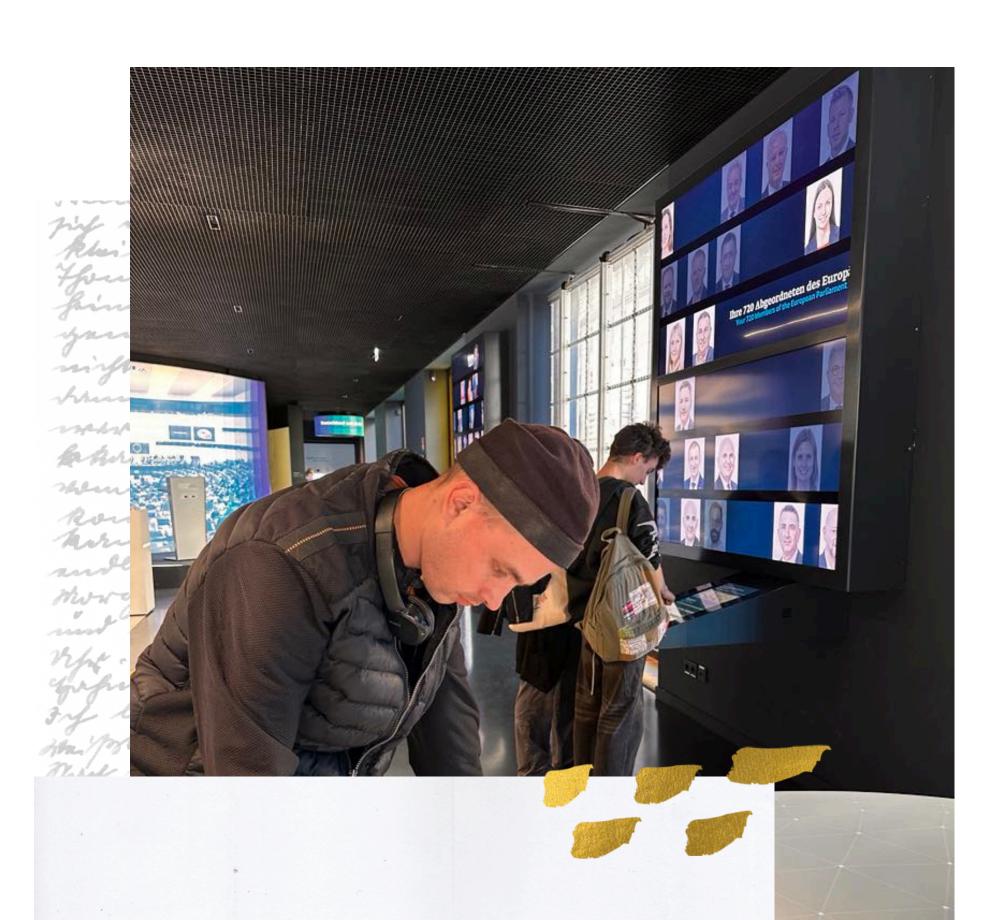


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An active volunteer at "Academy for Active Youth"

