



# DIGITAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

AND E-PARTICIPATION IN POLICY MAKING

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

***"Digital Youth Dialogue and e-participation in policy making"*** is a project within the Key Action 3 of the Erasmus+ Programme. The general objective of the project is ***to support the active participation of young people in democratic life, encouraging the digital youth dialogue on key issues that concern them closely, following the priorities established by the EU-Strategy 2019-2027, promoting a digital process of participation.***

A cycle of international meetings, seminars supported by local reinforcement and online activities will characterize the 12 months of the project for the achievement of different specific objectives:

- To promote virtual space and e-participation for all, creating conditions which enable young people to fulfill their potential in disadvantaged areas (European islands);
- To provide participants the tools to promote and improve the condition for youth e-participation in their local environment;
- To acquire and develop new skills, knowledge and competences in terms of digital democracy;
- To raise the opportunities for e-participation for young people in local environments.

The project involves 4 NGOs based in 4 different European islands: Sardinia (Italy); Malta; Cyprus and Azores (Portugal).

### LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

- Creation of local working groups and local actions to get in contact with the topic;
- Public press conference for the presentation of the project;
- A final conference at the end of the project to present project results at local level.



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#### ONLINE ACTIVITIES:

- An innovative platform that will collect tools and results of the project;
- Online pools and surveys;
- Creation of 8 info graphics with the results of the online pools;

#### INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Virtual Kick-off meeting;
- International seminar in Italy entitled “(E-democracy) Connecting local and European actions using digital tools in political activities”;
- Final meeting in Italy.

**PARTICIPANTS PROFILE.** Participants, both youngster and decision makers, will have to fill in an online form in order to gather any special need and help organizers to understand the attitude of the group, their involvement on the field and their motivation, their previous knowledge on the topic of the meeting, their attitude to active participation.

#### PROJECT RESULTS:

- **Tools and best practices** will be collected in a **final publication**;
- **Online contents**;
- **Results, information from the discussion and from the online pools** will be collected in 8 **info graphics** that we will upload in a specific section of the platform and shared on different levels;
- **Guidelines and recommendations** will inspire Institutions, politicians, youngsters and beneficiaries.



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## PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

The project will last 12 months. For its whole duration we will involve evenly all the actors involved in the process of Youth Dialogue, both European and local, and in the political issues related to this project. First of all, all the participants will come from islands, this is the peculiarity of the project.

Regarding their profile and specifications:

- **Young people** resident in the countries involved in the project. Age limit will be 30 years old. Even if they can be between 13 and 30 years old, we will try to uniform the age of the group because of different needs. They will be part of the activities both face to face and online; they also will be interested in the main topic of the project (e-democracy and ICT tools) and in the whole process of youth dialogue (steps, actors, impact, results). They can be facilitators, youth leaders, youth workers, volunteers, university students, unemployed youths, NEETs, ect. They will benefit from different kinds of activities that will stem from the objectives of the project and the profile of each type of participant.
- **Policy-makers** without age limits, as foreseen by this specific key action of the Erasmus+ programme. Young administrators working in local, municipal and regional Institutions and experts in the youth policy field will be involved. Each of the partner organization will be responsible of the involvement of these political actors, while at the same time involving national and European politicians as well.
- **Experts in the field of Youth Dialogue.** This category involves both young participants to previous projects and administration staff, representatives of NGOs and lastly scholars on the field and members from the National Youth Forums.
- **Expert on ICT tools, digital democracy and e-participation.**
- **University researchers and/or professors.**
- **Stakeholders.**



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## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Through the different activities that are thought for this project, we aim at raising awareness on new forms of active participation based on the theme of digital democracy. The working plan general aim is to develop skills, knowledge and competences about digital democracy and e-participation among participants and further through innovative tools and dissemination actions:

### LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

- Creation of local working groups;
- Public press conference for the presentation of the project;
- Local actions: educational training to get in contact with the topic and to prepare the group for the international activities, 1 institutional meeting, workshops that follow the international activities aimed at create the tools, researches on the topic: each action will involve youths and decision makers alike;
- A final conference at the end of the project to present project results at local level.

### ONLINE ACTIVITIES:

- An innovative platform that will collect tools and results of the project;
- Online pools and surveys;
- Creation of 8 info graphics with the results of the online pools.

### INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- **Kick-off meeting in Italy:** to present the project, the actions and results. The participants will discuss about responsibilities, local and online activities plus respective tasks. Institutional moments will enriched the agenda;
- **International seminar in Italy “(E-democracy) Connecting local and European actions using digital tools in political activities”:** aimed at give the participants an introduction to the topic of e-democracy and



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digital youth dialogue, and inspire them to engage in the activities using digital tools on a local level. Participants at the seminar will discuss about what they have done at local level and they share results in order to update the platform and its contents. During this seminar we will organize a NGO Fair and we will favor the sharing of experience and discussions among youths, international participants and local politicians. The seminar will also serve as a mid-term evaluation since it is planned in the middle of the process. So, we will have a common vision of the activities and the ongoing process.

- **Final meeting in Italy:** presentation of the results, conclusion and evaluation of the whole project.

## **GOING INTO DETAILS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. We will check the applications together with you and tell you to find as much candidates as possible in order to have the possibility **to make a real selection of the participants** who are fitting more within the participant profile required for our project. We will remember you if you do have volunteers or employees that work actively in your organization and they can participate is better and it has an higher impact to the project and the organization.
2. We will monitor **gender balance**;
3. During the selections we will involve always also the **trainers/facilitators** chosen for the project, so that they can also already see the participant's profile.
4. In order to make a better selection we suggest to organize during the selection also **Skype call** to ensure level of language spoken and also ask further question to the candidate.

**NOTE:** In case you decide to make Skype interviews, be sure to organize time and group of people to interview and prepare always questions related to:



- *What kind of activities are they doing with young people?*
- *What is for them non-formal education?*
- *Did he/she read infopack?*
- *Di he/she has experience on the topic of the project?*
- *If yes which kind?*

Once you have your profiles, we will decide together the final selection: we will tell you to send a communication to the ones selected and to send a communication also to the ones who have not been selected, inviting them to try again for future projects.

## **AFTER THE SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

We need to finalize the participants selection and buying of tickets within at least 20/30 days before the starting of the activity.

Once we have selected all the participants, being sure to respect the deadline we have set up for the selection, we can start with preparation to the project.

**Participants do not buy any ticket without any kind of confirmation** from the applicant and the hosting team. Before buying the tickets, participants should always send the travel plan of the participant for the authorization. Tickets should be bought with insurance for cancelation to prevent any inconvenience concerning COVID-19.

The **travel reimbursement** will be done by bank transfer only to the partner organization accounts for their group of participants, according to the rules by the National Agency and the participants are responsible for the:

- *Collection and provide the invoices; tickets (there must be a price, name of the person and mean of payment stated on it);*
- *Collection of the boarding passes;*
- *Contribution to the dissemination activities;*
- *Enjoy the intercultural and the learning experience.*



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