



**Boosting Community-Based
Tourism and Youth Work for
Global Sustainable Development**

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The BOCOTO project is an international capacity building program that seeks to expose participants to various aspects of “community-based tourism” (CBT) & youth work from different countries & organizations from Italy, Spain, Nepal, Vietnam, Turkey, India & Kenya.

Through a transnational approach, the project is examining concepts & practices underpinning CBT and its potential in the youth field in all targeted local communities and regions.

Perspectives on CBT are explored through a holistic concept of protection and valorisation of biodiversity, cultural diversity, local development, promotion of human rights.

Through an intercultural approach, the project is engaging youth organizations & stakeholders to work together to develop & promote CBT as a catalyst for inclusive & sustainable economic growth, youth employment, social inclusion, well-being & poverty reduction, while at the same time protecting cultural values and the natural heritage.

Why CBT?

Tourism provides a vital source of incomes for local communities & contribute to global sustainable development. Mass tourism threatens biodiversity, damages ecosystems & causes violations of the rights of workers, minorities & local communities.

Community-based tourism (CBT) has a catalytic function for economic, social & cultural development, as a complementary source of income to improve standard of living, create jobs, preserve the traditions & protect the environment. Sustainable tourism is one of the fastest growing type of tourism globally.

The journey is integrated to the learning experience, travellers are actively involved in social, cultural & environmental projects that foster sustainable development in the local community. All the incomes generated by CBT activities, are redistributed among community members or re-invested in community projects.

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India
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Nepal
Campaign for Change Nepal



Vietnam
**Youth Employment &
Society Development joint
stock company**



Kenya
**Resource Hub for
Development**



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Results of the project:

- Increased socio-professional development of youth workers and young leaders that are equipped with knowledge, key competences and employable tools related to CBT and sustainable development through different cultural perspectives, educational approaches and community experiences from different regions of the world;
- Increased transnational cooperation, exchange of good practices and capacity building between youth workers, organizations and NGOs active in the sustainable development field from different World context;
- Developed CBT volunteering packages based on holistic discovery of cultural diversity, natural products & gastronomy, while being engaged in social & environmental projects where young people can volunteer in local community project;
- Developed E-learning platform to promote the CBT volunteer packages and reach a wider audience of young people and responsible travellers interested in CBT.

Country analyses on CBT conducted in 7 countries



[Country analysis India](#)



[Country analysis Italy](#)



[Country analysis Kenya](#)



[Country analysis Nepal](#)



[Country analysis Spain](#)



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Open educational resources in diverse European languages (EN, ES, IT)

THE TRAINING MANUAL 'BOOSTING COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM AND YOUTH WORK FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'

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Community- based tourism packages developed within the project – LINK.

India

- Mangalajodi Ecotourism
- Satkosai Sands Resort and Nature Camp
- Nature Camp, Tikarpada, Ecotourism

Italy

- I briganti di Cerreto
- Officina Agroculturale Cafeci
- Fairbnb

Kenya

- Dunga Ecotourism and Environment CBO
- Kit Mikai Cultural Site
- Abinco Caves Community Tourism Product

Nepal

- Rani Mahal Community-based Tourism
- World Heritage Site Lumbini
- Chitwan National Park

Spain

- Geinova
- Manual sobre turismo accesible para todos
- Associacio per al desenvolupament rural del camp d'Elx

Turkey

- Tourism Development in Eastern Anatolia Project (TEDAP)
- Alliances for Culture Tourism (ACT) in Eastern Anatolia – A UNJP
- %100 Misia Project

Vietnam

- Da Bac Community-based Tourism
- Capacity-building for the Hmong people
- Xuan Son CBT

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From 29 March till 2 April 2021 the final seminar of the BOCOTO project was organised by Promozione Internazionale Sicilia-Mondo (PRISM) - Italy - together with 6 partner organisations from India, Kenya, Nepal, Spain, Turkey and Vietnam.

