

MAKING YOUTH VOICE HEARD IN EUROPEAN POLICY-MAKING PROCESSES

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LOCAL YOUTH PARTICIPATION EVENTS

We are excited to share the highlights and outcomes of our recent Local Youth Participation Events held across Europe. These events have been instrumental in advancing our mission to engage and empower young people in the European policy-making process.

Here's a look at the impactful discussions and activities that took place:

1. Local Event 1: Thessaloniki, Greece: Youth Participation Debate (October 4-6, 2022)

Our debate in Thessaloniki brought together 80 enthusiastic participants to discuss the vital role of youth in European decision-making.



The event focused on:

- How young people can actively participate in EU decision-making.
- Ways to amplify youth voices from local to transnational levels.
- Strategies for centralizing and unifying policies to enhance youth engagement.
- Sharing holistic knowledge between youth networks across Europe.

The debate aimed to foster a culture of dialogue and enhance the influence of young people on EU political and social leadership. It was an inspiring platform where participants voiced their ideas and worked on collaborative solutions for better youth representation.



2. Local Event 2: Italy: Workshop on Increasing Youth Political Participation (December 19-21, 2023)

In Italy, we hosted a workshop with 40 participants dedicated to exploring ways to increase youth political engagement.

The workshop centered around:

- Strategies to boost youth political participation and active engagement.
- Creating effective spaces for youth activities in Europe (#YouthGoal9).
- Soliciting input from youth groups to spur active participation in European life.

This workshop was a significant step towards amplifying youth involvement in political discourse and providing them with tools to influence policy-making processes.





3. Local Event 3: Slovenia: Round Table on Strengthening Youth Public Policy-Making Skills (October 26-28, 2023)
 Our round table in Slovenia gathered 40 participants to discuss strengthening youth skills in public policy-making. The key topics included:

- Essential skills for effective public policy-making.
- Methods to engage youth in policy discussions.

The event provided a platform for young people to enhance their understanding of public policy and develop skills essential for contributing to policy-making processes effectively.



REFLECTIONS AND NEXT STEPS:

These local events have not only enriched participants with valuable knowledge and skills but also demonstrated the collective power of youth in shaping European policies. The discussions and insights gathered are vital for our ongoing efforts to create a more inclusive and participatory Europe.

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To learn more about these events and explore further opportunities for involvement, visit our website:

Local Youth Participation Events: Find detailed information about past events, as well as a dedicated presentation for each one. (<https://www.needyou.gr/localyouthparticipationevents>)

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We look forward to sharing more updates and continuing our participatory journey towards empowering youth across Europe!



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