

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Partnership Building Activity (PBA)

Building bridges to enhance youth participation at local level in Mediterranean countries

17th – 24th September, 2017

Mollina, Spain

Organized by:

DYPALL

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Background & Context

DYPALL stands for **Developing Youth Participation at Local Level**, and as a network, it started its development in 2011, with the purpose of fostering the potential of young people to be active citizens and actors of real social change in their local communities, as well as in their regional and international realities.

Our experience strengthened our belief that involving young people in decision making is a key driver to empower them and to increase their sense of belonging and active citizenship. This involvement should include not only the support from local authorities to activities targeting young people, but also a broader dimension, where youth has an active voice and is a fundamental actor of the development of their local communities.

The network itself is built on the principles of creating an effective and sustainable involvement of youth on decision-making with and in cooperation with local authority's demands, as well as willingness and commitment from both parties, but also the development of knowledge, sharing of experience and tools to create and to develop further these spaces of shared decision-making. This demands the development of strategies, building structures and relations of trust and cooperation between actors. This necessity and the similar experiences of several partners, made visible the common need to **establish a network that could work in a stable and systematic way on themes of common interest and strengthen the cooperation among local authorities (LA), civil society organisations (CSO) and young people, where the creation of mutual understanding and learning spaces are the main goals.**

Among a wide range of diverse but complementary activities implemented by and with its members, DYPALL Network has involved and strengthened the cooperation among municipalities and organisations working in the field of youth at local level. These initiatives and all the different local, national and European experiences strengthened our common understanding that it is crucial to develop a new culture of youth participation, especially regarding the decision-making processes on issues of direct concern and interest of youth. It is essential to look at youth as a forceful and creative source of solutions for our societies that can largely contribute for their sustainable development.

For more information on the network and what we do visit us at: <http://dypall.com/>

Partnership Building Activity

In order to establish a sustainable and effective North-South youth partnership for youth participation at local level, DYPALL Network will organize a **Partnership-Building Activity (PBA) "Building bridges to enhance youth participation at local level in Mediterranean countries"**, bringing together experts from civil society organisations and local authorities from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Germany, Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan and Palestine.

The objectives of the PBA are to:

- * Foster networking and international exchanges between youth organisations and municipalities from both shores of the Mediterranean, building trust and create space for project building;
- * Exchange and promote realities and good practices in terms of cooperation between local authorities and



civil society in the region and disseminate the partners' methodology and tools of youth participation at local level;

* Enlarge DYPALL Network scope to the Mediterranean countries and set up concrete follow-up projects to mainstream its methodology and enhance spaces of shared decision-making in youth policy development at local level in the region;

* Introduce Erasmus +, emphasizing new key actions, promoting opportunities for further work and helping participants to navigate the programme;

* Empower and develop competencies of youth workers by delivering and exchanging methods of non-formal education in the concerned fields.

The PBA will be organized within the framework of 18th University on Youth and Development , from 17th – 24th September (including travel days) in Mollina, Spain.

About University on Youth and Development

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is an activity jointly organized by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) and other international youth organisations and youth serving organisations.



Since its first edition in 2000, the University takes place once a year bringing together representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world who gather in CEULAJ (Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre) to discuss, train and be trained as well as to take political action around the main issues on the global agenda.

In addition to the organisations' own activities, every year a joint theme focusing on a specific, relevant issue is providing space for the approximately 200 participants - coming from each corners of the world - to interact and work together. The joint activities are creating intense debates among young people, thus enriching their learning experience and broadening their perspective. This year, 'Developing global identities' will be the focus.

Profile of participants

This PBA is targeting youth workers and youth municipality officers. The participants should:

- Be able to work in English;
- Be willing to contribute with their experience to the PBA;
- Be coming from one of the participating countries (Spain, Portugal, Italy, Malta, Germany, Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan or Palestine)

- Be able to attend the whole duration of the PBA;
- Have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation at local level;
- Highly motivated towards learning about decision-making processes in youth work.

We will select **2 participants per country**, respectively:

1. A representative of civil society organisation (project managers, youth workers)
2. A representative of the local government (municipality) working with youth issues.

Practical information

Travelling days and expenses

- **Arrival day** is 17th September 2017 (preferably until 5 p.m.), and **departure day** is 24th September 2017 (preferably after 12 p.m.).
- **Flight tickets** shall be bought only after agreement and confirmation with the organizers. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum pre-agreed with the organizers, according to the Erasmus + Key Action 1 rules.
- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer after event.
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organizers in CEULAJ. Any particular need should be communicated at the moment of registration.
- Assistance in obtaining **visa** for the participants requiring a visa to enter Spain will be provided by the organizers

Other information

- An **info-pack** with further details on accommodation and programme will be shared with the selected participants
- There is **no participation fee**

Registration Procedures

To apply for participation in this PBA, please **fill in the online registration form here:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/M7A2b8RdbnYAjb4m1>

The deadline for application is **14th August 2017**, latest by 23:59 Central European Time.

SELECTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED by 17th August 2017.

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