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Novel Framework for democratic participation and Engagement of Underrepresented European Youngsters – NEUEYT

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About NEUEYT (Novel Framework for democratic participation and Engagement of Underrepresented European Youngsters)

NEUEYT is an ERASMUS+ funded KA3 action aiming to develop a framework of initiatives that promote active democracy participation of young people 16-20 and especially those who are not sufficiently represented in decision-making, e.g. young people living in remote / rural areas. Particular attention is given to the digital approach to processes democratic participation in order to reduce the gap with the 'invisible youth'.

The partnership involves 6 countries (IT, GR, CY, NMK, FR, NO) and gathers public (local and regional) as well as private bodies (international nets, youth Associations, and NGOs), all involved in youth empowerment and policymaking.

A sustainable framework towards democratic participation

To achieve this goal, all partners collected best practices on e-democracy and e-participation from all around Europe, analyzed their characteristics and after a co-creation process that took place during a Lab in 2021, they designed 8 key initiatives that promote youngster's participation via digital tools. Each partner is implementing 3-4 initiatives at a local level and evaluates them in terms of impact and effectiveness. Finally, this tested framework of democratic participation will be analyzed and become a sustainable and transferable tool.



NEUEYT laboratory.
September 2021.
Trikala, Greece

The 8 initiatives and implementation timeline

All 8 initiatives will have a duration of implementation rating from 6 to 12 months and will be deployed in 2022:

Initiatives

- *Six steps to participation in civic and democratic processes*
 - *Part-me*
 - *Pinpointed*
 - *Road map to digital youth council*
 - *Self-advocate influencer*
 - *Silent debate*
 - *Voice up*
 - *We & Us panel*
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Trikala Pilot

Trikala will implement Six steps to participation in civic and democratic processes, Road map to digital youth council and is currently finalizing Voice Up.

Voice up is an activity aimed at exploiting creativity of youngsters between the ages of 13 to 25 in two topics: their city and their school. Through different activities, the youngsters will be able to point out the best and worst places in the city and compare their daily commuting and living in relation to where they live. Their final creations (videos or photos) will be displayed in an event open to the public,

Voice Up Objectives:

To enable youngsters to create their future city and school in a creative manner

To present the difference in living at the city center and in a rural area

To introduce the idea of an equal, innovative, open and democratic school and society

where different policy makers will be invited.

So far E-TRIKALA has registered 20 youngsters from different areas of the city to start gathering material and create their own photos, videos, posters etc. Two co-creation activities also took place in April where all youngsters participated. During those meetings E-TRIKALA had the chance to discuss with them about Voice Up initiative, use several co-creation techniques and brainstorm potential ideas and concepts that each group could use to create a video or other digital art.



Co-creation meeting on
the 1st EPAL, 14th of April
2022



Co-creation picnic on
Matsopoulos Park, 9 of April 2022

All material created by the youngsters is currently under review and finalization and will soon be available for the public. One will find them along with information about the project and all the other initiatives in our site: <https://e-participationyouth.eu>

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