



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

North-South Cooperation for Local Participation On-line Partnership Building Activity

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Organisers

This On-line Partnership Building Activity visit will be organised by DYPALL Network.

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level) is a European platform of over 60 civil society organisations and local authorities from more than 30 countries, that aims to involve young people in decision-making



processes at local level, and thus enable 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.

YP Lab is a resource and mobility centre within DYPALL Network with the focus on research development and capacity building in the field of local youth participation.

In order to realise this ambitious and challenging initiative, DYPALL Network has the following objectives:

- Develop structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making at local level;
- Identify best practices and introduce innovative approaches on public governance in cooperation with local authorities and civil society organisations active in the field of youth;
- Foster youth engagement and inclusiveness in representative and participatory democracy processes;
- Build capacity and provide technical assistance on various areas and processes like policymaking, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more;
- Mainstream youth policies at local and regional level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies.

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

On-line Partnership Building Activity

This On-line Partnership Building Activity (On-line PBA) is set to create new and sustainable **partnerships between EU countries in the South and North under the framework of the new “EU Youth Strategy” for the future Erasmus + programmes**, with the belief that, even if mutual learning and cooperation might be harder at the beginning, the benefits and learnings may be much richer between partners with more different backgrounds, traditions and working habits. It presents hence a unique opportunity to break the North-South and South-North stereotypes existing among Youth Workers.

The On-line PBA aims to bring together youth workers and local representatives from different countries to build strong and sustainable partnerships centred on local participation and Erasmus+ programme under the framework of the “EU Youth Strategy: Engaging, Connecting and Empowering young people”.

The On-line PBA will be simultaneous to the Presential PBA for 24 participants delegated by 12 partners of the project, which takes place in Portimão between 15th-18th of September 2020.

The current pandemic has forced youth organisations to cancel some of their international activities and mobilities, as well as to test different formats of training, workshops and meetings.

These experiences can be used to extend the range of the initiative far beyond the initial plans. Therefore, the On-line PBA will bring together not only those youth workers, who could not participate in the presential activity but also all of those who are interested in establishing new cooperations between the organisations from South and North of Europe.

The events will take place simultaneously, which means, that the partners invited for the Presential PBA will have a possibility to participate in some of the activities planned for the On-line PBA, and therefore strengthen the networking of the action.

The activities will be organised by DYPALL Network and facilitated by experienced and competent trainers.

Objectives

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The activity will give its participants an opportunity to:

- increase their knowledge about the Erasmus+ programme and its funding opportunities (Day 1, 9:00-12:30 WEST)*
- enhance the expertise in writing different parts of the project application (Day 1, 9:00-12:30 WEST)
- reflect on the youth-related challenges in their local community (Day 1, 13:30-17:00 WEST)
- draft concept note of a project to be submitted under the next Erasmus+ application deadline (1st of October 2020) under the guidance of DYPALL’s experts (Day 2, 9:00-12:30 WEST)
- match the project with the potential partners present in the Partnership Building Activity; (Day 2, 13:30-17:00 WEST)
- join other interesting project ideas presented during the activity.

*participation in these sessions is not mandatory to join the other sessions.

Profile of participants

For the On-line Partnership Building Activity, we invite **local youth policy representatives** and **youth workers from civil society organisations from countries in the North and South of Europe**. The countries involved from the North of Europe are Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland. The partners from the South are Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

The On-line Partnership Building Activity will bring together all the other interested stakeholders from South and North of Europe who are interested in building or strengthening the capacity for cooperation in the area of improving the quality and the efficacy of youth participation at the local level. The participants will be reached through

the networks of contacts of each of the Partner engaged in Presential Partnership Building Activity.

Moreover, the participants must:

- be able to work in English;
- have relevant experience in the youth work
- be able to represent and take decisions on behalf of their organization in regard to joining and building partnership with other organisations
- be highly motivated towards learning about Erasmus+ programme and developing own projects in the area of youth work
- be minimum 18 years old

Practical information

The meeting will be run on Zoom, with the use of different facilitation tools and non-formal education methodologies by the experts from the DYPALL Network pool of trainers.

Registration procedure

To apply for participation in this Partnership Building Activity, please **fill in the on-line registration form:** <https://forms.gle/dDWyVQoPU9bnnBaT9>

The deadline for applying is **11th of September 2020 by 12 p.m. (midday) WEST.**

Contacts

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