

MAKING YOUTH VOICE HEARD IN EUROPEAN POLICY-MAKING PROCESSES

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Introducing NeedYOU

We are excited to introduce you to NeedYOU - Making Youth Voice heard in European Policy-making Processes (Project Nr: 2022-1-EL02-KA154-YOU-000070991), a KA154-YOU-Youth Participation Activities Project, pioneering initiative designed to actively engage young people in shaping decision-making processes within the framework of the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027.

NeedYOU is committed to creating opportunities for young people aged 16 to 30 who are passionate about making a difference. Aligned with Youth Goal #9: "Space and Participation for All," our mission is to empower youth, connect them with EU policymaking, and develop their capacity to influence at both national and European levels.

NeedYOU Goals:

1st Goal: Youth into Policy-Making Processes

- Objective: To ensure young people are actively involved in shaping policies at national and European levels. We aim to bridge the gap between youth and policy-makers by providing platforms and opportunities for young people to participate in discussions and decision-making processes. This includes organizing debates, workshops, and round table discussions that allow youth to voice their opinions and contribute to policy development.





2nd Goal: Empower and Develop Young People

- Objective: To create spaces where young people can grow, develop their skills, and build their capacity to influence. Through tailored educational modules and interactive activities, we offer training in advocacy, public speaking, and policy analysis. Our toolkit includes resources such as simulation games, workshops, and forums that equip youth with the knowledge and skills needed to engage effectively in policy-making.

3rd Goal: Connect the EU with Youth

- Objective: To facilitate meaningful connections between the EU institutions and young people, realizing their vision and priorities. We work to mobilize EU-level policy instruments and foster stakeholder actions at national, regional, and local levels. By creating channels for dialogue and collaboration, we ensure that youth perspectives are considered in EU policy-making processes.

4th Goal: Enhance Visibility and Accountability of European Youth Goals:

- Objective: To increase the visibility and impact of the European Youth Goals. We focus on making the Youth Goals more measurable, open to feedback, and integrated into policy discussions. Our goal is to ensure that youth voices are not only heard but also lead to tangible changes in policy.

5th Goal: Foster High-Quality Participation:

- Objective: To promote high-quality formats for youth participation. We employ methodologies that ensure meaningful and effective participation, including workshops, forums, and advocacy sessions that engage youth in a structured and impactful manner.

6th Goal: Create Safe and Inclusive Spaces:

- Objective: To develop environments where young people feel comfortable and secure to express their views and collaborate. Our events and activities are designed to be inclusive and supportive, ensuring that all participants, regardless of background, can contribute and benefit from the experience.



Meet Our Consortium:

PYLON ONE (Project Coordinator – Greece):

- PYLON ONE is a dynamic NGO based in Thessaloniki, Greece, dedicated to improving social and economic life through education, culture, and environmental protection. Our mission includes fostering growth and development through inclusive and innovative approaches.

DRUSTVO ZA RAZVIJANJE PROSTOVOLJNEGA DELA NOVO MESTO – (Project Partner 2 – Slovenia):