During the online event the participants present the results and main learning experiences of the Study visits (6) and the Training Course (1) that took place during the project, including interventions about community-based experiences and youth work, as well as the presentation of final project outputs and reflection on possible follow-up activities guaranteeing that the project results will stay have a sustainable effect. The seminar ends with common evaluation and reflection on the individual and organisational learning outcomes.

The seminar includes 7 open and interactive sessions in which external participants join, listen to the experience of the project activities and engage in discussions about community-based tourism and youth work practices supporting local communities and global sustainable development.

Agenda of the Seminar:

AGENDA FINAL SEMINAR			
Platform: Zoom			
Participants: 3 youth workers from India, Italy, Kenya, Nepal, Spain, Vietnam, Turkey			
DAY	PART I 12:00 -13:30	PART II. 14:00-15:30	PART III. 16:00-16:30
Day 1	Welcome Updates from BOCOTO partners Teambuilding activity Expectations and framework of the online seminar (PRISM)	Overview and highlights of the learning path <i>Short evaluation and reflection on:</i> - TC in Italy - SV in Nepal - SV in Vietnam - SV in India - SV in Kenya - SV in Spain - SV in Turkey <i>(based on the Evaluation Reports) (Youclusion)</i>	Community changes in my region in 2020 (PRISM)
Day 2	Results and learning outcomes of the Study visit in India *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz – India</i> <i>BOCOTO Storytime-Testimonies, Q&A:</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from India</i> (ACDS)	Results and learning outcomes of the Study visit in Kenya *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz - Kenya</i> <i>BOCOTO Storytime-Testimonies, Q&A:</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from Kenya</i> (RHD)	Dissemination activities by all partners

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Day 3	Results and learning outcomes of the Study visit in Nepal *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz - Nepal</i>	Results and learning outcomes of the Study visit in Spain *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz - Spain</i>	
	<i>BOCOTO Storytime-Testimonies, Q&A:</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from Nepal</i> (CCN)	<i>BOCOTO Storytime-Testimonies, Q&A:</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from Spain</i> (ACD la Hoya)	Dissemination activities by all partners
Day 4	Results and learning outcomes of the Study visit in Turkey *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz – Turkey</i> <i>BOCOTO Storytime-Testimonies, Q&A:</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from Turkey</i> (Youclusion)	Results and learning outcomes of the Study visit in Vietnam *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz - Vietnam</i> <i>BOCOTO Storytime-Testimonies, Q&A</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from Vietnam</i> (YESD)	Dissemination activities by all partners
Day 5	BOCOTO Final meetup *Open event* <i>CBT Country Quiz - Italy</i> <i>Testimonies, Q&A organisers & participants of the TC in Italy</i> <i>Presentation of the TC Manual</i> <i>Presentation of the CBT packages</i> <i>BOCOTO Live: News and updates from Italy (PRISM)</i>	Impact and follow up Multiplication and sustainability Reflection and evaluation (non-formal activity) Closing (PRISM)	Dissemination activities by all partners

