

This document is the final narrative report of the activities carried out by Dynamo International Street Workers Network within the framework of the NOLEBY project, covering the period from January to December 2025. It provides a qualitative overview of the actions implemented during this timeframe and consolidates all achievements of the project.

This report, submitted in accordance with the provisions of the call *ERASMUS-YOUTH-2025-CSC-OG-SGA – Operating Grants to support Civil Society Cooperation in the field of Youth*, represents the final deliverable for the SGA 2025 and includes all relevant outcomes, lessons learned, and strategic perspectives for the continuation of the project into NOLEBY II.



NoLeBy (2023-2025)

No-one Left behind: Strengthen the Street Workers Network in Europe to connect, engage and empower youth in vulnerable situations.

This project, financed by the European Union (Erasmus +) gathers partners, members of the Dynamo International Street Workers Network, in 13 countries of the Europe region.

Objectives

- **Strengthen the network at European level**, developing its organisational and mobilisation capacities to strategically address youth-relevant priorities.
- **Improve street-based youth workers' ability to effectively address youth needs and aspirations**, training a new generation of trainers and creating a space for exchange between peers and with young people.
- **Improve the mobility of youth in vulnerable situations** and of youth workers across the EU, fostering the exchange of practices and strengthening youth workers' capacity to mobilise EU mobility funding instruments.
- **Contribute to the shaping of youth-relevant policies at EU**, national and local level, producing evidence-based recommendations and creating opportunities for youth participation in democratic life.
- **Raise awareness on the realities and aspirations of young people in vulnerable situations**, making use of innovative communication tools, contributing to mobilise key stakeholders and the public towards inclusive societies.

Network Coordination and management

In 2025, Dynamo International ensured the coordination of the European Street Workers Network within the NOLEBY framework. This included regular exchanges with national platforms, regional coordination, and the facilitation of collective reflection on the strategic orientations of the network.

1- Appointment of a new European coordinator

In May 2025, Cédric Raffier, a member of the Lithuanian national platform, was elected as the new coordinator of Dynamo International's European region. He will oversee and support the coordination of the Network's activities across Europe for the next four years.

2- Vilnius: Meeting of the European Pilot Group

A major milestone of the reporting period was the European Pilot Group meeting held in Vilnius from 19 to 23 May 2025. The event brought together more than forty social street workers from seventeen European countries, as well as young people from six countries, making Vilnius a central hub for European social street work over several days.



Organised by the Lithuanian Association of Social Street Work in cooperation with the Youth Affairs Agency, the meeting combined field visits, working groups and an international conference hosted at the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania under the title "*Strengthening Connections: Social Street Work with Young People.*" These activities contributed to strengthening cooperation within the Network and to enhancing the

visibility and recognition of social street work in Lithuania.

Participants engaged in collective learning and reflection sessions, discussions on sector-wide challenges, knowledge sharing and the planning of future activities. The programme also included methodological sessions and five study visits to local social street work organisations: Vilnius Social Club, Blessed J. Matulaitis Social Center, NGO DUKU, Social Action's social street work programmes, and Caritas Vilnius' Betanija Social Center.

3- Coordination meetings – Online

Online regional coordination meetings remained a key pillar of the Network's governance and management. These meetings brought together Regional Coordinators and members of the Technical Team, with additional participants from within or outside the Network invited when relevant to the agenda.

At regional level, regular online meetings were organised involving regional and national coordinators, together with a designated focal point from the Technical Team (*Véronique for the Africa and Americas regions; Francesco and Tanya for the Asia and Europe regions*).

Through this coordination mechanism, the Network continued to pursue its strategic objective of strengthening regional autonomy, in line with the decentralisation priorities defined in the 2022–2027 strategic framework.

4- NOLEBY Final Event in Brussels

The final NOLEBY event, held in Brussels from 24 to 28 November 2025, represented a key milestone in network coordination, project evaluation, and strategic planning for the DISWN network. Organised jointly by Dynamo International, the Street Work Training Institute, and the European coordination team, the event brought together social street workers, young participants, and European partners to review NOLEBY I achievements, co-design the NOLEBY II action plan, and reinforce the network's collective capacity at the European level.

Activities combined reflective sessions, participatory workshops, coordination between national platforms, and preparation for the final advocacy event. The event strengthened governance by facilitating information sharing, experience exchange, and strategic alignment among members, while asserting the network's role as a structured platform for dialogue, coordination, and representation of social street work at European level.



Capacity building and professional exchanges

Capacity building remained a core component of NOLEBY activities in 2025. Dynamo International organised and contributed to several actions aimed at strengthening professional skills and fostering peer learning among social street workers.

1- Professional exchange visits in Belgium Brussels: Hosting of Interns

As part of the DISWN Network activities, Dynamo International hosted two social street workers from Benin and one from Senegal for professional exchange visits in Belgium, held between 28 April and 19 May, and between 15 May and 15 June.



