

MAKING YOUTH VOICE HEARD IN EUROPEAN POLICY-MAKING PROCESSES

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CELEBRATING THE YOUTH CITIZENS LAB AND PROJECT COMPLETION

We are excited to share the highlights and outcomes of our final key event, the Youth Citizens Lab: Creating Participatory Europe, which took place in Thessaloniki, Greece from January 15-18, 2023. This event marked a pivotal moment in our project and signifies the successful conclusion of the NeedYOU initiative.

YOUTH CITIZENS LAB OVERVIEW

The Youth Citizens Lab brought together 100 participants—15 from Slovenia, 15 from Italy, and 70 from Greece—for an immersive experience aimed at empowering young people to shape their vision of a participatory Europe. This event was crucial in advancing our goal to engage and empower youth in European policy-making processes.



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Participants engaged with European youth policy frameworks, gaining a comprehensive understanding of their political cornerstones, stakeholder roles, and evidence-informed approaches.
- Attendees explored available resources for supporting youth policy development and implementation, building their confidence in designing effective strategies for local and European contexts.
- Key activities included mapping out the milestones in youth policy development and addressing challenges faced by European and national policies. Participants developed actionable plans for youth policy initiatives and engaged in experience exchanges and cultural actions.
- The lab provided opportunities for direct discussions with decision-makers at various levels, allowing participants to formulate positions and recommendations on shaping and implementing youth policies in Europe.



SUCCESSFUL PROJECT CONCLUSION

As we reflect on the Youth Citizens Lab, we also celebrate the successful conclusion of the NeedYOU project. Over the course of this initiative, we have made significant strides in fostering youth participation and engagement across Europe. Our events, including the local youth participation activities and the Youth Citizens Lab, have empowered young people to influence policy-making and contribute meaningfully to democratic processes.

To commemorate the Youth Citizens Lab, we have prepared a 30-40 second video collage featuring key moments and activities from the event. This video captures the dynamic experiences and collaborative efforts of the participants, offering a visual summary of our project's impact.





EXPLORE MORE

For more information about the Youth Citizens Lab and other project activities, please visit our website:
<https://www.needyou.gr>

Youth Participation Mobility: Details about the Youth Citizens Lab and other mobility events
(<https://www.needyou.gr/youthparticipationmobility>)

The NeedYOU Toolkit: Access educational materials, including modules and practical activities designed for youth engagement (<https://www.needyou.gr/theneedyoutoolkit>)

Newsfeed: Read about recent activities, including newsletters and articles (<https://www.needyou.gr/newsfeed>).

Contact Us: Reach out for further information or inquiries (www.pylon-one.gr / pylon.one.org@gmail.com).

Thank you for being a part of the NeedYOU participatory and policy co-shaping journey.

We are proud of what we have achieved together and look forward to seeing the continued impact of our work in fostering active youth participation across Europe.



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