

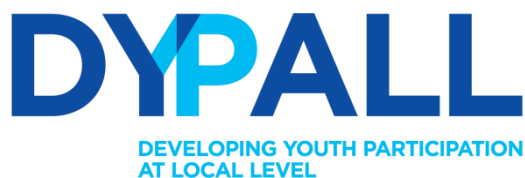
# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Local Youth Policies on Social Entrepreneurship**

**Study visit to Tilburg, Netherlands**

21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**Organized by:**



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## Organisers

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This Study visit will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with R-Newt (Netherlands).

DYPALL Network is a European network of over 50 civil society organizations and local authorities from more than 30 countries, that aims to involve young people in decision-making processes at local level, and thus enables municipal and regional authorities to address the needs and interests of youth, engage young



people as active actors of problem solving and increase the level of ownership, commitment and involvement of an important part of our communities.

DYPALL stands for the creation of effective and sustainable involvement of youth in decision-making and in cooperation with local authorities through the development of strategies, the building of structures and relations of trust among actors. The project demands the development of knowledge, sharing of experiences and tools to create and to develop further these spaces of shared decision-making.

For more information: <http://dypall.com>

R-Newt is an NGO based in Tilburg, Netherlands. which focuses on underprivileged youth and how we to make them more self-reliant. They offer a variety of activities and projects all based on their talent so they can develop skills to invest in their future, making it easier to participate in the Dutch society. Besides the activities and projects they offer help and are often the link to several other social work organisations.

For more information: <https://r-newt.nl/>

## Study visit

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This Study visit is designed for **municipality officers** and **youth workers** from Bulgaria, Croatia, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Romania, Turkey, UK and Netherlands.

During the Study visit the participants will be able to see a variety of practices and **models of youth social entrepreneurship** and of **mechanisms and structures that support such practices**, as well as to transfer this experience into their own local reality. This will allow the participants to gain skills and knowledge to support young people in starting a business. Moreover, they will develop a deeper understanding on the different realities, experiences and opportunities for youth social entrepreneurship and **Local youth policies for social entrepreneurship** aimed at the inclusion of young people with migrant background. We also expect that the project can

contribute to a better understanding of youth workers on how to support the creation of social start-ups that can enhance the social economy and the creation of new job opportunities for migrant youth as a step towards social inclusion and integration.

The idea of this project was born out of need identifies by the partners to work together on the theme of youth employment and entrepreneurship. Particularly, addressing the development of youth social enterprises as a strategy to reduce unemployment among young people with migrant background and at the same time respond to existing needs in their communities.

We have identified the importance of creating opportunities to learn from each other's realities by observing the implementation of best practices projects on the theme of youth social entrepreneurship involving young migrants directly on the field. We realized that currently there is a huge diversity in terms of approaches and strategies to support youth entrepreneurship and young people in self-generation of jobs that have a positive social impact. We identified that in all the partner countries there was the need to develop better strategies and mechanisms to support the development of financially sustainable social enterprises, particularly those of migrant youth who face even more challenges. It is our belief that there is a huge potential in terms of developing future cooperation projects for capacity building of youth workers to foster the potential of growth and exchange among the partners' countries.

This is the second and last Study visit of this project. The first Study visit took place in May in Lisbon, Portugal. Participation in the Study visit in Tilburg is **not limited** to participants of the Study visit in Lisbon.

## Objectives

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The specific objectives of this Study visit are to:

- Allow youth workers to support the development of structures and mechanisms to increase the entrepreneurial competencies of young people, particularly addressing young people with migrant background;
- Allow youth workers to increase the knowledge of different models and approaches to support young people in setting structures such as start-ups;
- Develop further the understanding of the role of social economy, social enterprises, and social entrepreneurship to increase youth employment opportunities and to generate social development and well-being in our communities;
- Empower municipality workers to create more inclusive local youth policies for social entrepreneurship;
- Provide the opportunity for the project partner organizations to discuss further the possibility to develop a “European Youth Social Enterprises Network”

## Participants' profile

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This study visit is targeting youth workers and youth municipality officers. Moreover, the participants must:

- Be able to work in English;
- Be willing to contribute with their experience to the Study visit;
- Be residents of Bulgaria, Croatia, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Romania, Turkey, UK or Netherlands;
- Be able to attend the whole duration of the Study visit;
- Have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation and social entrepreneurship at the local level;
- Highly motivated towards learning about models and local youth policies for social entrepreneurship.

Two participants will be selected **per country**, namely:

1. Municipality officer (working in youth, employment or other department relevant for the topic of the Study visit), working within the municipality.
2. Local youth worker working with and for youth and young people, particularly young migrants and young people with migrant background.

## Practical information

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### *Travelling days and expenses*

- **Arrival day** is 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 (preferably by 6 pm), and **departure day** is 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. *The arrival and departure airport is Eindhoven or Amsterdam (alternative).*
- Travelling **maximum** 2 days before **or** 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed; otherwise the ticket will not be eligible for reimbursement;
- **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** the Study visit (approximately in one month);
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organizers in a Youth hostel in Tilburg. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms/dorms and that the rooms do not necessarily have a private bathroom. There is no possibility to be accommodated in a private room.

### *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

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**To apply** for participation in this Study visit, please **fill in the online registration form:**

<https://forms.gle/nRQ6ia5Pdqqp3Wvz7>

The deadline for application is **1<sup>st</sup> September 2019** by 23:59h CET.

## Funding

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The activity is co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, implemented by the Nederlands Jeugdinstituut, which performs the function of being the National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme in Netherlands. For more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

## Contacts

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