DEVELOPING Youth NETWORK Developing Youth Participation at Local Level

DYPALL is an European initiative involving local authorities (LA) and civil society organizations active in the youth field (CSO) in more than 20 European countries that aims to involve young people in the decision-making process and to enable municipalities and regional authorities to address the needs and interests of youth. At the same time this will contribute to engage youth as active actors of the solutions for their problems, increasing the level of ownership, commitment and involvement an important part of our communities that is being neglected on this level.

"We, the politicians, often think that we know everything, but we do not. So if there is participation of those that we will then reach, for sure these decisions will be the most adequate." Mrs. Isilda Gomes - Mayor of Portimão (PT)



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The partners of this project sharing this common need decided to build an informal network of local municipalities and civil society organizations active in the youth field to jointly:

1. Identify and promote structures and mechanisms for youth participation in decision-making and debate about their potential and challenges on public governance;

2. Develop more inclusive approaches to foster the participation of young people with fewer opportunities into spaces such as local youth councils and youth fora;

Develop the capacity of their members on issues such as advocacy, policy making, partnership, participative and representative democracy;

4. Allow youth organizations and municipalities to share their best practices in terms of cooperation between local authorities and civil society;

5. Support the development and implementation of Youth Guarantee schemes at local and regional level in coordination with all relevant stakeholders.



VALUE. DYPALL is a unique network because it brings together Municipalities, Civil Society Organizations active in the field of youth and Young Leaders, encouraging cooperation on cross-sectorial matters.



MISSION. DYPALL stands for the creation of effective and sustainable involvement of youth on decision- making with and in cooperation with local authorities through the development of strategies, the building of structures and relations of trust and between actors.



VISION. We believe that creating an effective and sustainable involvement of youth on decision- making, improving the work culture between local authorities and youth organizations we can contribute to implement more sustainable youth policies at local level.