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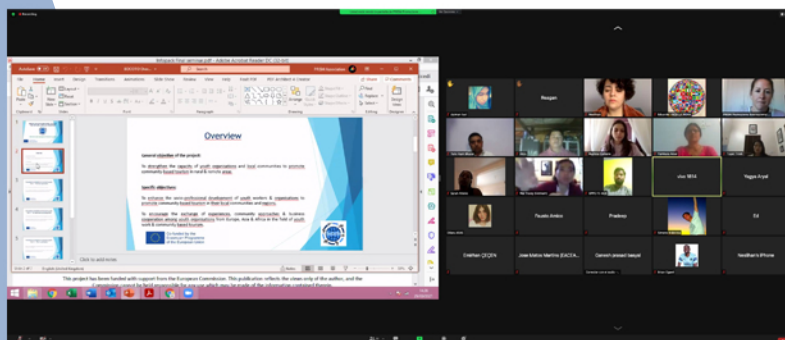
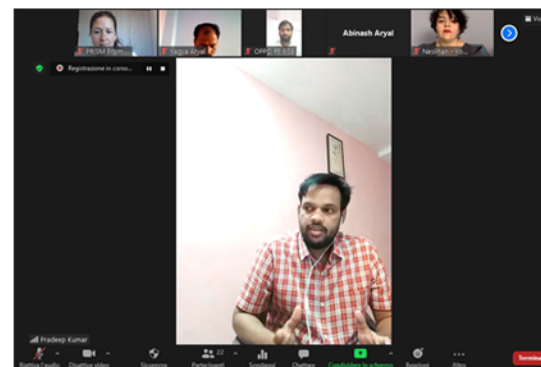
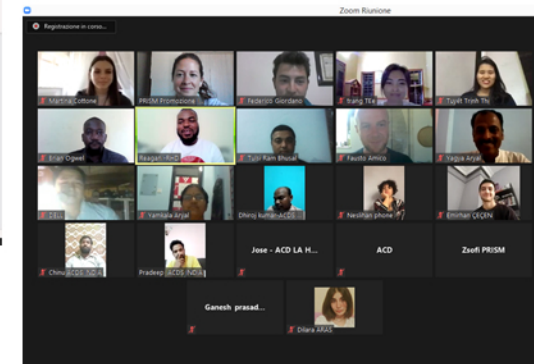
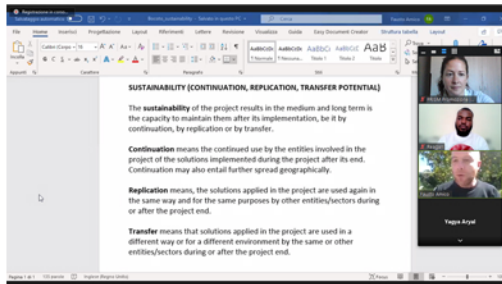
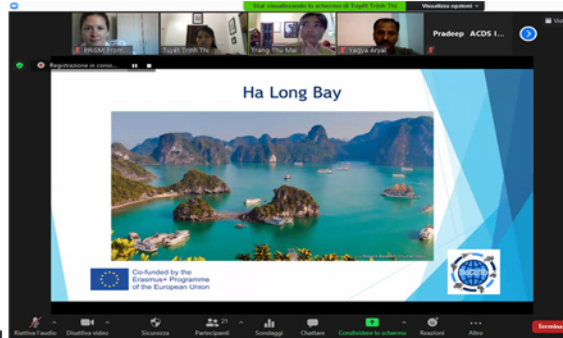
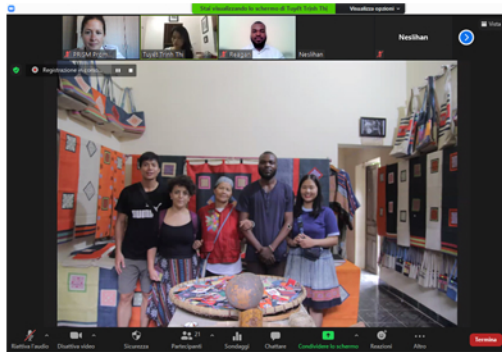
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Photos of the Seminar

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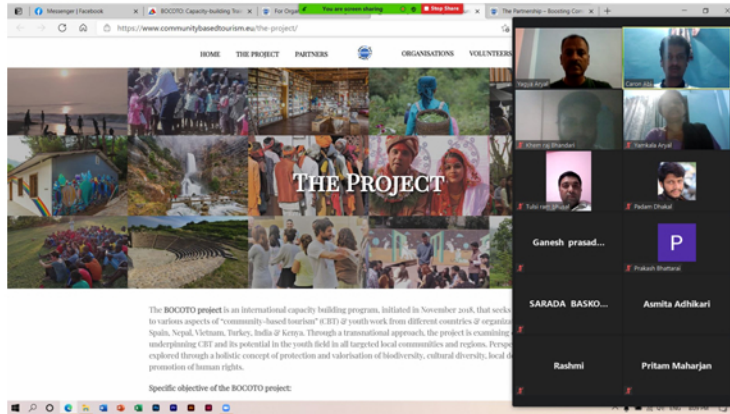
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Local Seminar NEPAL:

CCN organized the local activity of BOCOTO, an online closing seminar where we discussed the project, activities, and the outcomes of the project along with the best practices and possibilities of new concepts to enhance the current community-based tourism practices in Nepal.



