**\*Youth Exchange (YE) " Give pedestrian their city back" - Tirana, Albania\***  
  
Generations of today live on a planet where urban development has main  
focus of attention and importance. What frequently happens is that the  
sustainability appraisal is neglected during planning process, as well as  
the right of public information and participation in decision making. The  
Youth Exchange "Give pedestrians their city back" aims to share experiences  
and best practices on the concept and actions on green cities and also to  
develop cooperation and common awareness raising actions that will be  
widely implemented in a number of European countries.  
  
The project will involve 35 participants who work in the field of youth and  
environmental protection and want to make green changes in their cities by  
influencing decision makers and raise community awareness. It will last 7  
days and will take place from 16-23 September 2012 in Tirana, Albania.  
  
While running all the activities of the project (practical workshops,  
outdoor activities, environmental games, presentations) methods of  
non-formal education will be used (interactive workshops - learning by  
doing, creative activities, reflection in small groups, discussions,  
simulation games, role plays, group work and participants' presentations).  
The last day of the youth exchange will include a one day direct action in  
the city on the occasion of 22/9, the World Car Free Day.  
All participants will be involved in preparing different sessions of the  
agenda - some of the sessions will be prepared by national teams of  
participants, others by the international preparatory team composed of the  
group leaders. In this way, they will develop the feeling of ownership of  
the action and its outcomes, so the enthusiasm will continue and will be  
transferred in their own communities after the project is finished.  
  
YEE is the applicant and sending partner of the project and EDEN Center  
will host the YE.  
  
Travel cost for the **\*YE\*** is 70 % covered, participants will pay only 30 %  
of the travel costs. Accommodation and food during the **\*YE\*** are covered.