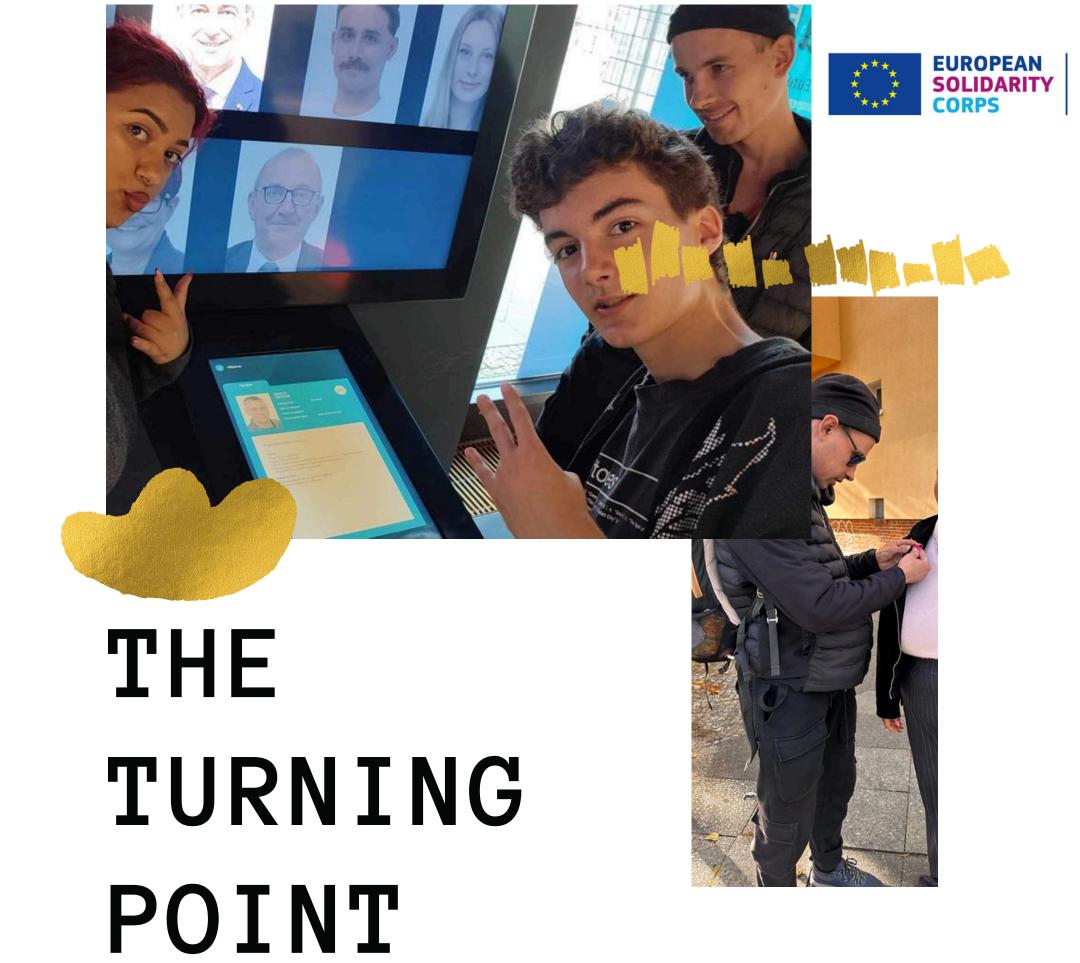


A BLACK SHEEP TURNED ACHIEVER

HOW DID MY SCHOOL YEARS SHAPE ME?

Hello! My name is Boris, 24 years old. I work as a construction worker. I was a kind of black sheep at school and since I stayed away from my classmates, some of whom had problems with the law, I was definitely left with problems with social interactions and low social experience.





WHAT CHANGED AFTER JOINING THE ACADEMY?

After I met members of the "Academy for Active Youth" in 2019 and started coming to projects in 2021, my social skills started to develop, and not long after, I managed to find some relatively permanent job. However, I left that job because of the low pay and unhealthy working conditions—something I realized was not worth tolerating thanks to the organization's projects.



BROADENING HORIZONS IN BRUSSELS

WHAT DID I LEARN
DURING MY TRAVELS?



Thanks to the academy, I was able to visit Brussels in the spring of 2024 and convince myself that there is definitely something to learn in Bulgaria, especially regarding the urban environment, which is not very hospitable for pedestrians in our country.



DREAMING BIG AND MOVING FORWARD

HOW HAS THE ACADEMY INSPIRED MY FUTURE PLANS?

CURRENTLY, THANKS TO THE PROJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT I VISIT, I ALWAYS RETURN TO WORK CHARGED WITH EXPERIENCES IN NEW PLACES AND FILLED WITH MOTIVATION AND STRENGTH FOR NEW LABOR FEATS AND ACHIEVEMENTS. RECENTLY, I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING SOME EDUCATION AS AN URBAN PLANNER SINCE, AS I'VE REALIZED MANY TIMES, IF I WANT SOMETHING TO CHANGE, I HAVE TO DO IT MYSELF BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE WILL DO IT FOR ME.