Intro

Welcome to YouthMap! In this tutorial you will learn how to navigate and use the website.

YouthMap is an online platform for young people, NGOs, volunteers, specialists/ experts and institutions all active in various fields: culture, education, environment, health, new media, technology, social entrepreneurship or any other areas connected to civil society.

YouthMap's mission is to empower youth to become active players in the society. By combining ideas, projects and resources online, they can impact the world offline.

This is the place to post your ideas and projects and find resources to turn them into reality.

Our website is structured in several sections. We will explain each of the sections in this tutorial.

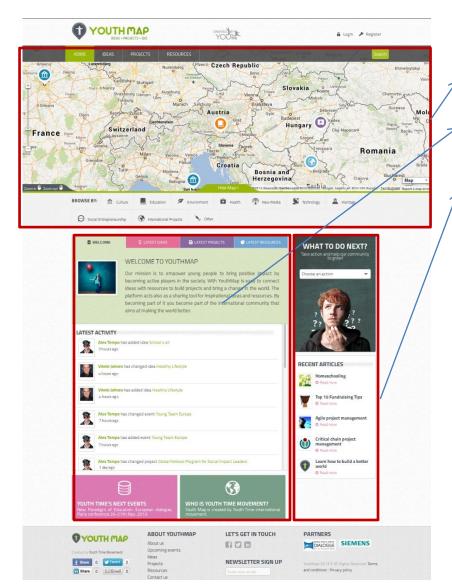
Landing page



When you first go to www.youthmap.org, you see the Landing page. This is a welcoming page for all the unregistered visitors. On this page is a brief explanation on how YouthMap works. From here you can press "Get started now" and jump to the Home page.

Once you get registered, this page will not appear again.

Home page



Home page is divided into 3 main sections:

- 1. Google Map
- 2. Activities
 - 3. Articles

Let's explore each section.

Google map



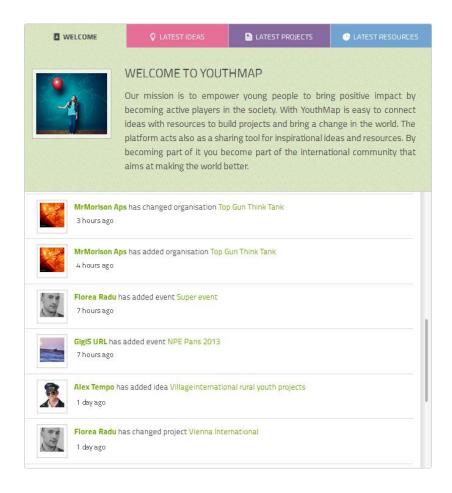
This is the Google Map where all the activities are visible (Youth Activities + Google Maps = YouthMap ☺).

All the registered Ideas, Projects or Resources will be displayed on the map. When you will post something, other people will find your activity and click on it. A small popup window will appear showing the name of your activity, the category, your name and tags (keywords for better identification/ description).

You can zoom in by double click on the left mouse and zoom out by double click on right mouse. If you want, you can hide or show the map, by clicking on the green button called "Hide map".

What about the filters beneath the map? These are essential for other people to see to what category is your project connected. When you roll over with your mouse on each filter, a small explanation appear on what that filter does. For example, if you want to post an idea on cleaning parts of Danube River, your post will go to Environment category. Assigning activities to filters is easy when you publish an Idea, Project or Resource.

Activities section



In this section you can see the Latest Ideas, Projects and Resources which other users posted.

But what do Ideas, Projects and Resources mean?

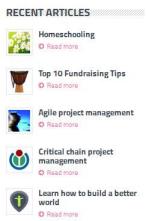
Ideas/ Projects: if you have one of them but you need resources to develop it further, you can post it and wait for interested people to contact you.

Resources: these are formed by registered organizations, members, events and new media (websites, blogs, video, audio, photography, applications etc). Users can find in this section goodies for their activities.

Articles sections

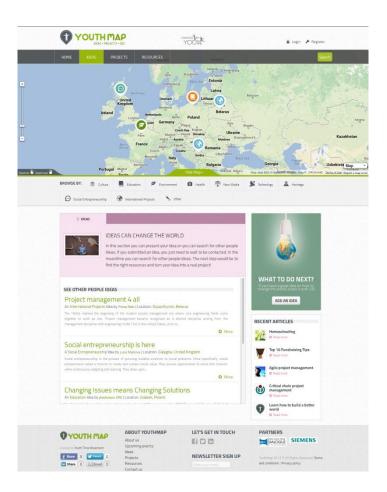


→ From here you can jump directly to post Idea, Project or Resources



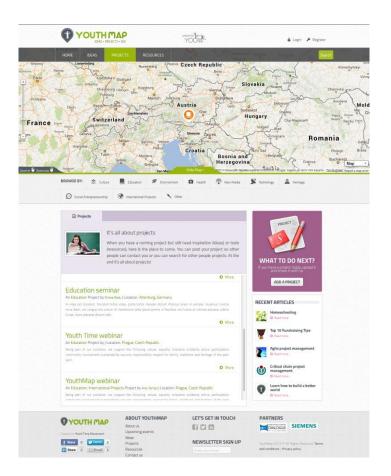
→ Below "What to do next" is the Article section. Here you can read regular updated articles written by YouthMap community.

Ideas



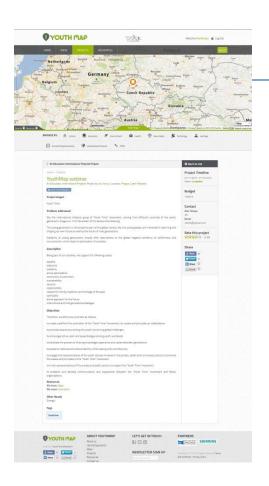
By navigating to Ideas...

