

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**IP4Youth**

**Training course**

**Portimão, Portugal**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Organized by:**



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**Culture Clash  
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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

This Training course will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with Fundacja Cooperatja, ASTRID and Culture Clash Barcelona.

DYPALL Network (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level) is a European platform of over 80 civil society organizations and local authorities from more than 30 countries, that aims to involve young people in decision-



making processes at the 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 realize 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 organizations 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 policy-making, advocacy, structured dialogue, co-management, and more;
- Mainstream youth policies at local and regional levels (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies.

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

## TRAINING COURSE

This Training course is designed for municipality officers and youth workers from Poland, Portugal, Romania and Spain.

During the Training course the participants will be able to see a variety of practices and models of youth participation 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 being more active. Moreover, they will develop a deeper understanding of the different realities, experiences and opportunities for engaging youth and supporting them in their initiatives.

The idea of this project was born out of the need identified by the partners to work together on the theme of youth participation at the local level. Particularly, addressing the development of youth initiatives as a strategy to engage more young people in their local reality 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 engagement in the decision-making process. We realized that currently there is a huge diversity in terms of approaches and strategies to support youth initiatives and young people in their local context. We identified that in all the partner countries there was the need to develop better strategies and mechanisms to support the development of new skills among youth workers in order to be able to properly sustain young people in being more active and being heard in society. 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.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING COURSE**

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The specific objectives of the Training course are to:

- ❖ Increase the understanding of the problems faced by organizations and

young people in promoting youth initiatives and the barriers that young people face in their social life, such as discrimination;

- ❖ Allow youth workers to increase their knowledge of different models and approaches to support young people in promoting their initiatives at the local level;
- ❖ Develop further understanding of the EU recognition schemes, such as Youthpass;
- ❖ Empower municipality workers to support more youth initiatives and create more inclusive local youth policies;
- ❖ Foster the competencies on Erasmus+ programs and other cooperation opportunities.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

This Training course 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 Training course;
- be residents of Poland, Portugal, Romania or Spain;
- be able to attend the whole duration of the Training course;
- have relevant experience in the topic of youth participation at the local level;
- be highly motivated towards learning about youth participatory models and local youth policies.

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

1. Municipality officer (working in youth, employment or another department relevant for the topic of the Training course), working within the municipality.

2. Local youth workers working with and for youth and young people in their local communities.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Traveling days and expenses

- **Arrival day** is 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (preferably by 6 pm), and **departure day** is 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. *The arrival and departure airports are Lisbon, Faro or Seville (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 confirmation from the organizers**. Travel expenses to and from the venue will be reimbursed up to a maximum per country/per participant (including all travel costs from the participant's home to the venue and, if needed, COVID tests): Poland – 360 €; Portugal – 0 €; Romania - 360 €; Spain - 275 €. However, in case of **green travel** (e.g. taking the train, bus or common car instead of flight), you will have the right to a bigger travel budget, such as Poland – 410 €; Portugal – 0 €; Romania – 410 €; Spain – 320 €.
- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer **after** the Training course (approximately in one month).
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organizers in Portimão. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms. There is no possibility of being accommodated in a private room.

### Other information

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

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

**To apply** for participation in this Training course, please **fill in the online registration form**: <https://forms.gle/LQ6XwNL3QBnASksn8>

The deadline for applying is **29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 by 12 p.m. (midday) CET.**

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## CONTACTS

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