Organised in partnership with Wallonie-Bruxelles International, these professional stays aimed to strengthen participants' skills in social street work through practice-based learning, exchanges with Belgian professionals and exposure to different organisational and institutional contexts.

2- Liège: Training in Social Street Work



From June 3 to 5, seventeen participants took part in a training session on Social Street Work held in Liège. The training combined theoretical inputs, field visits, and peer exchanges, fostering a space for reflection and mutual learning among professionals from the social and street work sectors.

Participants were encouraged to share their field experiences and to analyse them within broader social, political, and ethical frameworks, thereby reinforcing a common understanding of street work as a professional practice rooted in social justice and human rights.

The training program included the following key themes:

- Social Street work within a social and political context
- Professional practices, actions, and models of intervention
- Fundamentals of street social work
- Ethics and professional confidentiality
- Reflecting on our profession within the complexity of contemporary society

This session contributed to strengthening participants' capacities to act coherently and ethically in diverse and challenging field contexts, while fostering transnational dialogue among street work professionals.

3- International knowledge sharing missions

Benin: Sharing Knowledge, Strengthening the Profession International knowledge sharing missions

From June 28 to July 8, Dynamo International and an expert in street social work methodology visited several areas of the country. The mission took place within the framework of the CAPI¹ project, funded by WBI with the support of CNCD-11.11.11. The aim of the visit was to strengthen the platform of Beninese street social workers (SSWs) and to improve systems for the prevention, protection, and socio-professional integration of vulnerable children and youth. While the mission also sought to consolidate partnerships, its primary focus was the professionalization of street social work.



4 – Streetwork Toolbox

In 2025, specific work was carried out on the [Streetwork Toolbox](#), a digital platform dedicated to sharing resources and good practices in street work. In close collaboration with the Communication and Graphic Design Officer, the year focused on the further development of the platform, both in terms of structure and visual identity. This phase also marked the beginning of content and data uploads to the Streetwork Toolbox, as part of a broader knowledge-capitalisation approach. These efforts aim to prepare the official launch of the platform planned for 2026.

¹ The CAPI Project – Cohesion, Empowerment, Prevention and Innovation is part of the 2024–2028 bilateral cooperation program between the Republic of Benin and the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, under Axis 4: “ Youth support, socio-economic integration of vulnerable people, and sport ».

Advocacy and policy dialogue

Advocacy actions were pursued at European level throughout 2025. Dynamo International actively contributed to consultations and strategic dialogues with European institutions, ensuring that the voices and experiences of social street workers were reflected in policy processes.

1- National Conference of Social Street Workers (Sweden)

In April 2025, Dynamo International took part in the national conference of the Swedish Association of Social Street Workers (*Riksförbundet för fältarbetare*), held in Växjö on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Representative of the Network (Francesco Ferrando, Christopher Dreffling and Stina Fager) delivered a presentation on the role, structure and mission of Dynamo International, highlighting its global reach, regional coordination and commitment to the recognition of social street work as a rights-based and preventive methodology. The intervention also addressed current challenges related to urban segregation, youth marginalisation and the rise of organised violence, emphasising the importance of a systemic and human-rights-centred approach to prevention. This participation strengthened exchanges with national practitioners and contributed to positioning social street work as a key actor in addressing structural inequalities and supporting young people in vulnerable situations.

2- European Union policy dialogues



In 2025, Dynamo International actively contributed to several European Union policy dialogues and strategic consultation processes led by the European Commission.

Firstly, within the consultation on the **EU Anti-Poverty Strategy**, members of the European Street Workers Network provided input grounded in their daily work with people experiencing extreme poverty and social exclusion. The contribution, submitted on 23 July 2025, highlighted the structural causes of poverty, the need for systemic and rights-based responses, and the importance of investing in social street work to reach people excluded from institutional support, with specific attention to the EU Child Guarantee Initiative.

In parallel, Dynamo International participated in the **Strategic Dialogue on the EU Civil Society Strategy**, advocating for the recognition of children and young people as full civic and political actors. Drawing on the Network's experience, the contribution stressed that participation must go beyond consultation and ensure meaningful involvement in decision-making. Three key priorities were highlighted: strengthening youth participation at all levels, ensuring effective access to rights for marginalised and street-connected children through the recognition of social street work, and creating enabling environments through inclusive public spaces, sustainable funding and equitable digital access.

Additionally, Dynamo International took part in the **Strategic Dialogue online meeting on the DG EMPL Communication Strategy 2026–2030**, held on 1 July 2025. The discussion focused on improving the visibility and accessibility of European social policies for citizens. During the

meeting, the concept of a proposed “European Social Book” was presented, aiming to strengthen communication on EU social policies by making them more concrete and understandable for the general public. This exchange provided an opportunity to connect field-based perspectives with broader EU communication priorities.

3- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

From 28 to 30 October 2025, Dynamo International was represented at the 49th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg by André Sousa (Dynamo Portugal). This participation followed an earlier online participation in the 48th Session of the Congress by Edwin de Boevé. The 49th session focused on key democratic challenges, including freedom of peaceful assembly, protection of civic space, human rights, local governance and youth participation. For the Network, this participation provided an important opportunity to highlight the role of social street work as a rights-based methodology operating in public spaces and reaching young people in situations of vulnerability. Particular relevance was given to discussions on youth participation, marked by the adoption of the revised *European Charter on the Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life*, which offers a strong institutional reference to support advocacy for the recognition of social street work as a form of street-based youth work and a key actor in inclusive democratic processes at local and European levels.

4- Research – Knowledge Production and Dissemination

In 2025, Dynamo International contributed to the strengthening of research and knowledge dissemination within the NOLEBY framework through the translation into French of the publication *Inspiring Quality Street Work: Strengthening Street Work through Documentation and Follow-up*. This initiative was carried out in response to requests from several members of the Network, with the aim of improving access to key methodological resources for French-speaking practitioners.



Originally published in 2023 by KEKS (Slovenia), in cooperation with Conversas Associação Internacional (CAI), BOB Zavod (Slovenia) and the Czech Association of Street Work (CAS), and funded by the European Union, the booklet addresses a central challenge in social street work: the lack of clearly defined objectives, quality standards and evaluation frameworks. It highlights how insufficiently specified goals can lead to significant disparities in practices and quality, raising critical questions regarding governance, funding, evaluation and professional competencies.

By making this resource accessible to a wider audience, the translation contributes directly to NOLEBY’s objectives of strengthening professional practices, enhancing quality standards and supporting evidence-based advocacy. The publication provides concrete tools for defining quality indicators and promotes a structured approach to documentation and follow-up, which aligns with the project’s ambition to reinforce the recognition, professionalisation and sustainability of social street work at European level.

5- Civil Society Engagement in UNODC Constructive Dialogues on Transnational Organized Crime

In 2025, Dynamo International, through its resource person Valbona Hystuna, together with other members of the International Street Workers Network, actively participated in the UNODC Constructive Dialogues on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC). These dialogues provided a key platform for civil society to engage with States Parties on issues related to trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants, international cooperation and technical assistance. Dynamo International contributed its field-based expertise on street work and the protection of vulnerable children and youth, highlighting the preventive role of social street work in combating organized crime. A comprehensive participation report covering the 2023–2025 Constructive Dialogues was drafted, consolidating key inputs, policy recommendations and lessons learned.

6- Closing Seminar of the NOLEBY Project

On 28 November 2025, Dynamo International organised the seminar *“Youth Inclusion and Empowerment: What Role for Social Street Work in Making Sure No One Is Left Behind?”*, marking the official closure of the NOLEBY project. The seminar brought together social street workers and young Europeans involved in the project, who jointly presented collective recommendations developed throughout the project cycle. Discussions focused on three key priorities: strengthening the integration of the “Leave No One Behind” approach with a specific focus on young people with fewer opportunities; recognising the central role of social street work in promoting youth inclusion and empowerment; and reaffirming the importance of the Erasmus+ programme as a key tool for inclusive participation and transnational solidarity. Facilitated by communication mediator David Lallemand, the seminar featured the presentation of recommendations by young people and social street workers, followed by a panel discussion with Ariane Fontenelle (assistant to MEP Estelle Ceulemans) and Mrs Lene Mejer, Deputy Head of Unit A.5 Erasmus+ Youth, and an open dialogue with participants. The recommendations highlighted social street work as a preventive, rights-based methodology reaching the most disadvantaged young people in their living environments, fostering participation, protection and access to rights. The seminar concluded with a call to European institutions, and in particular the European Parliament, to reinforce recognition and long-term support for social street work and to strengthen the Erasmus+ programme for the 2028–2034 period, in order to ensure that no young person is left behind.



Project Progress and Outlook – NOLEBY (2023–2025) and NOLEBY II Objectives

At the end of its three-year implementation, the NOLEBY project has significantly strengthened the structure and dynamics of the European street workers network, fostering collaboration among actors from 13 countries and consolidating connections between professionals and young people in vulnerable situations. Activities carried out have enhanced the skills of social street workers, created spaces for collective reflection, and produced joint policy recommendations at the European level.

The project also highlighted new and emerging challenges, including increasing mental health issues, growing social and housing insecurity, disinformation, societal polarisation, and the weakening of democratic processes, which call for adaptations in both practice and strategic planning. Areas for improvement identified during the project include the systematisation of lessons learned, improving the network's visibility and communication, and developing a clearer, shared advocacy strategy.

Building on these lessons, NOLEBY II (2026–2027) will focus on consolidating achievements while targeting key priorities: strengthening youth participation, developing thematic training and working groups, fostering innovation in social street work, and constructing a common advocacy message. These measures aim to better respond to contemporary social and political challenges while promoting a rights-based, inclusive, and participatory approach to youth empowerment across Europe.