Projects



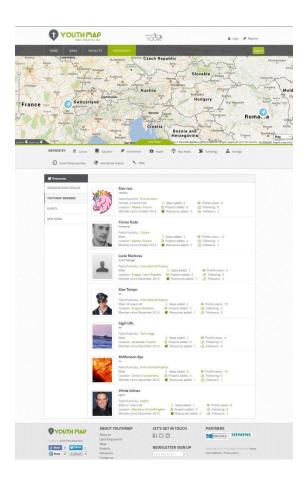
or to Projects, and combining them with the filters on the map, you can find some interesting activities for your plans.

Inside of a Project description



Every time you click on an activity from the list of Ideas, Project or Resources for more details, Google Maps will automatically redirect you to that respective location on the map, for a maximum visual orientation. And below you can read the full description of that activity.

Resources



In the Resources page you can find 4 types resources: Organizations catalog, YouthMap members, Events and New Media.

A brief description on each of them:

- Organizations catalog consists of all the registered organizations: NGOs, Universities etc.
- YouthMap members is also a catalog consisting of all the members who registered.
- Events contain all kind of event: trainings, conferences, concerts etc.
- New Media contains everything related to 2.0 era: websites, blogs, forums, audio, video, press, applications, everything which is digital and can serve as a resource for others.

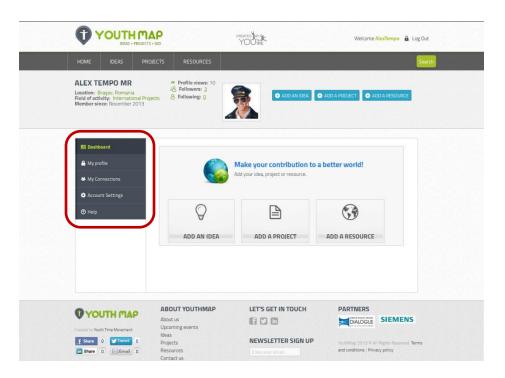
Registration



In order for you to publish any activities on YouthMap such as Ideas, Projects or Resources, you have to register.

This step is addressed to Individuals (volunteers, trainers etc.) or to Organizations (NGO, University, Think Tank etc.).

Dashboard



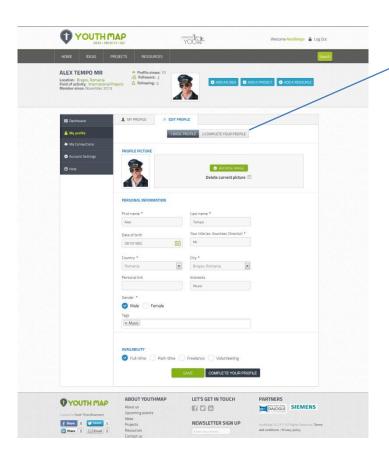
After you registered, you can go to your account and edit your profile.

Inside you have more options:

- My Profile
- My connections
- Account settings

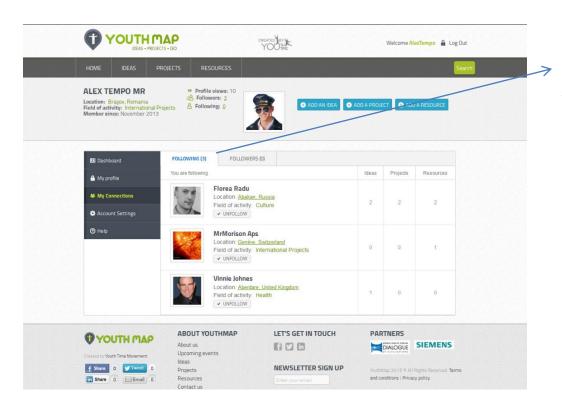
Let's explore them step by step.

My profile



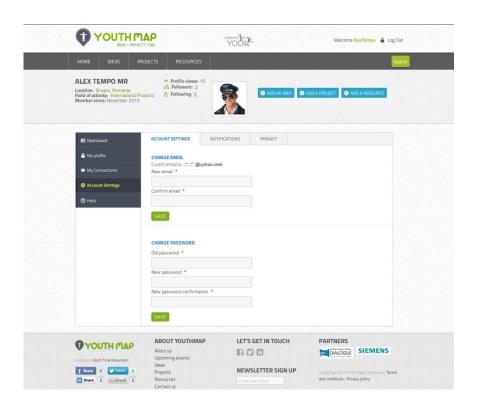
Here you can edit your profile and turn it from Basic to Complete profile with info on Professional experience and Education. The more details about you, the more people will know more about you.

My connections



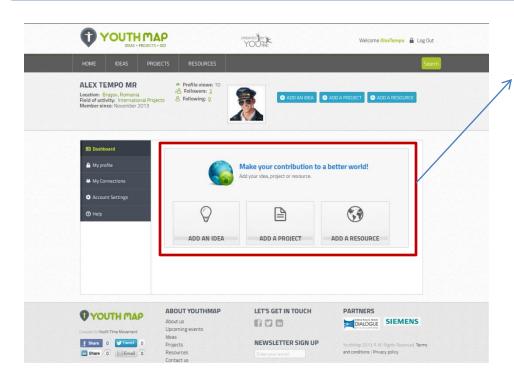
Here you can see who is following your activities and how many Ideas, Projects or Resources those persons have published so far. Also you can see the users you find interesting and you are following.

Account settings



This is the administrative section of your profile. From here you can manage your password, email address and privacy settings.

Add Idea, Project or Resources



From your Dashboard you can also add Idea, Project or Resources, by clicking on the corresponding icons and follow the steps.

Thank you!

Thank you for watching our tutorial, we hope you found it useful.

Hope your ideas and projects will change the world for better © See you online!