

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Study Visit “One step higher – Climbing the ladder of participation”**

18th – 23rd May 2024

Lisbon, Portugal

**Organized by:**





## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

This activity will be organized by DYPALL Network in 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 center 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>

Cooperativa Bangherang promotes the youth growth through non-formal education, trying to give them opportunities that cultivate curiosity, in-depth study, critical thinking and autonomy. Non-formal education is characterized by a participatory educational approach, in which the methodologies used have the aim of making the educational experience engaging and inclusive, enhancing both specific skills and transversal skills.

Cooperativa Bangherang aims to encourage the personal, social and professional development of the participants, supporting and developing skills that will be useful throughout their lives. Through a cooperative methodology, they try to accommodate all learning styles to encourage the involvement of all participants, who thus find themselves sharing knowledge and attitudes by learning and teaching together.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT

During the Study visit, the participants will be able to see a variety of practices and models of youth work 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 and increase the quality of youth work.

The activity is composed of a 4-day Study visit to Lisbon, hosted by DYPALL Network in close cooperation with the local authorities.

It will involve participants from all the project partner countries, and it will allow building the capacity of youth workers from CSOs and municipality offices to work together and exchange good practices.

The specific objectives of this Study visit are:

- Explore practices of youth participation in decision-making processes at the local level and reflect on their transferability to the participants' local reality;
- Engage local municipality officers and bring them closer to the needs of young people with the goal of involving them more effectively in the decision-making process at the local level;
- Establish a network of youth workers from to share experiences, resources, and ideas related to youth participation in democratic life;
- Promote connections between youth workers and municipal officers from all over Europe.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

This Study Visit is targeting 26 participants. The participants must:

- Represent a municipality or civil society 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;

**Important:** The activity is dedicated to the organisations from “EU member states and Partner Countries Neighbouring the EU (Western Balkans (Region 1) - Albania and Eastern Partnership countries (Region 2) - Georgia.

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## Travelling days and expenses

- Activity will take place in Lisbon, Portugal
- **Arrival day** is 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (preferably by 6 pm), and departure day is 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. *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):  
  
100 – 499 km: 180 EUR  
500 – 1999 km: 275 EUR  
2000 – 2999 km: 360 EUR  
3000 – 3999 km: 530 EUR
- **Reimbursement** will be done via bank transfer **after** the Study Visit (within two months)
- **Accommodation and meals** will be provided by the organisers. Please note that the accommodation will be provided in shared rooms of 2 or 3 people. There is no possibility to be accommodated in a single room.

## Other information

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

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To **apply** for participation in this Study Visit please **fill in the online application form**: <https://forms.gle/C33Qa5yxEvvFKkF68>.

The deadline for applying is **11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by 23.59 CET**.

# FUNDING

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

# CONTACTS

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