

WP4 · Actions and experiences: MAYA in the field

In spring 2026, national pilots in Türkiye, Portugal and Italy brought the MAYA resources into real learning spaces with young NEET women and youth workers.



A MAYA group session with young women at Meram Public Education Centre, Konya, June 2026.

Testing the approach with real groups

The partners used the curriculum, the mentoring programme, the interactive tools and the platform with their target groups, listened to participants and professionals, and documented what they learned along the way.

Each country adapted the approach to its own context while keeping the same seven modules and the same Montessori-inspired principles, which allowed experiences to be compared and shared.

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countries
with pilots

38

young NEET women
in the pilots

3

multiplier
events

147

event
participants



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Three national pilots

Türkiye

25 young NEET women followed the seven-module programme; 31 youth workers completed a 16-hour programme; 7 mentor and mentee pairs completed 30 hours of mentoring each.

Portugal

9 young NEET women followed a cycle of 10 sessions (2 individual and 8 group sessions); 19 professionals validated the open resources.

Italy

4 young NEET women, 3 mentors and 2 youth workers took part in a personalised pilot with individual mentoring sessions.



Pilot sessions in Konya and the multiplier event in Amadora.

Sharing the results locally

Multiplier events

29 Apr 2026	Cerignola, Italy • San Giuseppe • 30 participants
12 Jun 2026	Amadora, Portugal • Amadora Inova • 36 participants
19 Jun 2026	Konya, Türkiye • Selçuk University and Meram PEC • 81 participants

What participants and professionals said

- Konya multiplier event: overall satisfaction 4.63 out of 5 (51 feedback forms).
- Two youth workers trained in Türkiye went on to act as mentors themselves.
- National reports and the Compendium of Actions and Experiences are on mayaproject.eu.



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