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***EU4Youth:  
The “School Garden” for Agricultural  
Entrepreneurship” in rural communities  
International Technical Assistance Project***





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## **Partners:**

Green Cross Ukraine,  
Green Cross Belarus,  
National Environmental Center (Moldova),  
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## **Overall Objective:**

To foster the employability and active participation of young people residing in disadvantaged rural areas (incl. the Chernobyl one) in society and economy by developing modern labour skills, supporting them in becoming leaders / entrepreneurs and promoting new professional opportunities among them



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## **Problems that preconditioned the project:**

The rural population is continuously decreasing for the following reasons:

- outflow of youth through the process of urbanization;
- lack of promising jobs;
- low wages compared to the city;
- lack of opportunities for additional training;
- difficult working conditions;
- weak social, cultural and medical care in comparison with city life



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## **The main project objectives are:**

- To build capacity of rural schools with gardens to become business-incubators for teaching and practicing modern techniques of high-value added agricultural production to young people in poor rural areas
- To enhance management capacities, skills and knowledge of all the phases of organic farming and business of disadvantaged youngsters in rural areas towards the creation of new sustainable rural employment opportunities
- To foster cooperation between business-incubators, local communities, regional / national educational /vocational institutions, labour and food market actors; to integrate them into a common educational and economic environment



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## **Final beneficiaries:**

Young people living in poor and suffering rural areas, including the Chernobyl regions, their families and rural settlements



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## Activities:

1. Improving local capacity
2. Education for schoolchildren
3. Collaboration, communication and promotion







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***Integration of rural schools into the global economic and educational environment through the established network of school gardens***



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