cash can still be useful
- Bring your passport or ID card
- Bring health insurance / European Health Insurance Card
- Pack personal medication and comfortable clothing
- Bring good energy and curiosity

Need help?

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We look forward to welcoming you to Karlovac!

