

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Partnership Building Activity (PBA) "Youth participation for sustainable local democracies"

University on Youth and Development

Mollina, Spain

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Organized by:



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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

This activity will be organized by DYPALL Network within the University on Youth and Development.

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 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 level (such as youth Guarantee schemes) to develop cohesive and engaged societies.

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

The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is organized by the Network on Youth and Global Citizenship, a partnership facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe that gathers youth-led organisations,



international youth platforms and governmental institutions from Europe, the Southern Mediterranean and beyond. is the most long-standing Summer University. Since 2000 the UYD represents an international hub for meetings, youth advocacy and exchange of good practices. It gathers, for one week, hundreds of young people, youth workers, decision makers, experts from the field and institutional representatives, providing them all with a space to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policy issues. The University on Youth and Development (UYD) is designed as a space for experiencing intercultural dialogue while debating the most pressing issues of the global youth movement.

The annual theme of this year's UYD is: "Young people, peace and climate change"

For more information: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/north-south-centre/university-on-youth-and-development>

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY

The Partnership Building Activity (PBA) “Youth participation for sustainable local democracies” aims to create a space to exchange different realities, promote good practices, methodologies and tools and for developing cooperation projects that link young people, environmental policies and local democracies in the alignment of the EU Youth Strategy for 2019-2027 and the Erasmus+ programme.

During this PBA activity, we aim to create new projects and initiatives among the participating organisations, that will contribute to new and long-lasting cooperation's on the youth field in Europe among the members of DYPALL Network.

The activity will serve as a platform for networking and getting to know other European organisations working in the area of youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level with the aim of developing projects that can promote and enhance the participation of young people in designing local policies in general and environmental policies in particular.

We will analyse the state of democracy in modern societies to help participants better understand the challenges and opportunities faced by European democracies and find ways to foster quality youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level. The programme will explore ways in which young climate activists can participate in the creation of local environmental and other youth policies as a way of contributing to building a more just and sustainable local democracies.

The participants will explore the framework of support provided under Erasmus+ programme and take a closer look at the priorities it promotes and key actions it offers as tools to support their project ideas. They will map key problems related to the environment and its link to peacebuilding in their local communities and create sustainable partnerships that aim to answer these challenges with the support of the Erasmus+ programme.

The Partnership Building Activity will be based on the non-formal education methodology, which includes sharing practices, mutual dialogue, exploring engagement theories, and planning concrete steps by building partnerships for future projects to implement the practices in the local environment to foster youth participation in decision-making processes with a particular focus on environmental policies.

The programme of the PBA will be integrated into the programme of the University on Youth and Development (UYD). Some of the sessions will be a part of the Joint programme together with the participants of other activities taking place simultaneously at UYD.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PBA

The specific objectives of this PBA are:

- Bring together partners from all countries of the Network to develop further their knowledge of European youth policy framework, youth participation and democracy projects;
- Explore ways in which youth participation in creating local environmental policies contributes to building stronger, more sustainable and more peaceful local democracies;
- Exchange of expertise, experience and good practices of youth work at the local level;
- Build fruitful and long-lasting partnerships among the members of the Network;
- Develop new projects in the framework of the existing European programmes that will be applied in the coming deadlines.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

This PBA is targeting 25 representatives of civil society organisations and municipalities who work on the topic of youth participation in decision-making at the local level. The participants must:

- Be a representative of a civil society organization or municipality;
- Have decision-making power within the organization/municipality;
- Be directly involved in the daily work of their organisations and interested in establishing new contacts and partnerships;
- Highly motivated towards creating new project proposals within Erasmus + programme;
- Be able to work in English;
- Participate in the programme fully, including the Joint programme of the University on Youth and Development.

LOGISTIC INFORMATION

Travelling days and expenses

- Activity will take place in Mollina, Spain as a part of the University on Youth and Development;
- **Arrival day** is 17th September, 2023 (preferably by 6 pm), and **departure day** is 24th September, 2023. *The arrival and departure airport is Malaga, Spain;*

- 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);
- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer **after** the PBA (*approximately* in one month);
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organizers in the Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre (CEULAJ) Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms of 2-3 people. There is no possibility to be accommodated in a private room.

Other information

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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for participation in this PBA please **fill in the online application form**: <https://forms.gle/YGvkAGmd91nZgita7>

The deadline for applying is **23rd July, 2023 by 23.59 CET**.

FUNDING

The activity is co-funded by the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union, implemented by the Agência Nacional para a gestão do programa Juventude em Acção, which performs the function of being the National Agency for the Erasmus+ programme in Portugal. For more information: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>.

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