

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Partnership Building Activity (PBA) “Building synergies for sustainable local democracies”**

**Winter Democracy Academy**

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Lisbon, Portugal

**Organized by:**

# DYPALL

DEVELOPING YOUTH PARTICIPATION  
AT LOCAL LEVEL



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## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

This activity will be organized by DYPALL Network in cooperation with the Portuguese Institute of Youth and Sports and the Lisbon Youth Centre.

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>

## **PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY**

The Partnership Building Activity (PBA) will be organised within DYPALL Network's Winter Democracy Academy. The PBA aims to create a space to exchange different realities, promote good practices, methodologies and tools and for developing cooperation projects on the topic of youth participation in decision-making at the local level 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 in the youth field in Europe.

The Winter Democracy Academy (WDA) is organized by DYPALL Network and the Lisbon Youth Center, cooperating with several institutions with important work on youth democracy. This will be the first WDA event that will strive to become an event of reference for 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 participation issues.

WDA week intends to be a moment for parallel but complementary activities happening in the same venue, advocating for youth participation and providing space for decision-makers and young people to discuss, cooperate, and engage in dialogue between different actors that is fundamental for building a more egalitarian, fair Europe, where human rights, democracy, and intercultural learning and their underlying values are a reality for each European citizen.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PBA

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 and reflect on the state of democracy and its significance for young people.

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 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.

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 and empower of various actors for the development of youth democratic participation at the local, national, and European levels.

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The specific objectives of this PBA are:

- Bring together partners from programme and partner countries to develop further their knowledge of European youth policy framework, youth participation and democracy projects;
- Exchange of expertise, experience and good practices of youth

participation in decision-making at the the local level

- Build fruitful and long-lasting partnerships among the participating organisations and municipalities
- Foster networking and international exchanges between youth organisations and municipalities building trust and creating space for project building
- 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 participants. The participants must:

- Represent a municipality or civil society organization;
- Have decision-making power within the organisation;
- Be able to work in English;
- 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.

**Important:** The activity is dedicated to the organisations from “EU member states and third countries associated to the Programme” and from “third countries not associated to the programme” (Western Balkans (Region 1) - Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kosovo; Montenegro and Neighbourhood East (Region 2) Armenia; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Georgia; Moldova, Ukraine .

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## Travelling days and expenses

- Activity will take place in Lisbon, Portugal
- **Arrival day** is 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (preferably by 6 pm), and **departure day** is 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. *The arrival and departure airport is Lisbon, Portugal.*
- Travelling **maximum** 2 days before **or** 2 days after the designated travel dates is allowed; otherwise, the ticket will not be eligible for reimbursement;
- In the case of arriving earlier or departing after the designated travel days please note that the organisers will not cover the cost of your stay for the extra days;
- **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. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms There is no possibility to be accommodated in a single 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/EvA4tdCyWDvZWFeU8>

The deadline for applying is **5th October 2023 by 23.59 CET**.

## FUNDING

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