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Local Seminar KENYA:

Kenya Resource Hub for Development - RHD, Kenya held the final dissemination activity on Boosting Community Based tourism with the local community members.

The event focused on brainstorming with the community members and exchange of ideas on how best to exploit the available community based tourism opportunities for the betterment and benefit of the wider community through a sustainable model.

RHD staff also used the opportunity to share with the community the outcomes of the the Bocoto project including best practices that were borrowed during the various study visits in partner countries.



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Local Seminar INDIA:

The last activity of #bocoto, closing seminar organized by ACDS was very fruitful. Thirty five rural women and youth, local administration officials and community leaders were participated the event. The major contained of the discussions were: scope, opportunity, challenges of CBT in rural Odisha and shared best CBT models/good practices in India and overseas.



Local Seminar VIETNAM:

YESD organised a fruitful final local seminar in Lo Lo Chai cultural and tourism village, Lung Cu, Dong Van, Ha Giang province. The seminar invited people doing community-based tourism in the village and nearby to disseminate results of our BOCOTO and brainstorm more ideas on how to promote community-based tourism in Dong Van particular and in Ha Giang in general. Several topics were discussed focusing on the impacts of Covid on CBT and strategies to apply when it becomes 'New normal' in order to stay competitive and preserve CBT values.



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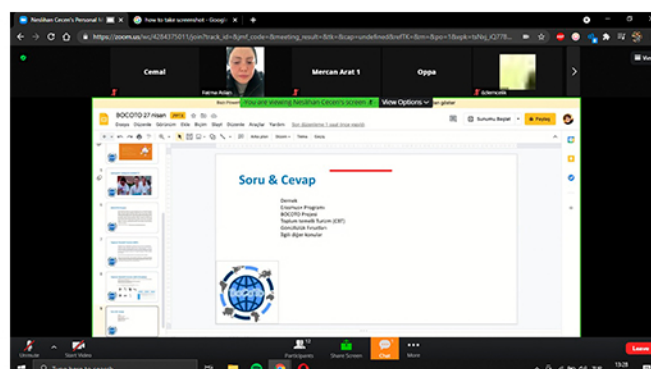
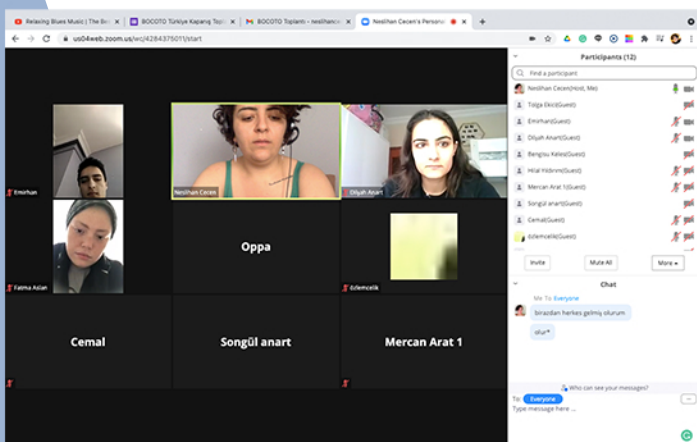
Last activity of #bocoto, closing seminar organized by ACD LA HOYA was very fruitful. Different people and representatives from the community of La Hoya were present. We present the project, discuss and talk about: Bocoto package, opportunity, challenges and shared best CBT models/-good practices in different countries, we present also the webplatform and materials.



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Local Seminar TURKEY:

During the final local conference of BOCOTO project in Turkey, we have gathered 12 young people online. The conference started with a simple introduction of our organization and Erasmus+ programs. Afterwards, we have introduced the BOCOTO project and website(OER) to participants. There were some participants who never heard about CBT before. Our main speaker talked about the concept of CBT and how to combine it with volunteering opportunities. We have also introduced the CBT packages that BOCOTO partnership produced. Finally, there was Q&A sessions for participants to ask any question related to topics discussed during the conference.



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