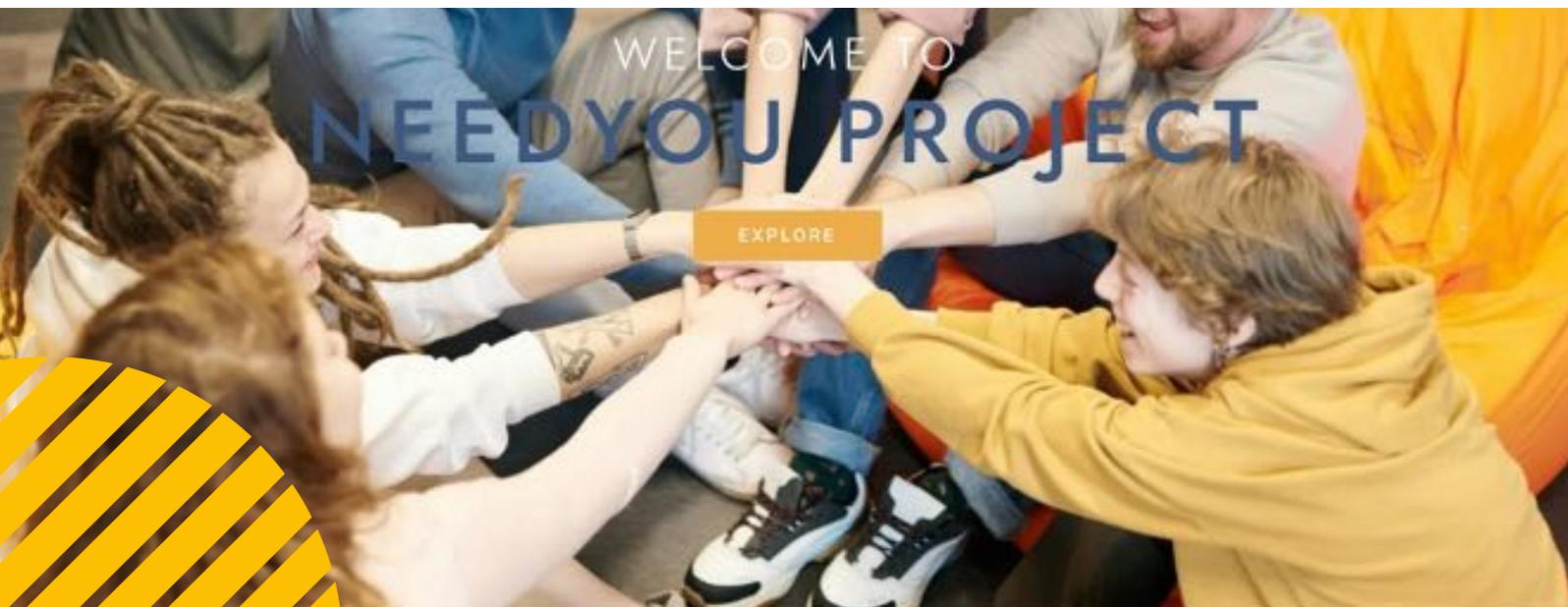
- This Slovenian NGO has over 30 years of experience in social care, youth, and culture. We focus on promoting inclusivity and solidarity by integrating socially excluded groups and fostering active civil dialogue.

Associazione Culturale Lighthouse - Languages APS (Project Partner 3- Italy):

- Based in Italy, Associazione Culturale Lighthouse supports unemployed youth and immigrants, providing skills for community participation. Our work includes youth volunteering, intercultural education, and media education.

Explore Our Website:

Visit our website at www.needyou.gr to learn more about our project, access educational materials, and discover how you can get involved.



Here’s a guide to help you navigate our website and find the educational materials you need:

Home: Get an overview of the NeedYOU project and our latest updates.

About NeedYOU Project: Learn about our mission, goals, and the consortium partners.

The NeedYOU Toolkit: Click on the "The NeedYOU Toolkit" tab (<https://www.needyou.gr/needyoutoolkit>). Here you will find educational modules, including interactive activities and presentations designed to enhance your understanding of European policymaking and youth participation.



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How to Use: Each module is available for download in presentation format. You can also view theoretical information and practical activities to help you engage effectively.

THE NEEDYOU TOOLKIT:

Module 1	Module 1: Introduction to European Policy-Making
Module 2	Activity: Interactive Policy Simulation Game
Module 3	Description: Youth participants engage in a role-playing game where they simulate the European Parliament, Commission, and Council negotiations on a fictional policy. This activity aims to provide a foundational understanding of how European policy-making works.
Module 4	
Module 5	Click to Download The Presentation
Module 6	
Module 7	
Module 8	
Module 9	
Module 10	

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NeedYOU Local Youth Participation Events: Discover information about our local events across Europe, including debates, workshops, and round table discussions (<https://www.needyou.gr/localyouthparticipationevents>)

NeedYOU Youth Participation Mobility: Find details about our mobility program, including the Youth Citizens Lab in Thessaloniki and its outcomes, as well as a 30 seconds video including snapshots from the event (<https://www.needyou.gr/youthparticipationmobility>)

NeedYOU Newsfeed: Stay updated with the latest articles, newsletters, and project progress (<https://www.needyou.gr/newsfeed>)

NeedYOU Dissemination Material: Download promotional materials, including our logo, roll-up banner, and poster (<https://www.needyou.gr/disseminationmaterial>).

Contact Us: If you have questions or need more information, visit this section to get in touch with our team (www.pylon-one.gr / pylon.one.org@gmail.com)

We invite you to explore these resources to fully engage with the NeedYOU project and contribute to a more participatory Europe.

Stay tuned for more updates and upcoming events!

